

## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and, on the journey, he has been emphasising what it means to be his disciple. Peter does not get it, refusing to accept that Jesus must die on the cross. The rich young man does not get it, turning away because the cost of discipleship is too high.

The sons of Zebedee, James and John, do not get it, asking Jesus to be at his right and left when Jesus comes into his kingdom.

Jesus arrives in Jericho, the last stage on his journey to Jerusalem, and he encounters someone who does get it. Now Jesus has performed many miracles to this point in the gospel, healing a deaf-mute, a blind-man, a lame-man, as well as the demon-possessed, but none are named, except this blind-beggar: he is Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus.

For Mark, the significance of Bartimaeus is that he demonstrates the characteristics of a real disciple. The twelve do not comprehend the mission of Jesus and they vie for power. The rich young man chooses to keep his money rather than give it away and follow Jesus. It is a wonderful irony that the sighted do not see, but the blind beggar sees and follows the Lord into Jerusalem.

In the time of Jesus, those with a disability had to resort to begging to make a living, but it worked moderately well as it brought together their need to make a living and the need for law-abiding Jews to give alms.

There is a crowd around Jesus and Bartimaeus senses this is his moment. He begins yelling at the top of his voice, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Everyone tells him to keep quiet as it is embarrassing to hear the cries of a beggar when a distinguished person comes to town.

Like many cities and towns in our own day, the homeless and indigent are rounded up and kept away when community leaders want to make a good impression on important visitors. Sadly, we often want to make the needy invisible.

Jesus hears the voice of Bartimaeus and says to his followers, "Call him here." When he comes forward, Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus may be wondering if he wants material assistance.

However, the blind-beggar comes forward, boldly knowing that Jesus is his only hope. His response is, "Rabbuni, Master, let me see again."

Jesus responds, "Go; your faith has saved you." Instead of disappearing, he follows Jesus along the road.

Mercy is the gift of God; it calls us to a deepened insight into who Jesus is, a capacity to recognise our deepest needs, the faith to turn in our need to the Lord for mercy, and the compassion to reach out to the needy in our world.

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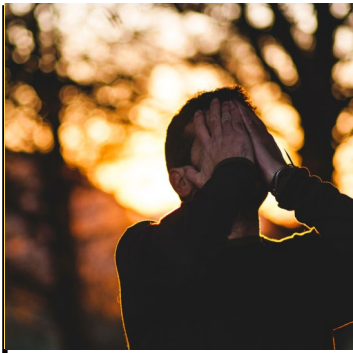
**Our Sick:** Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick and Robert Marr and Family.

**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 27th October 2024

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!  
See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.  
They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
It seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

**Yearly Planned Giving statements are available in the church foyers**



## Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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

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

See 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

## Gospel:

Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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

## Clergy Jubilarians Mass 2024 – Choir

Mass to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. The 2024 clergy Jubilarians are: 50 years – Frs Eric Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, 25 years – Fr Ed Moloney. All are welcome to attend. Members of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to join the choir for this Mass. Choir practice will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass) in the Cathedral.

### **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.

### **Let's Building Respectful Church Communities: Brochure Launch CSSV**

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) has developed a brochure and poster as resources for parishes and the wider Catholic community to raise awareness and work to prevent family violence. These resources are more effective when leaders are equipped with the knowledge of how to use them. Parish leaders are invited to join the launch and learn:

- What the resources include and how to use them;
- How they can be used to start deeper conversations;
- The services offered by Catholic community organisations and beyond;
- How parishes are taking action to prevent domestic and family violence.

The launch will include a number of speakers including Felicity Rorke, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Inn. Felicity is the Chair of the CSSV Domestic Violence Working Group and has extensive experience in responding to and the prevention of family violence and will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 1.45pm – 3.00pm via zoom. RSVP by 30 October 2024 at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1294275>. Enquiries to Kate Stilwell, email [office@css.or](mailto:office@css.or)

**Bishop Paul has informed parishes of the option of reintroducing communion from the chalice in parishes in the Diocese of Ballarat.** ...*From All Saints Day, local communities will be free to offer communion from the chalice to any of the faithful who wish to take this option. I leave it to the judgment of the Parish Priest or Administrator in each place to arrange when and how communion is offered from the chalice. The practices may vary from place to place. However, the common aim is to allow the faithful to receive Christ under the appearance of wine as well as under the appearance of bread, following the words of Jesus "Take and eat" and "Take and drink". In this way, communion is more clearly a sign of sharing in Christ's heavenly banquet.*

### **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.*

<b>Timboon 2024</b>	<b>27th October 9:00 a.m. Assembly W &amp; C</b>	<b>3rd November Closed</b>	<b>10th November 9:00 am Assembly W &amp; C</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	G Vogels		K Currell
<b>Leaders</b>	J McInerney E O'Connor		T O'Connor A Vogels
<b>Statue</b>	K Currell		M Turner
<b>Reader</b>	N McKinnon		J McInerney
<b>P.O.F.</b>	P Nicholson		L McInerney
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>	A McMeel		E Roberts
<b>Bulletin</b>	G Swierczek	M Moloney P Nicholson	M Moloney P Nicholson
<b>Slides</b>	K Currell	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Assembly W &amp; C 9 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00 am</b>