

Parish of Timboon

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Dear friends, In the gospel, we see that the risen Jesus appears to his disciples and they believe him. But Thomas doubts it. 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, hence we miss great relationships and opportunities of meeting Jesus. Here we have to admire Thomas' honesty. He is not playing with words just to impress Jesus 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, going all the way for him and 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. So through our personalities or human nature we may have avoided our Sunday gathering and community worship, hence have lost the 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 us His peace and the gift of faith that we need for our witnessing life - Neville.

Divine Mercy Sunday

"By virtue of a Decree issued on 5 May 2000, by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Holy See proclaimed the Second Sunday of Easter also as Divine Mercy Sunday."

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. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699).

Sacramental Program 2018

The following children will be preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and first Eucharist to be celebrated on Sunday July 29th. Lachlan Douglas, Joshua Foster, Thomas Ryan, Zac Smith. Please pray for them and their families. For information contact Ruth Hoffmann 0429 983 253.



Someone, may really like to hear from you



Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, John McKenzie, Geoff Townsend

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 Delanev



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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	8th April 10 am Assembly of W & C	15th April Mass 9 am	22 April 10 am Assembly of W & C
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Welcome	P Martin	A McMeel	F Evans
Leaders	J McInerney		T O'Connor
	E O'Connor		M van Nieuwkerk
Statue	T & E O'Connor	D & M Moloney	G & A Vogels
Reader	T O'Connor	A Vogels	E O'Connor
P.O.F.	C Martin	D Denny	N Denny
Gifts		D & M Moloney	
M of C	L Tregea	E Roberts R McMeel	C Bullen
Church Cleaning	C Bullen	C Bullen	C Bullen
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
	M Dillon	M Dillon	M Dillon
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Assembly of W & C 9 am	Closed	Assembly of W & C 9am
Statue	G Swierczek	M & M Dillon	N & E Weel