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The Light She Lit Is Still Burning.

Mother Teresa gives us a beautiful example of a man who was brought out of darkness into the light.

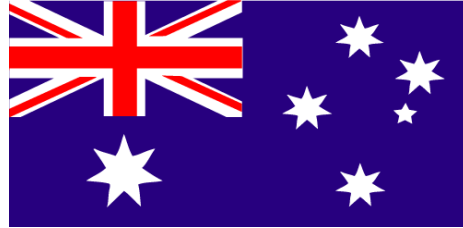
One day in Melbourne, Australia, she visited a poor man whom nobody knew existed. The room in which he was living was in a terrible state of untidiness and neglect. There was no light in the room. The man hardly ever opened the blinds. He hadn't had a friend in the world. She started to clean and tidy the room. At first he protested, saying, "Leave it alone. It's all right as it is." But she went ahead anyway.

Under a pile of rubbish she found a beautiful oil lamp but it was covered with dirt. She cleaned and polished it.

Then she asked him, "How come you never light the lamp?" "Why should I light it?" he replied. "No one ever comes to see me. I never see anybody." "Will you promise to light it if one of my sisters comes to see you?" "Yes," he replied. "If I hear a human voice I'll light the lamp."

Two of Mother Teresa's nuns began to visit him on a regular basis. Things gradually improved for him. Then one day he said to the nuns, "Sisters, I'll be able to manage on my own from now on. But do me a favour. Tell that first Sister, who came to see me, that the light she lit in my life is still burning." Flor McCarthy in *New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies*; (quoted by Fr. Botelho)

Father Tony Kadavil



Grant we pray O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives.
 (Collect for Australia Day)

Rite of Election

The **Rite of Election** is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community and one which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. This applies to both adults and children of catechetical age. The Rite of Election for catechumens, candidates and children of catechetical age will take place on SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 at 12.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The presider will be Bishop Paul Bird CSsR. At the conclusion of the ceremony all are invited to join the Bishop in St Patrick's Hall.

Also for your information, the **Mass of the Oils** will take place on Monday, April 10, 2017 and involvement of your Catechumens and candidates is invited. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Julie Boyd (ph. 5337 7159)

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: Catherine Dendle



PRAYER REQUESTS



Combined communities' Mass on 29th January at St Joseph's

Timboon, 10:45 a.m. Lunch following Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

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

St Andrew's statue roster:
 January 22nd: G Swierczek
 January 29th: N & E Weel
 February 5th : P & J de Jong

Saint of the Week: St Thomas Aquinas
 28th January

Timboon	21st January 6:00 p.m. Saturday Assembly of W & C	29th January 10:45 a.m. Mass	5th February Mass 10:45 a.m.
Welcome	A McMeel	F Evans	N McKinnon
Leaders	P Nicholson C Martin		
Statue	G & A Vogels	G & M Townsend	N & P Haugh
Reader	M van Nieuwkerk	N McKinnon	G Delaney
P.O.F.	R Hoffmann	G Delaney	A Vogels
Gifts		O'Connor Family	N & P Haugh
M of C	P Martin	J & L McInerney	K Currell M Van Nieuwkerk
Church cleaning	R Hoffmann P Thornton	R Hoffmann P Thornton	L Tregear S Berry
Bulletin			P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	P Nicholson