



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

A warm welcome is extended to Fr Denis Ryan, parishioners and visitors to our parish, as we gather to celebrate Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.



THANK YOU to Fr Denis for celebrating Mass with us and for all who helped in preparing our churches and grounds for the celebration of Christmas.

Thanks to all our volunteers for their generous contribution and commitment to the Parish during the year. So many people give so generously of their time and talents.

The Leadership Team would like to invite any children at this Mass in Timboon to gather around the crib during the reading of the Gospel and the singing of Silent Night.

Fr Peter will be on sick leave until some time in January. We wish him well with his recovery. We will remember him in our prayers.

Lenten Books. Katrina Currell is taking orders for 2017. Books ordered before 31st Dec will be discounted.

'It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.'
 Mother Teresa

Christmas Wishes: The Parish Leadership Team would like to wish Fr, Parishioners, their families and our visitors all the joys and blessing of this Christmas



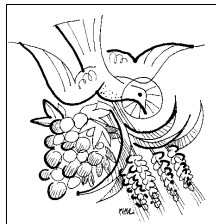
Jean McMeel, Moderator for the community-led Parish of Timboon, will be moving to live in Warrnambool in mid-January. The current commissioned term for the Moderator and members of the Parish Leadership Team is until the end of March 2017. Following consultation, Bishop Paul Bird has proposed that Jean remain as Moderator and as a Leadership Team member until the end of her term. This will enable time for the discernment of a new member of the Leadership Team. There will be more information about this in January. Many thanks to Jean for all she has done and continues to do in the Parish.



Amanda Smith, Diocesan Parish Liaison,

Sacramental Program 2017.

In case you missed the notices in the school newsletters, Early in 2017 St. Joseph's Parish, Timboon will commence a program to prepare children in yrs 2,3 or older in 2017 for the sacraments after Baptism. For further information please send a text message **immediately to 0428983252.** Include names of the child and at least name of one parent with postal address and contact number. Thank You. Ruth Hoffmann,



Our sick: Pat Gaut, Bailey Delaney, Andrew Cook, Frank Vogels, Heather Paton, Tania Vogels, Margaret Dillon, Xavier Reicha. Albert Van Es.

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, Clem Lourey



Christmas Appeal 2016 - from Bishop Paul Bird

Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have bonds with the diocese of Ballarat. I commend the Christmas Appeal to you and to your Parishioners. 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. The distributions of monies is listed on the back notice boards.
Collection after Masses.

National Year of Youth. The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (3rd December 2017), as a **national Year of Youth.**

The Year of Youth invites the Church into prayerful discernment about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the local Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focused on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life.

St Andrew's statue roster: 25th Dec: C Cecil Jan 1st J Weteman Jan 8th: F & B Wouters. Jan 15th: G Swierczek

Timboon	24th Dec 6pm Mass	Jan 1st	Jan 7th Ass Of W and C
Welcome	M van Nieuwkerk	P Haugh	K Currell
Leaders			C Marr P Martin
Statue	B Moloney	B Moloney	T & E O'Connor
Reader	J Mclnerney	P Nicholson	E O'Connor
P.O.F.	M Leske	C Marr	T O'Connor
Gifts	O'Connor Family	A & R Hoffmann	
M of C	A Vogels C Bullen	T & E O'Connor	L Tregaea
Church cleaning	M Turner	C Bullen, B Moloney	C Bullen, B Moloney
Bulletin	A McMeel C Marr		
Slides	P Nicholson	A Vogels	A Vogels