

## Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

*L'Arche* is an international federation of communities where people with and without an intellectual disability share life and build community together. *L'Arche*, a French word for 'the Ark', seeks to create homes rooted in the Christian gospel but open to all, where people live a simple life of work, care, prayer and celebration.

*L'Arche* was founded by Jean Vanier 60 years ago (August 1964), in the small northern French village of *Trosly-Breuil*. He welcomed two men with intellectual disabilities who were living nearby in a large institution. From these humble and simple beginnings, *L'Arche* has grown into more than 150 communities present in 37 countries.

In a world too often divided and broken, *L'Arche* communities seek to be a sign of reconciliation and welcome, hope and peace, openness and support. *L'Arche* communities recognise and respect the fundamental dignity of every human person, loved and cherished by God.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a picture of how the first Christians lived in community. Firstly, the community was faithful to prayer and worship. The celebration of the Eucharist was at the heart of their life, uniting them in worship and service. Secondly, the community was a place of love, care and nurture. In an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion, people were able to grow, and respond to God's presence and action in their lives.

Thirdly, the community had a deep sense of sharing, especially with those who had little. There was no amassing of resources or property for exclusive personal use. The community lived simply and without extravagance.

A parish is a good example of a Christian community. Drawn together around the table of the Lord, people of every nation, culture and language gather to support and sustain each other in faith, hope and love. As one people we worship, pray, give thanks and partake in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Nurtured and nourished, we are sent to bring Christ to the world and to live a life of service.

Within the life of a parish, other, smaller communities (groups) of witness, sharing and togetherness also exist. For example: liturgy and music, social justice, bereavement and hospitality, St Vincent de Paul Society, parish council and many others.

We're not created to be alone. We created to "be with" other people in a spirit of love and support, valuing the unique gifts of each person, striving together to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God and with the world. Thomas was absent from his community when Jesus came and stood among the disciples. He struggled with his doubt alone. Only when he rejoined his community and encountered the Risen Christ, was he able to make his profession of faith – "My Lord and my God!"

Today, let's celebrate our faith community as an essential part of our Christian life.

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**Our Sick:** Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick, Carmel Densley, and Des Free.

**Recent Deaths:** Brian Davison, Hayley Fyfield, Jean McMeel, Kath Delaney

**Anniversaries in April:** Laurie Loft, Laurie Dwyer, George Farmer, Father Meredith Delehenty, Joan Rylance, Dos Haugh, Mick McMeel, Pat Warner, Pam Horan, Cis Roberts, Frank Johnston, Elli Howe, Patrick Delaney, John Hunt, Marie McMeel, Margaret Dillion, John McKenzie, Ross Powell, Andrew Powell, Mary Karo, Ian McKenzie, William Couch, Dewyn Bruce, Robert Delaney.



"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 7th April 2024

## 2nd Sunday of Easter Year B

### First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1*

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

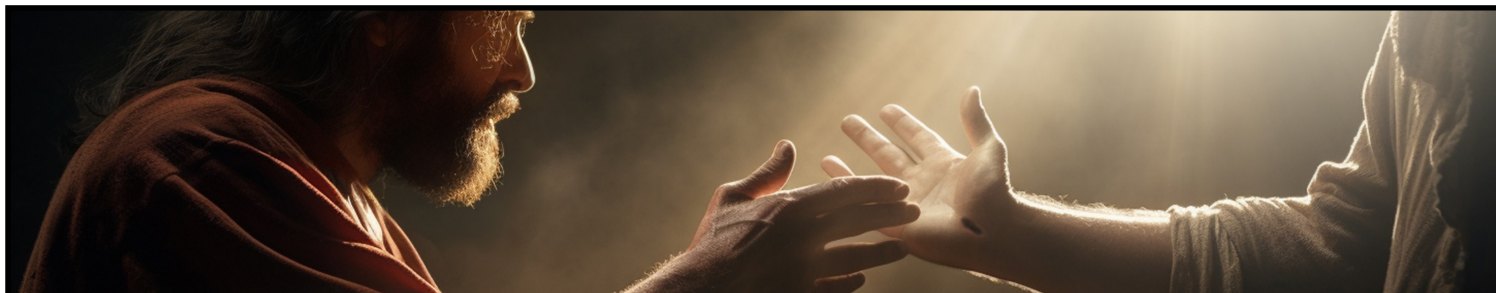
1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

### Second Reading *1 John 5:1-6*

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.  
We can be sure that we love God's children  
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;  
this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world –  
our faith.



Who can overcome the world?  
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel Acclamation

**John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**John 20:19-31**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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### **Divine Mercy Sunday 1st Sunday after Easter**

Saint Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains at least 14 passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established in the Church.

***"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary 299) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened." (Diary 699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 965)***

### **Diocesan History Timeline & Parish History**

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

There has also been an "Our History" section added to parish pages on the website for parishes to update with their own history. If you would like to add any dates to the diocesan timeline or need assistance with adding information to the parish "Our History" section, please email [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Praying with Pope Francis:** The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

***Pope's intention for April – for the role of women: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world. Lord, hear us.***

### **Convocation Webinar Invitation: What we can hope for and expect from the Synod?**

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and Garratt Publishing present a webinar, "Synod on Synodality: What we can hope for and expect from the Synod?" on Thursday April 18, 2024 at 7.00pm AEST. Bishop Vincent Long, who held a Diocesan Synod in the Parramatta Diocese in 2023 and Dr Sandie Cornish, who attended the first Synod Assembly in October 2023 as an Expert Adviser and Facilitator and will return to Rome for the second Assembly in October this year, will share and explore their lived experience of a Diocesan Synod and a Universal Synod. For more information and to register go to [https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/w9tI9ey0a57xai/?ct=t\(allcatholics-ACCCR-18april-Convoc-3april2024\)&mc\\_cid=f57a6ca61e&mc\\_eid=986abfa3fb](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/w9tI9ey0a57xai/?ct=t(allcatholics-ACCCR-18april-Convoc-3april2024)&mc_cid=f57a6ca61e&mc_eid=986abfa3fb). The convocation will be recorded and made available the week following the event. You must be registered to receive the link to the video.

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word Online Training Programs**

The ACU Centre for Liturgy, which is endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, offers online training programs for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word. The next Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion program will begin on April 9 and Ministers of the Word program will begin on June 4. Both programs will be available again at various times throughout the year. For registration details and more information go to <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>

<b>Timboon 2024</b>	<b>7th April Closed</b>	<b>14th April 9:00 a.m. Assembly of W &amp; C</b>	<b>21st April Mass 9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Welcome</b>		G Vogels	L Tregua
<b>Leaders</b>		C Bullen P Nicholson	
<b>Statue</b>		D Moloney M Moloney	G Vogels A Vogels
<b>Reader</b>		N McKinnon	K Currell
<b>P.O.F.</b>		K Currell	J McInerney
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>		L McInerney	
<b>Bulletin</b>	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
<b>Slides</b>	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Mass 9:00 a.m.</b>		<b>Closed</b>