



**St Joseph's Parish Timboon**  
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**St. Andrew's Simpson**  
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**Christmas Masses**

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



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

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



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

There are bottles of **Holy Water** available at the back of the Church for you to take home if you wish.

**Columban calendars** are on sale \$10 ea. At each church.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*The lighting of the candles of the Advent Wreath takes place after the Greeting at the beginning of the Sunday celebration.*



**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."

**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

**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.



**History of the Christmas Tree.**

Christmas trees are a central part of Christmas celebrations around the world. Families gather around them to exchange gifts, cities put them up in squares and town halls, you'll find them in nearly every hotel and shopping mall... The first use of Christmas trees as they're known today dates back to the 1500's. Some claim the tree originated in Germany in the mid 1500's, others claim it was Latvia in the early 1500's, and a few even believe in a legend that St. Boniface created the Christmas tree in the 7th century.



**St Andrew's statue roster:** 11th Dec : A & J O'Connor 18th Dec: K & J Robertson

**St Andrew's, Simpson** have either Mass or Assembly of W & C each Sunday at 9 am.

Timboon	10th Dec 6:00 p.m. Assembly of W & C	18th Dec 10.45am Mass	24th Dec 6pm Mass
Welcome	P Haugh	G Delaney	M van Nieuwkerk
Leaders	R Hoffmann T O'Connor		
Statue	S Nguyen	M Turner	B Moloney
Reader	C Marr	C Martin	P Nicholson
P.O.F.	J McInerney	J McKenzie	M Leske
Gifts		A & R Hoffmann	O'Connor Family
M of C	E Roberts	R & A McMeel	A Vogels C Bullen
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