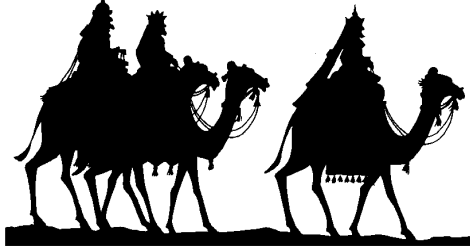




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Three Wise Women: While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest this question, "Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?" When he professed his ignorance, she told him: "God knows men are too proud to ask directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts!"

Dedication of the Loreto Window at All Saints' Parish Church, Portland

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul to give thanks for the presence and ministry of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Portland and the dedication of the Loreto Window in All Saints' Parish Church on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10.30am. Light lunch will follow at the Parish House. RSVP by January 13, 2017 to PO Box 210, Portland, 3305 or email: portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au

The Greek word **Epiphany** (**epiphanos**), 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 to all mankind. 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**.

In the Western Church, the feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

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 the 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, thus revealing his Divinity. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

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: Bailey Delaney, Andrew Cook, Frank Vogels, Heather Paton, Tania Vogels, Margaret Dillon, Xavier Reicha and Albert van Es.

January Anniversaries: Madge Boyle, Vera Hickey, Bill Haig, Brian Fleming, Patrick F Nicholson, Greg O'Flynn, Laurie Loft, Peg Duffy, Nancy Nugent and Jim Rylance Snr.

Recent Death: Pat Gaut



PRAYER REQUESTS

January 9th

Baptism of Our Lord

"This is My Beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased"



JESUS' BAPTISM

St Andrew's statue roster:

Jan 8th: F & B Wouters.

Jan 15th: G Swierczek

Jan 22nd: M & M Dillon

St Andrew's, Simpson have either a Mass or Assembly of Word and Communion each Sunday at 9 am.

Timboon	7th Jan 6:00 p.m. Assembly of W & C	15th Jan Mass 10:45 a.m.	21st Jan 6:00 pm Assembly of W & C
Welcome	K Currell	P Martin	A McMeel
Leaders	C Marr P Martin		P Nicholson C Martin
Statue	T & E O'Connor	D & M Moloney	G & A Vogels
Reader	E O'Connor	T O'Connor	M van Nieuwkerk
P.O.F.	T O'Connor	E O'Connor	R Hoffmann
Gifts		J & L McInerney	
M of C	L Tregea	R & A McMeel	P Martin
Church cleaning	C Bullen, B Moloney	C Bullen, B Moloney	C Bullen, B Moloney
Bulletin			
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	A Vogels