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THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,

As we draw toward the end of another year, I'd like to say thank you to all those who have assisted in many ways in the day-to-day activity of our Parish. Your support, love and care help to reflect Christ's love to so many people whose lives are touched by the ministries and service of this parish. I greatly appreciated your help, dedication and commitment towards our parish. I take this chance to express my gratitude to the secretaries of our Parish, and Parish Leadership Teams of Camperdown and Timboon, all the volunteers who help do the liturgy on every weekend. It gives me confidence that we will continue our collaborative journey of faith next year and grow in the understanding of witnessing Jesus, what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Thank you so much for volunteering. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you again also for all Christmas wishes and the greeting cards you sent me. Thank you also for your continued support to this wonderful parish. May the Lord bless you and your families at this special time of the year. Wishing you all a wonderful New Year
 Fr Neville

Lenten booklets Please let Katrina Currell know 5598 3443 if you will participate in the Lenten programme so she can place an order:

Chalking the Door

A New Year's or Epiphany House Blessing.

The practice of writing a special code over the entrance to a home with blessed chalk is a centuries-old traditional blessing of a home each January. It's a reminder of God's presence in our daily lives and a dedication of the year and everything that will happen during it, to God. It's also great witness for our guests.

Take a stick of chalk that's been blessed, (traditionally this was done after Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany in early January) and mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying: *The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*

Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedictat*, "May Christ bless the house."

The Baptism of the Lord, 8th January is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

A New Magi Story: In this story the three wise men, Caspar, Balthazar and Melchior, were three different ages. Caspar was a young man, Balthazar a middle-aged man and Melchior an elderly man. They found a cave where the Holy One was and entered, one at a time, to do him homage. Melchior, the old man, entered first. He found an old man like himself in the cave. They shared stories and spoke of memory and gratitude. Middle-aged Balthazar entered next. He found a man his own age there. They spoke passionately about leadership and responsibility. Young Gaspar was the last to enter. He found a young prophet waiting for him. They spoke about reform and promise. Afterward when the three kings spoke to each other about their encounter with the Christ, they were shocked at each other's stories. So they got their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh together and all three went into the cave. They found a Baby there, the infant Jesus only twelve days old. There is a deep message here. Jesus reveals himself to all people, at all stages of their lives, whether they are Jew or Gentile..... (Fr. Pellegrino).

| Timboon | Jan 7th 9:00 a.m. (Mass Simpson) | Jan 14th 10am Ass of W & C | Jan 21st 9:00 a.m. Mass |
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| Welcome | | P Martin | A McMeel |
| Leaders | | K Currell, M Van Nieuwkerk | |
| Statue | C & P Martin | M Turner | B Moloney |
| Reader | | E O'Connor | N McKinnon |
| P.O.F. | | R Hoffmann | C Martin |
| Gifts | | | D & N Denny |
| M of C | | A McMeel | E Roberts C Bullen |
| Church Cleaning | R Hoffmann P Thornton | R Hoffmann P Thornton i\\ | R Hoffmann P Thornton i\\ |
| Bulletin | No Bulletin | No Bulletin | No Bulletin |
| Slides | A Vogels | A Vogels | A Vogels |
| Simpson | Mass 9:00 a.m. | 9 a.m. Assembly | Closed |
| Statue | A & J O' Connor | N O'Connor | K & L Robertson |