



Parish of Timboon
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April Anniversaries: Mick McMeel, George Farmer, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Laurie Dwyer, Joan Rylance, Laurie Loft, Dos Haugh, Ellie Howe, Pat Warner (McGowan), Pam Horan, Cis Roberts, Frank Johnson, Marie McMeel, John Hunt, Pat Delaney



Dear friends,

What was it like for the disciple who stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, then to come back three days later and discover that the tomb was empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, why do you seek the living among the dead? What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed.

At this juncture, John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities. John, through his strong faith in Jesus worked out and found the connection to the empty tomb and Jesus' teaching. He made the inventiveness based on his faith. In his life, John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. He did a remarkable thing in his life time along with his witnessing life. He wrote his belief about Jesus in his gospel for others to believe and get to know about Jesus. Because we are sure that, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of our Christian faith. The gospel that he wrote has helped us to believe in Jesus and for those who come after us.

So like the Apostle John, you are witnessing Jesus by supporting our local church and playing an active role in the day-to-day activities of our parish church. Day-to-day activities of the church means: worshiping the Lord, taking responsibility in the ministries of the church, witnessing and supporting the church in your life. By doing this you are doing exactly what John the Apostle did by recording Jesus' teachings in his book. His purpose was to make known Jesus to the people. Hence by your active participation in the church, it keeps the church open for all the people who need the service of the church, for the sacraments and funerals. The people feel welcome and they are pleased to use the service of the church when needed.

Let's remember that the Lord Jesus has triumphed over the death and has won for us new life and resurrection. He gives us the eyes of faith to see and believe in his resurrection. He will help us to be his witnesses of his love and mercy in our daily life.

I wish you all a very happy Easter. – Neville.



**A Holy, Safe and Happy
 Easter to all our
 parishioners and visitors,
 from St Joseph's Timboon.**



The Diocesan **Working With Children Check...Policy** sets the minimum standard for a Check Card but a Parish may extend the requirements to obtain a Card. St Joseph's Timboon is inviting all our volunteers to obtain a Check Card (as do some other Parishes and institutions). Obtaining a Card is free for volunteers and may be applied for online at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications, then processed at the post office. If you prefer you may make arrangements with the office 0439 145 805 with George Swierczek to assist you in this regard. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Timboon	1st April Closed	8th April 10 am Assembly of W & C	15th April Mass 9 am
Welcome		P Martin	A McMeel
Leaders		J McInerney E O'Connor	
Statue	B Moloney	T & E O'Connor	D & M Moloney
Reader		T O'Connor	A Vogels
P.O.F.		C Martin	D Denny
Gifts			D & M Moloney
M of C		L Tregua	E Roberts R McMeel
Church Cleaning	C Bullen	C Bullen	C Bullen
Bulletin	G Swierczek M Dillon	G Swierczek M Dillon	G Swierczek M Dillon
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Closed	Assembly of W & C 9 am	Closed
Statue	F & B Wouters	G Swierczek	M & M Dillon