

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



One effect of the ... Covid lockdown has been to give me time and inclination to look more closely at today's Gospel passage. The first thing that struck me was the insistence with which the anonymous *Canaanite woman* pleaded with Jesus. She obviously loved her *daughter*; and that genuine love clearly motivated her request.

Her earnestness has had me pondering about my own prayers of intercession. Sometimes I wonder how deep is my personal practical concern for whom or what I am asking God to do something. One advantage of persistent intercessory prayer is that it gives God the chance to work on me, perhaps even to change me. It can serve to remind me that God already loves, and personally and caringly loves, the one or ones I am praying for. It can lead me over time to allow God to work on me, to draw me into the infinite flow of divine love, to alert me to the opportunities I have already to help in practical ways those I pray for. Perhaps God wants me to be a channel for his love — the two of us working together, as it were. God may want to help me to grow in love.

What seems to have impressed Jesus was the woman's faith. She was a pagan. What she believed would have been anything but orthodox. But somehow she trusted Jesus; and because she was open to Jesus, Jesus could work with her. In the Gospels, *faith* means trust. They could work trustingly together, each in their own way. So often, as other incidents in the Gospels indicate, that seemed to be Jesus' preferred way of acting: "*Your faith has saved you*" — "*Seeing their faith*" — "*You have great faith*" — "*Only have faith*".

I wonder if, whenever I pray for particular others or particular causes, I could first ponder how Jesus might be asking me to work together with him.

Father John McKinnon



Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Mary Dillon

Anniversaries In August: Vin O'Connor, Mary Maslin, Ety McKinnon, Joan Densley, Mary Wintle, Frank Maguire, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Norah Place, Jacinta Bracks, Pat Carey, Josie Bird, Fr Brendan Davey, Richard Lowry, Patrick Lowry, Margaret Reid (Lowry), Alieda Lowry

Recent Deaths: Ron Smith, Kevin Baxter, Bert Pepperkamp



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate online, ph. (03) 9287 5513 or scan or click the QR code for more information.

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Giraiwurrung lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 20th August

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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



Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

Social Justice Statement 2023-2024

The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>. Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on August 27.



Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop's Dinner – Save the date

The annual Archbishop's Dinner in support of Corpus Christ Seminary, will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. Guest speaker is Corpus Christi College Seminary Rector, Fr Cameron Forbes. Scan or click the QR code for more information from Facebook.

Our Stories, Our Lives, Our Mission

'Our Stories, Our Lives, Our Mission' is a new book by Catholic Religious Australia and St Pauls Publications on building religious literacy and is a valuable resource in light of Vocations Awareness Week, August 6-13. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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What skills are we looking for?

The skills we recruit are determined by the requests we receive from community organisations overseas including educators, accountants, managers, tradespeople, agriculturalists, IT specialists, community and social workers, doctors, & health workers.

Where are the current opportunities?

We currently have requests from communities in Papua New Guinea, Zambia, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Cambodia, Philippines and American Samoa. New requests are added regularly.

REGISTER NOW!

Register for our webinar and be inspired as Michele, Anjelica & Rofina speak about their intercultural experiences and learn about our other opportunities abroad. There might be a position that calls to you.

Scan this QR Code to register for our upcoming "Global Development Opportunities" webinar



Season of Creation Resources 2023

Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow", drawing on the river imagery of in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. The following resources for the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for August – For World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives. Lord, hear us.

Finance meeting: Wednesday 23rd August 6:00 p.m. St Joseph's Timboon presbytery.

Interested in helping at the Timboon Hospital, visiting the sick? This would require one visit a month, chatting with patients who do not have family or visitors.

More information: Patty Martin on 0400 533 734 or 5598 5495

Timboon 2023	20th August Mass 9:00am	27th August W&A 9:00am	3rd September Closed
Welcome	G Vogels	N McKinnon	
Leaders		K Currell J McInerney	
Statue	G Delaney	K Currell	
Reader	E O'Connor	T O'Connor	
POF	R Hoffmann	G Vogels	
E.M.H.C.		L McInerney	
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	Denny Family
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	K Currell
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.