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The Greek word **Epiphany** (επιφάνεια), which means appearance or manifestation or showing forth, is used to describe Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. Originally the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. "Epiphany" refers to God's Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son. Epiphany is an older celebration than the feast of Christmas, having originated in the East in the late second century. In Italy and Spain, the gifts traditionally associated with the Christmas season are exchanged today, on the feast of the Epiphany. Among Italians, it is believed that the gifts are brought by the old woman, *Befana* (from Epiphany), whereas Spanish custom attributes the gifts to the Kings or Magi. The feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the Western Church. In the Eastern Church, the feast also commemorates the Baptism of Christ. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish Scriptures. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus' identity to Israel at his Baptism in the Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah. Finally Jesus revealed himself as a miracle worker at the wedding of Cana, revealing his divinity. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

Christmas Appeal 2015 Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities around the world who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the diocese of Ballarat. Our response is an indication of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters... I am aware that there are many times throughout the year when you are invited to respond to appeals for very worthy causes, but I hope the Ballarat diocese can continue to support this particular appeal. I thank the people of the diocese for their support of last year's appeal. In anticipation I thank you for your co-operation in recommending the 2015 Christmas Appeal to the generosity of your parishioners and giving them the opportunity to make their contribution on or about Christmas Day...Paul Bird CSsR

The Parish of Timboon is a Parish with a Supervised Community Leadership. The Parish Leadership Team coordinates parish life and lay pastoral ministry supported by the Supervising Priest and the Visiting Priest.



Parish Leadership Team:

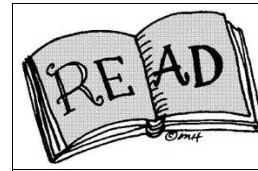
Moderator: Jean McMeel
Members: Marlene van Nieuwkerk, Katrina Currell, Gerard Vogels, Charles Martin and Pat Nicholson.
Parish Secretary: George Swierczek

Our sick: Ann Ryan, Terry McMeel, Pat Gaut, Sarah Vogels, Bailey Delaney, Ann Dodd, Kade Ryan, Nicky Simmons, Andrew Cook, Frank Vogels, Nancy Nugent, John Hunt, Frances Hammett.
January Anniversaries: Madge Boyle, Vera Hickey, Bill Haig, Brian Fleming, Patrick F. Nicholson, Greg O'Flynn, Laurie Loft, Peg Duffy.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Publications available in Church Foyers-



- Our Diocesan Community
- **Inform:** 159 Patterns of Evidence Exodus
- Fr Justin Driscoll - Royal Commission
- Safe Guarding Children and Venerable Adults.
- 2016 Catholic Mission Diary
- A Lament Reflection
- 2016 Ministry Roster

Thank you to all those who bought a raffle ticket in support of the refugees. A total of \$170 was collected. Congratulations to Terry O'Connor on his winning the hamper. \$40 was also donated to the appeal. Thank you everyone.

St Andrew's Mass and Assembly of Word and Communion 9:00 am alternate Sundays

St Andrew's statue roster: **Jan 3rd:** N O'Connor **Jan 10th:** K & J Robertson **Jan 17th:** C Cecil

Timboon	Jan 3rd Mass 10.45am	Jan 9th 6:00 pm Assembly W & C	Jan 17th Mass 10:45 am
Leaders		C Marr, P Martin	
Welcome	F Evans	N McKinnon	J Delaney
Statue	T E O'Connor	D & M Moloney	G & A Vogels
Reader	J McInerney	L McInerney	Joan McKenzie
P.O.F.	R Hoffmann	C Martin	G Delaney
Gifts	B Maslin A McMeel		R McMeel F Evans
M of C	L McInerney G Delaney	J McMeel	C Marr L Tregear
Church Cleaning	R Hoffman P Thornton	R Hoffman P Thornton	R Hoffmann P Thornton
Bulletin Roster			