



**St Joseph's Parish Timboon**  
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**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. Fr Peter Murnane 0478 761 231



**Parish Leadership Team:**  
**Moderator:** Jean McMeel  
**Members:** Marlene van Nieuwkerk, Katrina Currell, Gerard Vogels, Charles Martin, Pat Nicholson and Joanne Robertson  
**Parish Secretary:** George Swierczek

**Welcome to Amanda Smith** from the Diocese who is conducting a program for primary aged children this morning, and continuing into the afternoon with lunch and a Nativity play. Thanks to Annie Currell and Rachael O'Connor for being part of this day.

**Ecumenical Service:** Sunday, Dec 4th, 7.30 pm. at Port Campbell Baptist Church. All Welcome. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

**St. Joseph's Parish** is hosting the ecumenical lunch on Wed. 7th Dec. 12 noon. Fr. Murnane is the guest speaker.

**Ecumenical Church Service:** Wed Dec 7th Timboon and District Healthcare. Contact E O'Connor

**Carols by Candlelight:** Fri Dec 16th, 8pm Timboon Amphitheatre. Senior Citizens Rooms if wet.

**Anointing of the Sick and Frail** will be held at the Masses at St Joseph's and St Andrew's on Sunday Dec 18th

**Carols by Candlelight:** Sun Dec 18th. Venue: 12 Apostles boardwalk.

**Columban calendars** are on sale \$10 ea.

**Christmas Masses**

Dec 24th:  
 St Joseph's: 6pm  
 St Andrew's: 8pm



**Second Sunday in Advent.** On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger.



**The Story of the First Christmas Crib**

St Francis of Assisi wanted to make the story of Jesus' coming real for the people in a little village in Greccio, Italy. Together with the other Brothers he prepared an old stable. This was all done secretly. On the night of Christmas Eve, as the first star shone, Francis led the people to this table without saying a word. What a surprise met them! There in the manger lay a sleeping baby. Looking down lovingly was a gentle mother with 'Joseph' standing by to protect them. A furry donkey crowded closely. Watching also was an ox and a little lamb. Silently the people looked, astonished. Then someone said, "*This is like Bethlehem, and we are like the shepherds who came to see Jesus.*" News of the nativity scene in Greccio spread.

Soon wood carvers began to etch out little figures for manger scenes. Others formed beautifully coloured figures and animals in ceramics. Now, all over the world in churches homes museums, in small towns and in big cities, manger scenes can be found which today we call a "*crib.*"

**Our sick:** Terry McMeel, Pat Gaut, Sarah Vogels, Bailey Delaney, Ann Dodd, Andrew Cook, Frank Vogels, Heather Paton, Tania Vogels, Margaret Dillon, Xavier Reicha.

**December Anniversaries:** Toni Lathouwers, Shelia Freeman, Carmel Baxter, Enid Boyle, Brain Fleming, Ciril Karo, Lilian McCluskey, James McCluskey, Sr Christina Madden, Brain Parsons, Darryn Tregaea, Maggie Tregaea, Theodora Vogels, Ann Dodd, Winnie O'Keefe, Ad Vogels, Harold Craven, Pat Bourke.



**Dec 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

What Is the Immaculate Conception? Development of the Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception Because of the doctrine of Original Sin, some in the West began to believe that Mary could not have been sinless unless she had been saved from Original Sin at the moment of her conception (thus making the conception "immaculate"). Others, however, including St. Thomas Aquinas, argued that Mary could not have been redeemed if she had not been subject to sin—at least, to Original Sin. The answer to St. Thomas Aquinas's objection, as Blessed John Duns Scotus (d. 1308) showed, was that God had sanctified Mary at the moment of her conception in His foreknowledge that the Blessed Virgin would consent to bear Christ. In other words, she too had been redeemed—her redemption had simply been accomplished at the moment of her conception, rather than (as with all other Christians) in Baptism.

**St Andrew's statue roster:** 4th Dec. J & P de Jong 11th Dec A & J O'Connor

Timboon	4th Dec 10.45 am Mass	10th Dec 6:00 p.m. Assembly of W & C	18th Dec 10.45am Mass
Welcome	J Delaney	P Haugh	G Delaney
Leaders		R Hoffmann T O'Connor	
Statue	P & C Martin	S Nguyen	M Turner
Reader	Joan McKenzie	C Marr	C Martin
P.O.F.	L McInerney	J McInerney	J McKenzie
Gifts	Bullen Family		A & R Hoffmann
M of C	K Currell M Leske	E Roberts	R & A McMeel
Church cleaning	M Turner.	M Turner	M Turner
Bulletin	A McMeel C Marr	A McMeel C Marr	A McMeel C Marr
Slides	P Nicholson.	P Nicholson	P Nicholson