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Christ's first miracle, which John refers to as a "sign," takes place in the village of Cana in Galilee. The hometown of the disciple Nathaniel but an otherwise insignificant town, Cana was located some eight miles northeast of Nazareth. This miracle is the first in John's series of seven signs by which Jesus manifested his power and glory during his public ministry. Presumably, the "disciples" who accompanied Jesus were Andrew, Simon Peter, Zebedee's sons James and John, Philip, and Nathaniel. Jesus' mother Mary was also present. Joseph is not mentioned in the story and may well have died already. It is also possible that Mary was in some way related to the bride or groom and may have been serving as an assistant to the wedding director. According to a version recounted in the Coptic Gospels, the bridegroom was Simon of Cana, Jesus' disciple and the brother of Jacob and Judah. He was the son of Joseph's brother Cleophas (Helpai) and Mary's elder sister, and, hence, the nephew of both Mary and Joseph. Such weddings usually began on Wednesdays with the celebration lasting for seven days. During this period, guests arrived each day bringing gifts and participating in the joy of the occasion. In verse 3, we read that, in the course of the celebration, "the wine ran short." This was a difficult situation for the young couple, and may indicate that they came from poor families. Among the Jews of that time, wine was not only considered a staple food item, but was also frequently used in times of celebration. To run short of wine at a wedding feast was certainly a serious problem, particularly damaging to the reputation of the host and an ill omen for the newly-married couple.

.....Fr Tony Kadavil

**Words of Wisdom**

"Obedience is my compass in life." 17th century mystic, Mother Agreda. Born in the small town of Soria, her house was converted into a convent. She was the spiritual adviser to King Philip IV of Spain. When St Junípero Serra de Mallorca went to evangelise in the United States, he took only two books with him: The Bible and the *Mystical City of God*, a biography of Our Lady, written by Mother Ágreda.

**5th Sunday Mass** 31st January  
 St Joseph's Timboon 10:45 a.m.

**Parish Leadership Team meeting** on the 19th January at 7:00 p.m. in the Presbytery. Amanda Smith to be present.

**Saint of the Week – St Vincent, deacon, martyr (January 22)**

Born at Huesca, Spain, he became a deacon and served St Valerius at Saragossa until their martyrdom at Valencia during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian (r. 284-305). St Valerius was exiled, but Vincent was cruelly tortured because he would not surrender the holy books. He converted the warden of the prison and then died. He was honored by Sts Augustine, Pope Leo I, and Prudentius, and is considered the patron saint of vine-dressers in some regions of Spain.

**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

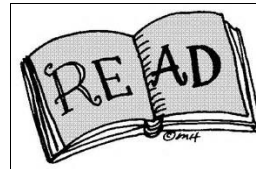
**Our sick:** Ann Ryan, Terry McMeel, Pat Gaut, Sarah Vogels, Bailey Delaney, Ann Dodd, Kade Ryan, Nicky Simmons, Andrew Cook, Frank Vogels, Nancy Nugent, John Hunt, Frances Hammett.

**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

**Bishop's Christmas collection** \$417.80 raised. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

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

**St Andrew's statue roster:** **January 17th:** C Cecil **January 24th:** J Wetemans  
**January 31st:** F & B Wouters **February 7th:** G Swierczek

Timboon	Jan 17th Mass 10:45 am	Jan 23rd 6:00 pm Assembly W & C	Jan 31st Mass 10:45 am
Leaders		P Nicholson C Martin	
Welcome	J Delaney	L Tregea	G Delaney
Statue	G & A Vogels	G & M Townsend	N & P Haugh
Reader	Joan McKenzie	C Marr	C Martin
P.O.F.	G Delaney	K Currell	A Denny
Gifts	R McMeel F Evans		A McKenzie D Denny
M of C	C Marr L Tregea	M Leske	K Currell R McMeel
Church Cleaning	R Hoffmann P Thornton	R Hoffmann P Thornton	R Hoffmann P Thornton
Bulletin Roster			