Parish of Timboon



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Dear Friends,

Dear friends, today we celebrate 2nd Sunday of Easter, this Sunday is also known as a Divine Mercy Sunday. We say God is love and His greatest attribute is mercy. Because we are weak and have sinful nature, God shows his love to us as mercy. The Risen Christ shows mercy to his disciples when on meeting them together for the first time, after they almost to a man abandoned him, he grants them mercy by saying to them. "Peace be with you" not once but twice, and a third with Thomas present. Having made them experience his mercy, Jesus gives them the Holy Spirit and commissions them to grant mercy to others: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them".

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus God bought salvation for humanity. We, too have received God's mercy. Like the Apostles we are also commissioned to be the ambassadors of god's mercy. So Let us proclaim and pass on that mercy to other people by sharing it with them, by showing mercy to others through forgiveness and acts of compassion. And let us pray that other people too, may know, welcome and experience the mercy of God so that they may be the messengers of God's mercy in their life. Let us be empowered by the Divine Mercy through our celebration this weekend. Like the Apostles so that we may be able to continue the mission of Jesus in our witnessing life.

-Neville.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels, Siena Martin **Anniversaries In April**: Laurie Loft, Laurie Dwyer, George Farmer, Father Meredith Delehenty, Joan Rylance, Dos Haugh, Mick McMeel, Pat Warner, Pam Horan, Cis Roberts, Frank Johnston, Elli Howe, Patrick Delaney, John Hunt, Marie McMeel, Margaret Dillion, John McKenzie, Ross Powell, Andrew Powell, Mary Karo, Ian McKenzie, William Couch, Dewyn Bruce, Robert Delaney. **Recent Death:** Ross Fleming, Clinton Baulch



We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved.

At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

Mass Counts start on weekend 7-8 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 7-8 May and continue each weekend until the end of May.

<u>Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)</u>

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.



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Second Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

- Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
- O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19 A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29 Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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Prayers for ANZAC Day

We pray for all air force, sailors and soldiers who served and bravely lost their lives in battle during times of conflict, especially members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory on the last day. Let us pray to the Lord.

We remember all families, parents and children who lost loved ones through war. May the light of God's hope and strength comfort them. Let us pray to the Lord.

A priest was driving and gets stopped for speeding.

The policeman smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.He says, "Father, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Praise be to God! He's done it again!"

Praying with Pope: Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's April Prayer Intention: For health care workers. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Timboon	24th April 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	1st May Closed	8th May 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C
Welcome	L Tregea		A McMeel
Leaders	C Marr & P Nicholson		E & T O'Connor
Statue	M Turner		E & T O'Connor
Reader	N McKinnon		G Vogels
POF	R Hoffmann		P Nicholson
E.M.H.C.	C Bullen		C Marr
Bulletin	P Nicholson &M Moloney	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	A McMeel	K Currell	K Currell
Cleaners	K Currell K Delaney	E Roberts	E Roberts
Simpson	Assembly W & C 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W & C 9:00 a.m.