



Parish of Timboon
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Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Tania Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane

August Anniversaries: Vin O'Connor, Ettie McKinnon, Frank Maguire, Mary Wintle, Mary Maslin, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Fr. Brendan Davey, Norah Place, Josie Bird, Pat Carey, Annie and Dick Bartlett, Margaret Grayson .

Recent Deaths: Theresa Dickman, Kath Trotter



Dear Friends,
 Over the past few years, we have all been keenly aware of the proceedings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Commission has highlighted the need to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered abuse and to do all we can to ensure that children are safe now and in the future. I would like to share with you some points about what our diocese is doing in this regard.

For those who have suffered abuse we offer ongoing support by way of funding counselling to help them address the impact of abuse in their lives. We also seek to respond as quickly as possible to claims for compensation.

We realize that court proceedings can be a traumatic experience. So we endeavour to find simpler ways to resolve claims. Once the necessary basic information is available, we seek to negotiate prompt settlements through meetings that are less formal than a court. To assist claimants while claims are being addressed, we offer to fund counselling and psychological care of their choice.

If we are not able to resolve the claim through this less formal process, and the claimant begins litigation, we seek to cooperate fully as indicated in the guidelines from the Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council. For example, we do not require a claimant to prove a matter which we know to be true or have accepted as true. We also respond without delay in providing documents required in the process of litigation. Throughout this time we take every opportunity to resolve the dispute by negotiation so as to avoid the need for a court hearing.

In earlier years, those wishing to make a claim against a diocese have found it difficult to identify someone to respond to the claim. To help claimants in this, I have made myself a defendant as a representative of the diocese of Ballarat. I have also made myself available as a defendant on behalf of the bishops of Ballarat before me. I am currently named as a defendant in cases relating to the years when Bishop O'Collins and Bishop Mulkearns were Bishops of

Ballarat.

For those who have suffered abuse I offer an apology as well as financial compensation and the funding of ongoing counselling if they wish. For children and young people in the Church's care today, we have put processes in place to keep them safe, in our parishes, in our schools and anywhere they are in our care. Our policies and procedures for safeguarding are on our diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au under the heading "Professional Standards". Child safeguarding officers have been appointed throughout the diocese and we are providing face-to-face and online training so that those with the care of children know their responsibilities well. May Christ, who cared for young people so much, guide us in our care for those who have suffered child abuse and help us to keep the young members of our community safe now and always.
 Paul Bird CSSR

The proposed Mass times are follows:

Simpson/Timboon (alternating)

2nd Sunday & 4th Sunday 9.00 am

5th Sunday 9.00 am **Simpson/Timboon**

(alternating) If Simpson & Timboon want an extra mass for each church, the only option is on Saturday morning, 9.00am or 10.00 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Clergy Support Fund.....3rd September

Child Protection Week... 'See Me, Hear Me'

.....4-10th September

Child Protection Sunday/Day of Prayer and Penance.....10th September

Ignite Conference.....21-24 September

Social Justice Sunday/Caritas Famine Appeal.....24th September

Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal 2017

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal will be held in this parish on Sept 3rd. The BCSF Committee is very grateful for the support you give each year to the promotion of this appeal, and requests your assistance again this year.

The appeal has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$60,000 last year. This shows a tremendous generosity by the people of the diocese, for which the priests are very grateful. Envelopes available.

Child Protection Sunday Resources

In response to a request from Pope Francis, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has set aside Sunday, September 10, 2017, Child Protection Sunday, as a Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse. Resources have been sent to parishes and are also available from the diocesan website under "Liturgy Resources" www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

"Help me to walk in your light, and live my life in your faith."

Timboon	Sept 3rd Mass 10:45 a.m.	Sept 9th 6pm. Assembly of W & C	Sept 17th Mass 10:45 a.m.
Welcome	F Evans	N McKinnon	J & D Delaney
Leaders		R Hoffmann K Currell	
Statue	T & E O'Connor	D M Moloney	G & M Townsend
Reader	M van Nieuwerkerk	J McInerney	A Denny
P.O.F.	C Martin	D Denny	N Denny
Gifts	S Berry L Tregear		M Turner, E Roberts
M of C	A McMeel R McMeel	C Marr	C Bullen, T O'Connor
Church Cleaning	E Roberts	E Roberts	E Roberts
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	Sept 3rd Mass Mass 9:00 a.m.	Sept 10th 9am Assembly of W & C.	Sept 17th Mass 9:00 a.m
Statue	N O'Connor	K & J Robertson	C Cecil