

## Parish of Timboon



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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**

Dear Friends, In today's parable Jesus speaks first of the Pharisee as a good and upright man, not greedy, dishonest, or adulterous, who in his fasting and alms-giving does even more than the religious laws required. He is indeed a model of obedience to the Law. By no means does Jesus condemn him.

The tax collector, on the other hand, is by no means a virtuous man. He is despised as a collaborator with the occupying Roman oppressors and for his often fraudulent and extortionist practices in the process of his tax collecting. He was the lowest of the low in society, reviled by all. But Jesus turns our expectations upside down, teaching us that it was not "the good man" whose prayer is pleasing to God! It was the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who "went home justified," whose prayer found favour with God. Why? The Pharisee, for all his moral superiority, was a sinner, but he didn't recognise it.

His sinfulness is his lack of humility, his pride, and, moreover, his lack of compassion and his condescending and prejudicial attitude towards others.

For every person the parable urges us – as individuals and as a community and society – to humility, humility in our relationship with God and in our relationships with each other. It calls us to an ever-deeper integrity in our lives: to be ever mindful of our own sinfulness, our faults and failings, and wary of a tendency to be judgemental and lacking in compassion in our attitudes towards others. And it calls each one of us, no matter our station in life, to authenticity in our prayer, the humble acknowledgement of our reality as sinners, utterly reliant on God's merciful and forgiving love.

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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.

**World Mission Sunday** - Today is World Mission Sunday, a day dedicated to the great work of Mission. To celebrate this event, Catholic Mission is inviting all of us to answer our call to be missionaries. Through their international network of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission have created a 2022 #wearestillhere message that witnesses the dedication of missionaries around the world and is a celebration, an acknowledgment, and a thank you message to everyone who is answering the call of being missionaries wherever they are. Together, let's reach out and give life. Join Catholic Mission as a missionary and learn what Mission means to our brothers and sisters at [catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere](http://catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere)

**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 23rd Oct 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



## First Reading: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge  
who is no respecter of personages.  
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,  
he listens to the plea of the injured party.  
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,  
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,  
his petitions will carry to the clouds.  
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,  
until it arrives he is inconsolable  
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,  
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.  
And the Lord will not be slow,  
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

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

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

## Second Reading: 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me...



...power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

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### **Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)**

· **'Cuppa with Mary':** The Mary MacKillop Museum tells the story of Mary and the SOSJ's. Entry is free. While in Melbourne, walk the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and see Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which include a presentation, tour of Museum and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$15.00 per person. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

**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 Children's Week: October 22-30, 2022:**

Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia held around the fourth Wednesday in October. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. The Children's Week National Theme for 2022 is based on UNCRC Article 27: All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development. The Children's Week Council of Australia have developed a range of activities and tip sheets to celebrate the week and promote children's rights awareness <https://childrens-week.org.au/>

**NCLS Research to present free webinar on " How healthy are Australian churches"**

NCLS Research will be presenting a free webinar on Thursday, October 27, 2022 titled, "How healthy are Australian churches?" The webinar will present a snapshot of the reality and experience of church life in Australia, based on the results from the latest National Church Life Survey. **Speakers are** Dr Ruth Powell, Director - NCLS Research and Sam Sterland, Senior Researcher - NCLS Research: Get your free tickets at <https://NCLSHalthychurches.eventbrite.com.au>

**SAVE THE DATE update: 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 Gathering Space, 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 Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. More details and registration information will be available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Safeguarding Sunday - TODAY**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

**Advent Reflection Book — Heart of the Disciple. \$5.00. See Katrina Currell**

**Planned Giving statements** for the term 3 October 2021 to 24 September 2022 are available in the church foyers. Thank you for your contributions over this time and we hope you are able to continue your support into 2023.

Timboon 2022	23rd October 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	30th October 9:00 a.m. Mass	6th November Closed
<b>Welcome</b>	L Tregia	N McKinnon	
<b>Leaders</b>	C Bullen C Martin		
<b>Statue</b>	M Turner	E O'Connor T O'Connor	
<b>Reader</b>	N McKinnon	S Jayakody	
<b>POF</b>	R Couch	J McInerney	
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>	J McInerney		
<b>Bulletin</b>	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	M Moloney P Nicholson
<b>Slides</b>	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	A McMeel
<b>Cleaners</b>	Vogels Family	Vogels Family	
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Mass 9:00 a.m.</b>