

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Long neglected because of its brevity, the Gospel of Mark is now recognised to be a work of genius. Mark's was the first gospel to be written. Combining something of the freshness of the earliest memories of Jesus' life with an ordered presentation of his material, Mark intends to provide a guide to authentic discipleship – as a following of the crucified Saviour. Today's incident – which tells of the rejection of Jesus by the people of his own town, at the end of his ministry in Galilee - illustrates this. Mark's telling of the story of Jesus comes to its climax with the Saviour's passion – the rejection of the Messiah by God's own people. It seems that Mark was writing for the Christians of Rome in the decade of the first persecutions, calling them to be true disciples of the crucified Christ.

Today's gospel also conveys the sense of immediacy often present in Mark. We have an echo of the reaction of those who witnessed the event (the 'disciples' who accompanied Jesus to his "home town") – they are surprised and disconcerted by the very human reaction of Jesus. Rejected by the people of 'his own country' and 'his own relations', Jesus seems to be disarmed, so that 'he could work no miracle there'. A very human situation and a typical human reaction – Jesus truly became one of us, our brother. What the gospel describes is so true to life that Jesus' summing up has become a proverb: 'No honour for prophets among their own'.

For Mark, of course, as we have seen, this rejection is a foreshadowing of the great rejection described in the final chapters of the gospel - something for which Jesus will repeatedly prepare his disciples as they make their way to Jerusalem: he is to be 'rejected', 'put to death', but he will 'rise again' (Mk 8: 31). The reading from Ezekiel reminds us that a pattern of rejection and rebellion runs through the whole story of the Scriptures. The patient but firm spirit of the Saviour, so well captured in Mark's gospel, is an expression of the patient firmness of God as the divine plan unfolds in the life of an uncooperative and self-centred people.

Jesus made his own a life that shares in our common human experience. In the reading from Paul, the great apostle takes us into his confidence, explaining how he has faced his immense difficulties. It is uncertain what his 'thorn in the flesh' was: a physical ailment perhaps, or more probably the betrayal and persecution he had to suffer from those who should have been his friends. But he has learned the lesson of Mark's gospel, and he gives expression so well to what he has learned in this passage that it is very familiar. Having, at first, 'pleaded with the Lord' to be freed of his trial, he has come to recognise it as discipleship's taking up of the Cross, giving him a share in the divine power unleashed in the world through the Paschal Mystery. He will even 'boast' of his weakness, as bringing an assurance that 'the power of Christ' will 'stay over' him: 'For it is when I am weak that I am strong'.

John Thornhill sm

Our Sick: Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick.

Anniversaries in July: : Tom Dundon. Teresa Heyden, Veronica Keegan, Michael Parsons, Emily Parsons, Edward O'Donnel, 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

Recently Deceased: Noreen O' Connor, Rikki Hintum.



"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 07 Jul 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading:

Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

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

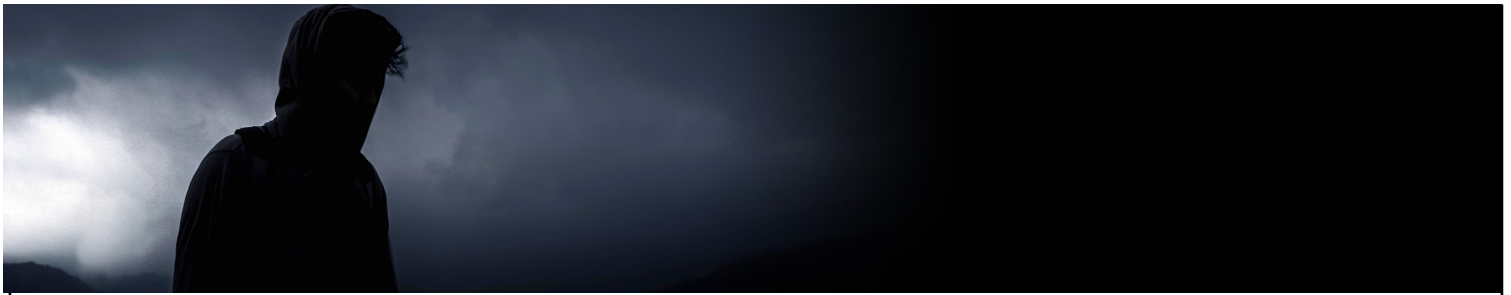
Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

See Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!



Gospel:

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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

We welcome Father Denis Ryan to our parish today to celebrate Mass



WINTER APPEAL – Dear parishioners, your conference is proud to represent Catholics in caring for the needy. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic> . Take care to write Cobden Simpson in the Comments/Conference Name box. Thank you. Pat



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday – July 7, 2024

The theme for 2024 is "Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith". The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) have provided resources for this day which includes a resource book for Mass on Sunday, July 7, 2024; poster and explanation of the artwork; youth activities; multimedia resources; Didgeridoo music; Torres Strait hymns; Homily notes. Link to site:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-sunday-resources-july-7-2024/>

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.

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

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 2024 digital resource book

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Formation



In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish

council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Clergy in parishes, Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Dates are: Horsham - July 28 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – Ss Michael & Johns Church, Horsham; Colac – July 30 – 10.00am – 3.00pm – St Mary's Parish, Colac; Ballarat - August 4 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – Ss Peter and Paul Church, Buninyong; Ballarat – August 13 – 5.00pm – 8.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree; Warrnambool - August 25 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool.

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.

For the pastoral care of the sick: *Let us pray that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope. Lord, hear us.*

Safetrac Training overdue

Have you completed your training? Clergy, staff and volunteers including Parish Safeguarding Officers are required to complete this training. If you are receiving a reminder email each week please go to the link to complete training. If you have any queries please contact fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au or michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Sport can lead the way to Christ

 Like many other countries, Australia is passionate about sport. But how are the Church, faith and sport connected and why should they be? Whether competing, supporting or encouraging play for health, sport is part of our family and social life. In sport we experience community and teamwork, sacrifice and dedication, the benefits of rules and fair play, the highs of success and the learnings that come with defeat. We learn from coaches, parents and friends as we put in the extra effort to train or to attend games. Sport forms us not only in the skills of play or competition, but in life experiences that form our personal human development. The Church and sport can learn from each other in many ways. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a new document that explains how sport is a gift that can draw people closer to Christ. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/sport-can-lead-the-way-to-christ/>

Timboon 2024	7th July 9.00 a.m. Mass	14th July 9.00 a.m. Assembly of W&C	21st July 9:00 a.m. Mass
Welcome	G Vogels	N McKinnon	G Vogels
Leaders		T O' Connor K Currell	
Statue	D Moloney M Moloney	G Vogels A Vogels	G Vogels A Vogels
Reader	K Robertson	J McInerney	L McInerney
P.O.F.	G Swierczek	A Vogels	E O'Connor
E.M.H.C.			
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00am	Closed