



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Lockdown conditions have been re-introduced into regional Victoria as at 1:00 p.m. Saturday 21st August. No in-person gatherings are permitted in churches, therefore there will be no Assemblies in Simpson or Timboon tomorrow 22nd August,

Dear Friends; The gospel for this weekend is a conclusion of the 6th chapter of John's gospel. We have been reflecting on the teaching of the sacrament of the Eucharist in this chapter for the last 4 Sundays. Here is the conclusion of the teaching about himself as the bread of life that comes down from heaven and gives eternal life. Here his teaching draws negative reactions and sharp questions. The Jewish listeners wonder how Jesus can give his flesh to eat. Many of them remarked and murmured that his saying is hard and unacceptable.

So Jesus' teachings results into two groups. One is the disciples who cannot accept Jesus' words give up and go away. They return to their former way of life and no longer walk with Jesus. The other group stayed with Jesus even though they didn't fully understand teachings about the Eucharist. The twelve disciples were holding on to Jesus.

Jesus noticed that a few of his followers were leaving him. Then he turned to his disciples and asked them: "Do you also want to leave?" This is Peter's response when Jesus asks them whether they too want to leave: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We see here Peter's loyalty and fidelity to Jesus. Speaking for the twelve, Peter declares that they have come to believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Holy one of God.

Jesus always makes perfectly clear to us what he expects from us. He does not compromise or use sweet words to win our emotions and meet our expectations. He tells us the reality of the cross and of the consequence. He leaves us the decision to stay or to go. So in our celebration let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith to believe in Jesus like his disciple in our day-to-day life -Neville

Our current **Finance Committee** has completed its devoted term in office. We are calling for a certain number of individuals to fill their positions. If you are interested in being part of a dynamic team with its focus centred on the welfare of the parish please call Fr Neville on 03 5593 1284 to express your interest.

Social Justice Sunday: August 29, 2021

The launch of the Social Justice Statement was held on August 5 and Bishop Paul features in this video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvLX2BQIOjM&feature=emb_logo

The Social Justice Statement 2021-22: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations Download the statement from the ACBC Office for Social Justice website <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Church pews: Would you like an item of St Joseph's Timboon church history in your own home? Excess church pews are being offered free to parishioners. If you are interested please ring the office 0439 145 805 to make arrangements to inspect. The pews will need to be picked up by the new owner.

The Shared Table; In the Year of Eucharist 2005, Fr Mick McKinnon issued an invitation to parishioners to share one plate of food a day from your table with a child living in Lima.

So, again this year Fr Mick writes: "You are invited to make a commitment of \$1.00 a week out of your household grocery budget, amounting to a donation of \$52.00 a year. This money will be directly used solely for the purpose of the Shared Table".

For donation forms and more information: Enid O'Connor 0447 983 296

National Day of Prayer – The Church Together: Sunday, August 22, 2021

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, including Bishop Philip Huggins and the National Council of Churches, is calling Australia to unite in prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis. The theme is found in this beautiful liturgical prayer: "Lord have mercy — Jesus have mercy". We encourage you to pray in your own church and in your own way at this time. To facilitate a national prayer focus, the team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting are providing the following prayer resources and opportunities:

On Sunday, August 22 from 9.00am – 9.00pm the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation.

Register at <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

	Closed Lockdown	August 29th Mass 9:00 a.m.	September 5th Closed
Timboon			
Welcome		L Tregoa	
Leaders			
Statue		P Haugh	
Reader		S Jayakody	
POF		A Vogels	
E.M.H.C.			
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	
Slides		A McMeel	K Currell
Cleaners		E O'Connor	A McMeel
Simpson	Closed	Closed	Mass 9:00 a.m.



Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

*'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.*

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

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The Living Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22 August 2021

First Reading Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from
the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. *(R.)*
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *(R.)*

4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. *(R.)*
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.