

## Parish of Timboon



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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



Dear Friends,

Today's First Reading is a memorable story of the power of prayer, although one feels sorry for the Amalekites who were one of the inhabitants of the land the Israelites were to occupy. However, the message of the story is that God looked after the chosen people whom God delivered from exile in Egypt.

Persistence in prayer is also the theme of the gospel with the widow gradually winning over the judge, not by argumentation, but by the consistency of her request for justice against her adversary. Do these two stories mean that we can get God to give us what we want if we just persist in making our request?

The answer is no - for a God whom we can manipulate is not the God in whom we believe. We pray to God in hope for the outcomes we desire but we cannot presume that God will give us what we want. We pray in hopeful expectation but not with presumption and God gives us what we need even if it is not what we hoped for.

We may not always receive that for which we pray; instead, something entirely different may come our way. Some people deal with this by saying, "I asked something of God, and God's answer was no." Our prayers of petition are an acknowledgment of our dependence on God, and we must never stop turning to God in our need, but we patiently await God's response.

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**Our Sick:** Pat Thornton, Gina Vogels, Catherine Marr



**Anniversaries In October:** Graham Cecil, Frank McKinnon, Gus Dickman, Edith Delahanty, Eileen Bartels, Sandra Van Kempan, Ann Ryan, Greg Carey, Lucy Nicholson, Marilyn Vogels, Laurence Dillon, Johan Gagel, June Hunt, Jason McKenzie.



**Recently Deceased:** Mary Bond, Betty McDowall

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19):** Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

**Praying with Pope Francis:** The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). **Pope's intention for October - For a Church open to everyone:** We pray for the Church; ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel: may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

**We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved.**

**At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together.**

**In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 16 Oct 2022

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C



## First Reading: Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading: 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome,



insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) **Heb 4:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia

**Gospel:** **Lk 18:1-8**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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**October is National Mental Health Month:** National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

**Prayer for Mental Health month:** Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**New Sacramental Program:** Early in 2023 St Joseph's Parish Timboon will commence a program to prepare children in Years 2, 3 and older (current 2022 Years 1, 2 and older) for the Sacraments after Baptism. For further information please register the name of the child and one parent with a postal address. Please send this as a TEXT to Ruth Hoffmann 0429 983 253 before NOVEMBER 14, 2022

**National Online Conference for Evangelisation: October 20-22, 2022:**

Hosted by the Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM), this national online conference will promote understanding of, and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship and mission in the world (BCELM mandate). Opening with a reflection on the Plenary Council and Australian reports to the General Synod on Synodality, the conference will progress to explore personal experiences and local strategies of evangelisation. More information is available from the conference website <https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference>.

**Anti-Poverty Week Australia: October 16-22, 2022:** Anti-Poverty Week will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. Governments have been called upon to take action on two key things: To unlock poverty for individuals, families, and children; raise income support above the poverty line and invest in social housing <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

**Prayer for anti-poverty week:** Loving God, we pray for those who live in poverty. May we never be so comfortable that we are numbed to their discomfort. We pray for those who are in crisis. May we never be too busy to see pain in the face of a stranger. We pray for those who are marginalised. May we never be so privileged to forget those who have little. Amen.

**National Carers Week Australia: October 16 – 22, 2022:** National Carers Week is a time to recognise and celebrate the 2.65 million Australians who provide care and support to a family member or friend <https://carersweek.com.au/>.

We pray for all carers: Lord God, we pray for all who care for family members and friends. Surround them with the love, encouragement and the strength of others in all their works. Lord hear us.

**SAVE THE DATE: Liturgy Formation at South West Coast Parish:** – Sunday, November 13, 2022

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Warrnambool on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. More details and registration information to come.

Timboon 2022	16th October 9:00 a.m. Mass	23rd October 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	30th October 9:00 a.m. Mass
<b>Welcome</b>	K Currell	L Tregea	N McKinnon
<b>Leaders</b>		C Bullen C Martin	
<b>Statue</b>	C Martin P Martin	M Turner	E O'Connor T O'Connor
<b>Reader</b>	R Hoffmann	N McKinnon	S Jayakody
<b>POF</b>	S Jayakody	R Couch	J McInerney
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>		J McInerney	
<b>Bulletin</b>	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
<b>Slides</b>	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
<b>Cleaners</b>	Vogels Family	Vogels Family	Vogels Family
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Closed</b>