

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



To be human is to experience desire and ambition. To know a person's deep desires is to see into that person's soul. Desire for good, such as world peace or the end of global warming, is a positive urge of the human spirit. Other desires that focus on personal happiness and success can also be positive.

However, they may also become caught up with the 'dark side' of the human spirit leading to jealousy, blind ambition and ruthless disregard for others.

Throughout the drama of human life, desire and suffering are closely linked. This is evident, for example, in the works of Shakespeare: one thinks of the innocent, youthful desires of Romeo and Juliet, the dark and treacherous desires of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, or the obsessive desires of King Richard III. In different ways, these desires all lead to tragic suffering.

The connection between suffering and desire is also a key insight of the Buddha who taught that all suffering is caused by human desire and that happiness or enlightenment consists in the elimination of all desires. How does this compare with the approach of our own Christian Scriptures?

The long history of Israel is one of suffering at the hands of external enemies and through internal divisions. Jesus' life-story is also one in which his efforts to bring about God's kingdom of justice and peace are thwarted by negative forces. Even Jesus' own disciples seem blind to his real mission and message.

Why are Jesus' disciples so dim-witted? In a word, they are so caught up with their petty desires and ambition for power and glory, they are unable to see Jesus for who he really is or to hear what he truly asks. They want to overcome suffering (as we all do); but they think the way to do this is in the worldly way of grabbing power, status and authority.

Jesus' response is to challenge their preconceptions: "Anyone who is to be great among you must be your servant; anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave." Suffering is integral to our human lives. In this sense, compared to the Buddha, Jesus is more radical by insisting his followers embrace suffering as he does: "Can you drink the cup that I must drink?"

Jesus is not glorifying suffering for its own sake but shows us how to place suffering in its proper context. The message is foreshadowed by Isaiah who links positive acceptance of suffering with liberation from sin and practising justice. Acting for God's kingdom means putting one's life on the line—and even, as in Jesus' case, giving one's "life as a ransom for many".

There is another form of suffering Jesus shares with us because, like us, he experiences human weakness – though, the writer is careful to add, "he is without sin" (Hebrews). Sin is the ultimate cause of human suffering often expressed in our wayward human desires.

Jesus shows us the way to purify such desires through a life of servanthood.

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Our Sick: Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick and Robert Marr and Family.

Anniversaries in October : 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, Ken Berry, Joseph Pekin

Recently Deceased: Noreen O' Connor, Rikki Hintum, Pamela Parsons, Clair Ryan, Vernon Green, Denis Monaghan brother of Fr John Monaghan



"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 October 2024

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!



Gospel:

Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

or shorter form

Mark 10:42-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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

National Children's Week: October 19-27, 2024

Children's Week is a national celebration which recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.. The theme for Children's Week 2024 is "Children have the right to a clean and safe environment". The Victorian Government is supporting more than 200 free Children's Week events and activities for Victorian families with children aged up to 12 years. This gives families the opportunity to enjoy fun, engaging and educational experiences. More information is available at <https://www.vic.gov.au/childrens-week>

Prayer for children in our parishes: *That we may all work collaboratively to ensure the happiness and confidence of every child and foster an environment of safety and protection where children flourish. Let us pray to the Lord.*

Roman Missal Supplement

Liturgy Brisbane have published a supplement for the Roman Missal. This is a 24-page book containing the new liturgical texts approved since the publication of the Missal in 2010 and is available to order online at <https://shop.liturgybrisbane.net.au/products/supplement-roman-missal>

Confirmation—1st Eucharist:



Today Esther Couch and Nikayla Oto Muliawan will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time. This completes their initiation sacraments begun at Baptism. You are all part of their journey. God bless them and their families



Today is Mission Sunday Catholic Mission invites us to celebrate World Mission Month: “Together, we have the power to create change and build a more just world for people everywhere. By supporting missionaries in their work, we can create life-changing opportunities for countless children, families, and communities worldwide. Join us in making a difference for our sisters and brothers.” Pope Francis has recently published his messages for World Mission Month and World Mission Sunday, which is celebrated today. Read both of these messages at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/worldmissionmonth>

Focus for this week: You are invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require. The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to “Invite others to the banquet”, and we invite you to share the warmth of God’s love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/mongolia>, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

Ordination to the Priesthood Mass & Thanksgiving Mass: Cay Trinh

- Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow in the Hall. For those not able to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed. People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass (further details to come).
- Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick’s Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall.

Ballarat Diocesan Reflection Day:

You are invited to come along and see the following three guest speakers, Michael Mahoney - Principal at St Mary’s Colac, Naomi Lettieri - Manager at Anam Cara House and Anna Krohn Oam - Executive Director at St. Thomas More Centre. The event is held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 1 Gellibrand St. Colac, from 9:30 am - 3pm, Wednesday 23rd October 2024. Registrations \$15 All catering including Lunch (RSVP by 16th October). Registrations and Raffle cash on the day.

For RSVP or some more information, please contact Winsome De Jong 0427 353 203 winsomedejong1@gmail.com or Lynne Simpson 0409 197 237

Timboon 2024	20th October 9:00 a.m. Mass	27th October 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	3rd November Closed
Welcome	N McKinnon	G Vogels	
Leaders		J McInerney E O’Connor	
Statue	G Delaney	K Currell	
Reader	A Vogels	N McKinnon	
P.O.F.	T O’Connor	P Nicholson	
E.M.H.C.		A McMeel	
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	P Nicholson
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W & C 9 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.