



### 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, Bernadette Moloney, Dennis Dodd

**Anniversaries In August:** Vin O'Connor, Ettie McKinnon, Frank Maguire, Mary Wintle, Mary Maslin, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Fr Brendan Davey, Nora Place, Josie Bird and Pat Carey



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

### Communion To The Sick

If you are sick and would like to receive communion at home please call parish secretary on 0439 145 805 and arrange a time.

### Planned Giving

Thanks to those people who continue to contribute to our planned giving program. Quarterly statements have been emailed to some people and written statements for others are in the back of the churches for you to take home and check. If there is a discrepancy please contact the office by phone or email to have it corrected. If you would like to make your contribution either as a direct debt or an EFT please use the following details ; BSB: 083-928 A/C No 51-606-7599 and please include your name and a planned giving number if possible.

### Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. *'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready'* John 6:1-15

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: How do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness? (Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/)

### Pray for our Clergy

Next week on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, we celebrate the feast of St John Vianney, the patron saint of priests. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: our bishops, priests and deacons, that they may continue in their ministry of service and live out their vocation as shepherds of the faithful. Link for some information about a Novena to St John Vianney and an initiative of Parousia Media and Divine Renovation Australasia to launch *Support Your Priest* this Sunday (the Sunday before the Feast of St John Vianney): <https://www.parousiamedia.com/>

### Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced **an easing of COVID restrictions**. The new provisions apply **throughout Victoria from midnight tonight (Tuesday July 27)**. **Religious gatherings and ceremonies** are permitted for up to **100 people indoors** and up to **300 people outdoors**. **Masks** must be worn indoors and outdoors except if at home or if an exception applies....

...I rejoice that we will be able to gather again for Mass and other celebrations, even though the numbers will be limited. I thank those people in each parish who are helping us to come together while attending to the COVID-safe directives. I thank you all for your patience as we make the adjustments needed so that we can pray as a community while keeping everyone safe...**Bishop Paul**

Victorian Legislative Council Member, Fiona Patten of the "Reason Party", is introducing a motion today to have the Lord's Prayer banned and in its place introduce a moment's silence at the start of each sitting. Her reasoning is that many Victorians are not Christians and its discriminatory toward other religions and to Victorians with no religious affiliation <https://aparliamentforall.com/>. Contact your local Member of Parliament to register your concerns.

On Saturday we celebrate the feast day of St Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius wrote a beautiful prayer for times of doubt and uncertainty. You may wish to use these to pray for the guidance during these times and for the Plenary Council and Members. *O Christ Jesus, When all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of your presence, your love, and your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to you, we shall see your hand, your purpose, your will through all things.*

Each month the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. The Pope's intention for August: **Universal intention for evangelization - the Church**: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Timboon	August 1st Closed	August 8th 9:00 a.m. Ass of W & C	August 15th Mass 9:00 a.m.
Welcome		N McKinnon	L Tregear
Leaders		R Hoffmann, C Marr	
Statue		D & M Moloney	G & A Vogels
Reader		K Currell	R Hoffmann
POF		J McInerney	L McInerney
E.M.H.C.		A Vogels	
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides		A McMeel	A McMeel
Cleaners	E O'Connor	E O'Connor	E O'Connor
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>9 am Mass</b>	<b>9am Assembly W &amp; C</b>	<b>Closed</b>



'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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# The Living Word

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**1 August 2021**

### First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, "What is that?" not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 77:3-4, 23-25. 54. R. v.24**

*(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. *(R.)*

2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. *(R.)*
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. *(R.)*

### Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Jn 6:24-35

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: