



### Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.**



**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Patrick Giblin, Pat Nicholson

**Recent Death:** Tony McInerney

**Pray for Anniversaries occurring in December including :**

Tony Lathouwers, Sheila Freeman, Carmel Baxter, Enid Boyle, Brian Fleming, Ciril Karo, Lilian McCluskey, James McCluskey, Sr Christina Madden, Brian Parsons, Darryn Tregea, Maggie Tregea, Thedora Vogels, Ann Dodd, Winnie O'Keeffe, Ad Vogels, Harold Craven, Pat Bourke, Carmel Brennan, Terry McMeel, Reg McVilly



Dear Friends, John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus. Today's gospel is a kind of prelude for Jesus by John. The gospel opens with a desert scene, with John the Baptist's character planted in the desert surroundings. He calls people to repent. While some Pharisees and Scribes saw him as possessed by demons because of his solitary life, ordinary people flock to him because they saw in him the Prophet of the Lord. It had been so long since the voice of a prophet had been heard in the land of Israel. The people were happy and realized that God was once again speaking to them. So they went to John the Baptist and received the baptism of repentance.

Today once more we hear the cry of John the Baptist calling for repentance. The spirit of Advent comes to awaken us to the truth of Jesus' coming and to get ready. We feel the need to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus into our midst. So like the people in the time of John the Baptist, we have to repent from our old ways of life. It should not be merely in our words, but we need an inner conversion to change our hearts and minds according to the teaching of the gospel. So let us ask the Lord to give us His grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to turn towards God during the season of Advent.

-Neville.

### Caritas Australia Asia Emergency Appeal

Typhoon Vamco has caused devastating unprecedented flooding in the regions of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia, followed only weeks after being hit by Super Typhoon Goni. Severe flooding has submerged towns up to 12 metres deep across the Cagayan region of the Philippines leaving tens of thousands of families without electricity, clean water or road access. People who have lost their homes and livelihoods are fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risk of COVID-19 spreading is high. If you are able to assist, donations are being accepted at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling toll free 1800 024 413.



**Christmas Eve Mass Timboon Thursday 24th December 6:00p.m.**  
Fr Adrian McInnery

**Arrangements for the future until changed:**

**1st Sunday of month Simpson at 9:00 a.m.**

**3rd Sunday of month Timboon at 9:00a.m.**

**5th Sunday of month Timboon at 9:00a.m.**

**2nd and 4th Simpson and Timboon at 9:00a.m. at both churches.**  
**If a priest is present, it will be a mass, otherwise a lay led assembly.**

**MASS Sunday:** St Patrick's Camperdown at 10:30am (Live Stream)

Link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

The latest edition of **Our Diocesan Community** is available in the church foyer. Please take one and perhaps another copy for someone unable to attend the church.

If you wish to order a **Columban calendar** (\$10 each) please see Patty Martin or Katrina Currell.

**Plenary Council Update** The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

**Discernment Papers:** The six discernment papers have been released and are available at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>.

### Parish Finances:

**Our Planned Giving Program:** If you are able we would be keen to have you pay into the parish account (at NAB personally or electronically) any amounts that you can as part of your planned giving contributions: **Catholic Parish Trust Account No1 Account Timboon BSB 083 928 Acc 516067599.** Be sure to reference it to your name or planned giving number.

Sunday collection monies can be paid into the **Catholic Presbytery Timboon No 2 Account : BSB: 083-928 Account No: 51-606-7601.**

**The Serenity Prayer:** God, grant me the **serenity** to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

In these times we have been dealing with a range of changes that are continually changing how things are done. Following the meetings about the plenary council I am confident that as a parish we are able to deal with anything. Pat Nicholson

# Second Sunday of Advent Year B

## December 6th 2020

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: –

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Prepare the way for the Lord.

“Console my people, console them” says your God.

“Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.”

A voice cries, “Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God.” Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his chest and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**The response is; Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

**Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

**Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

**Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

#### Second Reading:

**A reading from the second letter of St. Peter (3:8-14).**

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, a day can mean a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

#### Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Reading: Mk 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

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