

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Our Sick: Pat Thornton

Anniversaries In May: Elsie O'Donnell, John Conheady, William Delahenty, John Evans, Carolina Gagel, John Gaut, Shirley Freeman, Merle Ludeman, Harry Gatens, Peter Vu, Patrick Hession, Park Kennedy, Father Barry Stickland, Betty Delaney, Cath Harman, Margaret Richie, Roger Garner.

Recent Deaths: Joan Johnson (past caretaker at Simpson presbytery)



Dear friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples. After completing his mission on earth, for which he was sent by his Father, he has to leave this world to go back to his Father. But Jesus' love for his disciples and people is so deep that he will not leave them orphaned. He will infuse them with his own Spirit. The Holy Spirit will continue to live among the disciples teaching, guiding strengthening, healing and comforting them on their journey. This was very evident in the early church. The apostles laid their hands on the people, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit, particularly during the reception of the sacraments of the Church.

The Holy Spirit continues to live and work among us today. Every Christian is gifted with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is when we become aware of his presence and open to his guidance, our lives become joyful and meaningful. The Holy Spirit will teach and remind us of the sacrificing love of Jesus and empower us to respond to that love by loving one and another as Jesus loved. Our loving nature then, is not coming from an alien force, like something imposed on us by the commandments. It is now part of our own will, that is based on our realization of how lucky we are to be loved and our experience of love should overflow to others. So let us ask the Lord to give us the spirit, heart and mind of Jesus, so that we may be able to love everyone as Jesus loved. -Neville

Prayer for Mother's Day – Sunday, May 14, 2023

Loving God, we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love.

We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care.

We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. Amen.

Prayer service for Barbera Dickinson in St Joseph Timboon at 11:00am Monday 14th May.

Funeral for Margaret Trigg on Wednesday 16th May at 11:00am in St Joseph Timboon.

Mass Counts start on weekend May 6-7: The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting begins on May 6-7 and continues each weekend until the end of May

Prayer for Volunteers on National Volunteer Week: May 15-21, 2023

We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes.

May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people.

"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 14th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the



accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

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

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Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for May – For Church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. Lord, hear us.

ACU Centre for Liturgy Online Training Program – Ministers of the Word

This new four-week training program for Ministers of the Word has been created by Australian liturgy specialists in order to foster and develop the skills of new and existing ministers. The online program features quality liturgical content and offers practical exercises in a supportive and engaging environment. The comprehensive program is suitable for members of all communities, city or regional, large or small, school or parish. More information available at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023: Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are available from <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>

Finance Meeting

Wednesday May 24th 6 p.m. in the Presbytery

Sorry Day Webinar

Caritas Australia is pleased to invite your parish community to our **Sorry Day Webinar** with survivors from Kinchela Boys Home, one of the most notorious institutions associated with the Stolen Generations. On **Thursday 25 May 2023** from **11am – 12pm AEST**, we will be hosting a FREE online event to hear from Uncle Widdy (#36) and Uncle Bobby (#24), two survivors of Kinchela Boys Home, to learn about the Stolen Generations and the continuing legacy of these experiences. If you would like to include this information in your parish bulletin, here is the link to publish: <https://www.caritas.org.au/sorry-day-webinar>

Timboon 2023	14th May Assembly of W & C 9:00 a.m.	21st May Mass 9:00 a.m.	28th May Assembly of W & C 9:00 a.m.
Welcome	A McMeel	K Currell	N McKinnopn
Leaders	A Vogels E O'Connor		C Bullen, P Nicholson
Statue	D Moloney M Moloney	G & A Vogels	G Townsend
Reader	G Vogels	S Jayakody	R Hoffmann
POF	T O'Connor	S Jayakody	G Vogels
E.M.H.C.	P Martin		J McInerney
Bulletin	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.