



Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Language of Heaven

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Mary Dillon



Anniversaries In July: Tom Dundon, Teresa Heyden, Veronica Keegan, Michael Parsons, Emily Parsons, Edward O'Donnel, Tom Delaney, Perc Dwyer, Alice Craven, Mary McDowel, 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, Jesse Davidson (President of the Catholic Women's League. Played the organ and led the choir. Aide to priest and nuns at Timboon)

CatholicCare Victoria Appeal - August

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. This appeal is a chance for parish communities to join in CatholicCare Victoria's mission to provide care and support for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community. CatholicCare Victoria provides support to people at every stage of life and from all backgrounds. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience and empowerment to reach their full potential. More information on the appeal will be sent in the coming weeks.

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 30th July

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading:

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading:

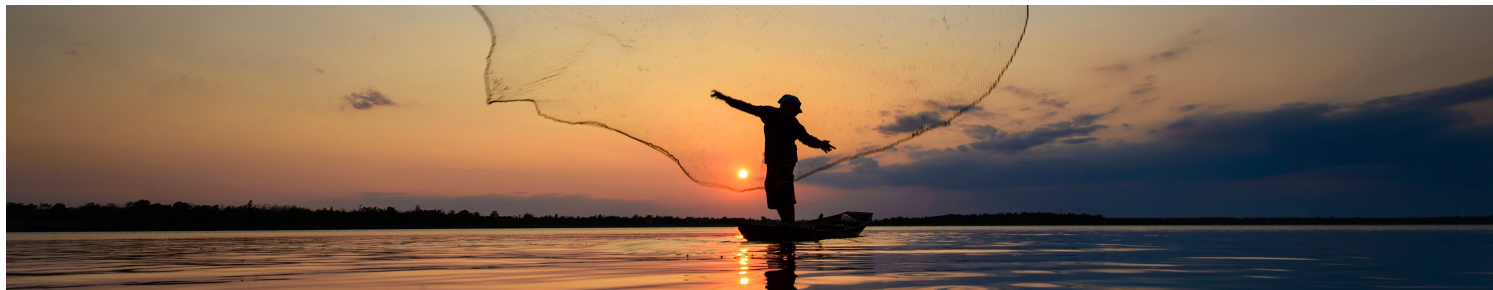
Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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



Gospel Acclamation:

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-52 or Shorter form Matthew 13:44-46 (in bold type)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

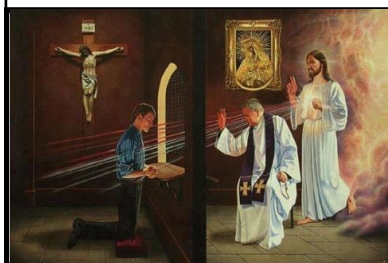
Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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



1st Sacrament of Reconciliation 30th July 2023:

After Mass on July 30th Esther Couch will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. All are welcome to stay for the short service to support Esther and her family.

Mothers who pray for their children

The prayer group "Mothers who pray for their children" has commenced at the Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast. The group will meet on Thursday mornings at 10.30am at the Infant Jesus Church Koroit. All welcome – mothers, families and children. Please take your rosary beads.

ACU Centre for Liturgy Public Lecture, "Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?"

You are invited to an online public lecture on Monday, August 7, 2023 from 10.00am -11.30am (AEST) presented by Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York) live via zoom, on the topic of "Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?" Registrations close on August 4 at www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfL. The zoom link to join will be sent out following registration. More information at available at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on the first Sunday of August will be in Timboon.
Divine Mercy observance at St Andrew's Simpson 2-3 p.m. Friday 4th August

World Youth Day 2023: August 1-6, 2023

More than 3000 Australian pilgrims will attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. We pray for the five people from the Diocese of Ballarat attending:

- Grace Doherty and Anna Whiting (St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill students);
- Gerry Vytilingam (St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill staff member);
- John-Paul Walker (Linton & Sebastopol Parishes);
- Laura Bruty (Linton Parish & Australian Catholic University Ballarat Campus).

The official prayer for World Youth Day Lisbon 2023

*Our Lady of the Visitation,
you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth,
lead us also to meet all those who await us
to deliver them the living Gospel:
Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!
We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay,
but with readiness and joy.
We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace,
and well-doing is the best wellbeing.
Our Lady of the Visitation,
with your inspiration, this World Youth Day
will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did.
Make it a time of testimony and sharing,
fraternization, and giving thanks,
each of us looking for the others who always wait.
With you, we will continue on this path of gathering,
so that our world will gather as well,
in fraternity, justice and peace.
Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!*

Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media

Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, recently released a new social media platform in competition with Twitter, called *Threads*. For many people, this social media shift has prompted a pause button in a love-hate relationship with how the internet fundamentally works. Dialogically we might ask, *who is my (social media) neighbour?* To inform this current question, the Vatican Dicastery for Communication has issued a document titled "Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media" and is available to download at https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/dpc/documents/20230528_dpc-verso-piena-presenza_en.html

Timboon 2023	30th July Mass 9:00 a.m.	6th August Mass 9:00 a.m.	13th August Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.
Welcome	N McKinnon	A McMeel	L Tregua
Leaders			R Hoffmann T O'Connor
Statue	G Vogels A Vogels	G Townsend	P Haugh
Reader	S Jayakody	G Vogels	P Nicholson
POF	T O'Connor	J McInerney	A Vogels
E.M.H.C.			
Bulletin	G Swierczek	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	A McMeel	A Vogels	A Vogels
Simpson	Closed	Closed	13th August Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.