



Parish of Timboon
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Dear friends,
 The Season of Advent: It's a time traditionally marked for remembering the years of preparation and consecration prior to the coming of the Messiah. For many centuries, the Church has identified the beginning of the Christmas celebration with a time of reflection and expectation called Advent. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival" and, when used in combination with Christmas, reminds us of the anticipation and expectation held over hundreds of years by the people of Israel for their Messiah and promised King.

For centuries before Christ, Hebrew Rabbis methodically and passionately taught the Jewish people that the Messiah was coming. They taught that the people should be ready to embrace their King when he appeared. They emphasized the need for holy living and obedience to God's law. Today, we mark Advent in the Christian church with the display of a wreath - its circle reminds us of God Himself, eternal and endlessly merciful. It is evergreen - reminding us of the hope of eternal life. The four outer candles incorporated into the display represent the time of waiting and preparation for the Messiah during the four Sundays of Advent. The lighting of the candles reminds us of the Light of world, and the prophetic promise of His coming. So let us prepare ourselves spiritually to receive Jesus into our hearts and obtain his blessings. - Neville.



St. Joseph's Parish, Timboon.
 Invites you to the annual Ecumenical Advent Service Sunday **December 3rd** at 7:30 p.m.
 Bring a plate of supper to share.
 RSVP - Katrina Currell at 03 5598 3443

Ecumenical Lunch. You are invited to the Ecumenical Lunch in the Uniting Church, **Wed Dec 6th** at Midday. \$5.00 entry. Please bring a plate of food to share. RSVP 4th Dec Joy Kerr 55983857

Parish Pastoral Council
 Meeting to be held in Presbytery on Tues **Dec 12th** at 5.30pm
 If parishioners have an item they would like discussed please contact secretary.



Parish Finance Committee Meeting to be held in presbytery on Thurs **Dec 14th** at 6pm.

Carols by Candlelight: Fri Dec 22nd, 8pm Timboon Amphitheatre. Senior Citizens Rooms if wet.

Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Tania Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, and John McKenzie



December Anniversaries: Trudy Arnold, Toni Lathouwers, Shelia Freeman, Carmel Baxter, Enid Boyle, Brian Fleming, Ciril Karo, Lilian & James McCluskey, Sr Christina Madden, Brain Parsons, Darryn Tregaea, Maggie Tregaea, Theodore Vogels, Ann Dodd, Winnie O'Keefe, A Vogels, Harold Craven, Pat Bourke, Carmel Brennan, Terry McMeel



Advent Wreath Banner

Download our pattern for a space saving wreath banner. Suitable for cloth, or cardboard and coloured paper. Available at CathFamily.org.



What is the Immaculate Conception?

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original

Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—her birth—on September 8; nine months before that is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Xt3 Advent Calendar App

The 2017 Xt3 Advent Calendar App and Website FREE and available. The first door of the Calendar will open on December 3, 2017, the first Sunday of Advent. Go to: <http://www.xt3.com/advent/>

Timboon	Dec 3rd Mass Simpson	Dec 10th 10 a.m Ass of W & C	Dec 17th 9am Mass
Welcome		M van Nieuwkerk	G Delaney
Leaders		R Hoffman C Marr	
Statue		N Haugh P Haugh	G & M Townsend
Reader		C Martin	P Nicholson
P.O.F.		J McInerney	L McInerney
Gifts			A & R Hoffmann
M of C		A McMeel	E Roberts, A Vogels
Church Cleaning	M Turner	M Turner	M Turner
Bulletin	C Marr A McMeel	C Marr A McMeel	C Marr A McMeel
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Dec 3rd , 9 a.m. Mass	Dec 10th 9 a.m. Ass of W & C	Dec 17th Mass - Timboon
Statue	F & B Wouters	G Swierczek	M & M Dillon