



### Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.**



**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Patrick Giblin, Bernadette Moloney

**Anniversaries occurring 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 Dillon, John McKenzie, Ross Powell, Andrew Powell, Mary Karo.



### Covid Update

- Please sign in using pen and paper or use the QR Code.
- Wearing a mask is no longer mandatory in churches or chapels. However, the government recommends that we wear a face mask when we cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people.

### Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Victorian government has announced further easing of restrictions from Friday, March 26. For information on religious gatherings go to <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony>

All venues must apply the two square metre rule and use electronic record keeping through the free Victorian Government QR Code Service or Victorian Government Application Programming Interface (API) linked digital system (venues will have a 28-day compliance amnesty in place to April 23).

### Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Robert Falzon reflects on how St Joseph may have responded to his astonishing call to be the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. What does it mean for fathers and husbands in today's world? <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Dear Friends; In the gospel, we see that the risen Jesus appears to His disciples and they believe in Him, but Thomas doubts. He wants to be sure and demands proof. Thomas missed the first appearance of the risen Jesus because he wanted to be alone and separated from the community of the apostles. The same thing would happen to us when we withdraw from our faith community - we miss the great relationships and opportunities of meeting Jesus. Here we have to admire Thomas' honesty. He is not playing with words just to impress us and win his sympathy. He wants to be certain and speaks his mind. He is truthful. Jesus respects his honesty and genuineness; He grants his request. Then he surrenders himself to Jesus totally by expressing his profound faith in a remarkable way: 'My Lord and my God'. Jesus knows our human limitations; we first have to accept them and genuinely seek help from God like Thomas. Jesus offers His peace to us, His gift of faith and the restoration of the relationship between God and us. Through our personalities or human nature we may have avoided our Sunday gathering and community worship, hence have lost that relationship with God. Let us now genuinely and truthfully surrender ourselves to God like Thomas and confess: My Lord and my God. Then He will offer His peace and the gift of faith that we need for our witnessing life. -Neville

**Divine Mercy Sunday** Jesus said to Saint Faustina: "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 mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy." "The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter." (Diary 699)

**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. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**Pope's intention for April:** April universal intention for evangelisation – Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis

Timboon	April 11th Assembly of Word and Communion	April 18th Mass	April 25th Assembly of Word and Communion
Welcome	L Treglea	K Currell	P Haugh
Leaders	P Nicholson A Vogels		R Hoffmann K Currell
Statue	M Turner	B Moloney	T & E O'Connor
Reader	C Marr	N McKinnon	J McInerney
P.O.F.	K Currell	R Hoffmann	L McInerney
Gifts			
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 11 Apr 2021

## Second Sunday of Easter

### First Reading

Acts 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 Jn 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

Jn 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

Jn 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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The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass  
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