



Parish of Timboon  
 St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson  
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**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Andrew Cook, Frank Vogels, Tania Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Anne Dodd, Fletcher Densley.  
**May Anniversaries:** Shirley Freeman, John Gaut, William Delahenty, Carolina Gagel, John Evans, John Conheady, Patrick Hession, Park Kennedy, Peter Vu, Harry Gatens, Merle Ludeman, Elsie O'Donnell, Fr Barry Stickland, Cath Howman



**Welcome Father Neville Stanislaus** who is celebrating Masses at St Andrew's Simpson and St Joseph's Timboon today.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
 2017: 28 May – 4 June 2017**

**“Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us” (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20)**

The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January. Those dates were proposed in 1908 by Paul Wattson to cover the days between the Feasts of St Peter and St Paul, and therefore have a symbolic significance. Here in the southern hemisphere where January is a vacation time churches often find other days to celebrate the week of prayer, for example around Pentecost (suggested by the Faith and Order movement in 1926), which is a symbolic date for the unity of the Church. In 2017 the Week of Prayer in Australia will be observed from 28 May - 4 June in the week between Ascension and Pentecost.

Communities can observe the week of prayer in their own worship for each day during the week may draw material for these services from the 'eight days'. Materials will be in the church foyers for you.

Feast day **Our Lady Help of Christians**  
 24th May (Patroness of Australia)

**Dear Friends,**

My name is Neville Stanislaus and originally came from the Northern Province of Ceylon (Sri Lanka). It is a Peninsula and the city is called Jaffna. I joined the seminary after year 12 and had my ordination in 1990 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna. After serving the Jaffna diocese for 12 years, I was sent to Australia in 2002 to do my priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. In 2008 when I completed my term in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, I decided not to get back to my country. In the meantime Bishop Peter Connors welcomed me into the diocese of Ballarat and sent me as a supply priest to Camperdown Parish while Fr. Denis Dennehey was on sick leave.

In 2009, the year I first came to this diocese, I was not sure about my future, whether to go to Canada, where my family is, or to stay here where my friends are. Finally I decided to stay in the diocese with my friends. You know those 7 years in the diocese, gave me enough time to reflect and prepare myself for the ministry. I can only say I am ready and with your support I am going to have an enjoyable and fruitful ministry in this new parish.

Thank you for welcoming me into your Parish and May the good Lord bless you and keep you in His care all the years to come.

**Neville**

**Contacting the Parish and Priest** Please contact the Timboon Parish Secretary George Swierczek preferably on 0439 145 805, as needed. You can leave a message if you get the office answer machine - both phones are regularly checked and George will follow up the matter. He will make contact as needed with Fr Neville Stanislaus (Parish Priest) or Fr Peter Murnane (Visiting Priest, residing at Timboon.)  
 Contact details: Parish Secretary George Swierczek 0439 145 805 or 5598 3193 (Parish Office) or email: timboon@ballarat.catholic.org.au



**The Sacramental Program (Reconciliation)**

Thanks to Ruth Hoffmann for her work, time and dedication in the preparation of the Sacramental programs. The parish appreciates her connection with the children and parents during this significant and important part of their lives. We thank all of those involved in these ministries and their donation of their time and effort.

<b>Simpson</b>	<b>21st May 9am Mass</b>	<b>28th May</b>	<b>4th June 9am Mass</b>
Statue	F & B Wouters	G Swierczek	M & M Dillon
<b>Timboon</b>	<b>21st May 10.45am Mass</b>	<b>27th May 6pm</b>	<b>4th June 10.45am Mass</b>
Welcome	P Martin	A McMeel	F Evans
Leaders		R Hoffmann A Vogels	
Statue	C & P Martin	S Nguyen	M Turner
Reader	N McKinnon	K Currell	G Delaney
P.O.F.	E O'Connor	T O'Connor	R Hoffmann
Gifts	A & R Hoffmann		T & E O'Connor
M of C	G Delaney M vanNieuwkerk	A McMeel	E Roberts M Leske
Church Cleaning	A McMeel	A McMeel	K Currell K Delaney
Bulletin	C Marr A McMeel	C Marr A McMeel	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	A Vogels