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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Mary Dillon

Anniversaries In July: Tom Dundon, Teresa Heyden, Veronica Keegan, Michael Parsons, Emily Parsons, Edward O'Donnell, Tom Delaney, Perc Dwyer, Alice Craven, Mary Mc.Dowel, Jayne McMeel, Gaye Arnold, Louis Reinen, Peter Reinen, Bridgie Allan, Ann Dodd, Olive Savage, Margaret Savage

Recent Deaths: Joan Johnson, Barbara Dickinson, Margaret Trigg, Jo Vogels



One of St Paul's proudest boasts was that he had worked harder, travelled further and suffered a great deal more than any of the other apostles (1 Cor 15:9-10). In 2 Corinthians (6:3-13; 11:23-33) he catalogues the trials and tribulations he had experienced for the sake of his "children" (6:13), which included "far more imprisonments, far worse beatings, and numerous brushes with death" (11:23).

What made this even more remarkable is Paul's age. Paul would have been close to sixty years of age when he was evangelising the cities of the Aegean Basin. By the time he wrote Romans, from which we derive our second reading today, he would have been in his mid-60s.

As implied by his list of troubles in 2 Corinthians, Paul's career was anything but a "cake walk"; nor was it a career that involved a well-deserved retirement in his twilight years. He was beheaded in Rome around the year 64 CE, along with many other Christians who died at the behest of the Emperor Nero.

Paul stands as a clear example of one who chose the "good life" over a "comfortable life". He stood up for what he believed. He stood out by travelling, writing, and building up Christianity. But, in doing so, his life was far from comfortable.

Matthew's Jesus similarly warns his disciples that choosing to follow him will involve tough decisions. The irony of the biblical record is that the immediate "reward" for all of those who chose to live a good life is all-too-often hardship, misunderstanding, persecution and even death at the hands of their persecutors. Sometimes, these difficulties will even be visited upon us from within our family circle.

This passage in Matthew will reverberate throughout the rest of the gospel, most notably for our purposes in Matthew 13:54-58, where Jesus returns to his hometown. He enters the Synagogue expecting a ready welcome from his former neighbours and friends, only to encounter misunderstanding and disbelief. Jesus observes that "Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house" (Mt 13:57).

We might think of this episode as a first century Judaeon form of the Australian "tall poppy syndrome" – the tendency to discredit rising stars whom the mob believes are too "full of themselves" or "take themselves too seriously". The fear of ridicule and misunderstanding may tempt us to forego making the tough decisions or the right choices in life. We don't want to stand out or stand up for fear of being knocked down, especially in matters of public faith-practice. But as Paul and Jesus testify, standing up and standing out is the only real path to the good life – that is, a life built on purpose and meaning.

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Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Pope's intention for July - for a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their sisters and brothers. Lord, hear us.

"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 2nd July

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!



Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

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Aboriginal Our Father: Diocese of Broome has granted permission for use of this prayer if it is used, as is, unchanged.

You are our Father, You live in heaven, We talk to You. Father You are good.

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We believe your Word, Father, We are Your children, give us bread today.

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We have done wrong, we are sorry, Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.

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Others have done wrong to us, And we are sorry for them, Father, today.

Others have done wrong to us, And we are sorry for them, Father, today.

Stop us from doing wrong, Father, Save us all from the evil one.

Stop us from doing wrong, Father, Save us all from the Evil One. (Repeat first verse)

Taken from the NATSICC 2023 digital resource book

Synod on Synodality "Instrumentum Laboris" or working document published:

On Tuesday, June 20, 2023, the Secretariat of the Synod published the *Instrumentum Laboris*, or working document, for the first session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops – commonly referred to as the Synod on Synodality. Read more at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, July 23, 2023:

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk. 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Day is marked near the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Parishes, schools, agencies, aged care facilities and other ministries are encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate the contribution of older people to their families and communities. Resources to celebrate this day are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-23-2023/>

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on the first Sunday of the months of July and August will be in Timboon

Observation of Divine Mercy will be held at St Andrew's Simpson Friday 7th July , 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. All welcome

Annual Collection for the Pope: July 1-2, 2023

The annual collection for the Holy Father is taken up throughout the world on the weekend near the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (June 29). Depending on your local circumstances, this could be on the weekend of June 24-25 or July 1-2, 2023. Letter from Bishop Paul attached.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources: July 2, 2023

"A new life in Christ..." Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Resources available at <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>

CatholicCare Victoria Winter Appeal:

At CatholicCare Victoria we help individuals, families and communities access the care and support they need, when they need it most. We believe everyone deserves the safety and comfort a home can provide. This winter, you can support people in need of a place to call home. Donate now! <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/16/winter-appeal>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Today we welcome, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Thomas Benjamin Perrett, son of Benjamin Perrett and Maricar Dela Rosa, who will be baptized at Saint Joseph's Timboon.

May the Holy Spirit he receives today guide him as he grows in faith in his loving family and Catholic Community.

Sea Sunday: July 9, 2023

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information go to www.stellamarisaustralia.org.

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Timboon 2023	2nd July Mass 9:00a.m.	9th July Assembly W & C 9:00 a.m.	16th July Mass 9:00 a.m.
Welcome	M McKinnon	G Vogels	L Tregua
Leaders		A Vogels E O' Connor	
Statue	C Martin P Martin	M Turner	T O'Connor E O'Connor
Reader	M McKinnon	K Currell	R Hoffmann
POF	E Roberts	P Nicholson	L McInerney
E.M.H.C.		C Bullen	
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed