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**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, John McKenzie, Geoff Townsend

**February Anniversaries:** M McMeel, M van Nieuwkerk, W Churchill, P O'Connor, N Kennedy, J McMeel, P Maslin, N Pekin, S Boyle, F Hammett, C O'Connor, J Colman, J Delaney, E Maguire, J Fowler, G Bell, J Vogels



Dear Friends,  
 In today's gospel we see another miracle like the one we had last weekend. Jesus cures a leper. A leper approached Jesus, knelt down and asked him to make himself clean. Jesus was moved with pity and made him clean. Then he asked the man not to tell anyone but to go and show himself to the priest, make an offering for proof as Moses prescribed. He went away and began to tell everyone about his healing. Here Jesus does the unthinkable for a Rabbi. He interacts with the Leper, stretches out his hand and touches him. His actions show his compassion and love for the Leper. He heals the Leper so he may be reinstated into the community as a child of God. What Jesus seeks in us are not our mistakes, failures or sins but our contrition and desire to be healed and to become God's children. So to become as God's children we have to be like the Leper in the gospel, seek Jesus with an expectant faith. We have to take the initiative and ask him to heal our hearts from bitterness, our minds from revenge, our lips from lies, our hands from hurting and our lives from selfishness. Let us ask like the Leper in the gospel, Lord 'If you want to Lord, make me clean'. We also ask him to give his power and grace to live a life that is proof of our inner healing. .... Neville  
**We welcome the season of Lent with a good spirit.**

Lenten season is moment of grace for all of us to make a pilgrimage into our interior life, where we encounter the Lord and open our hearts to His transforming love. In the forty days of journey, the Church provides us the necessary weapons in order for us to overcome temptations; i.e. fasting- how we will die to our selfish desires, prayer - how we will strengthen our communion with God ,and almsgiving- how we will express our greater love for our neighbour. Jesus comes to our rescue to set us free from the powers of the devil. He faced the devil directly and battled with him. He disarmed him of his weapons using the Word of God.....

Quoting the Scriptures, Jesus shows us that the truth revealed in the Word of God is more powerful than the snares of the devil. We cannot defeat the devil with our strength but with the power of God. Following Jesus we can be victorious over all our temptations, with faith that we belong to Christ and He is at our side to defend our cause. We don't live by the bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us give ourselves, a time to reflect and meditate on the Word of God and convert to the Lord with great sincerity so that God will give us the grace and courage to change our interior life to gain eternal life

**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, FEBRUARY 17, 2018 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 for a light lunch. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**ACBC Days of Fasting and Reparation Liturgy/Prayer Resources, Lent 2018**

The Australian Catholic bishops have proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the following Saturday (February 14-17) Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims. The Days of Fasting and Reparation are an authentically Catholic response to supplement those efforts. Resources are available from the news section (front page) of the diocesan website .

**Sacramental Program 2018**

Fr Neville will be at St Joseph's at 8:00pm, on Monday March 5th for the parent information meeting. Their children will be preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and first Eucharist to be celebrated on Sunday July 29th. For information contact Ruth Hoffmann 0429 983 253.

**Chanel College 60th anniversary**

Chanel College 60th anniversary reunion for students of the Marist Fathers era (1958-1970). For details send your email to [chanel.geelong@gmail.com](mailto:chanel.geelong@gmail.com) or your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218.

**14th Ash Wednesday** Mass at St Joseph's Timboon 9:30 a.m.

**Stations of the Cross** Friday 16th February at 12 noon at St Joseph's Timboon. Contact Katrina Currell 55983445. **Lenten program** Lenten Group starts Friday 16th Feb 10.30am at Mary Price's house, 10 Church Street Timboon.

**Caritas Project Compassion** envelopes now available in both churches. Please give generously.

Timboon	11th February 10:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	18th February 9:00am Mass	25th February 10:00 a.m. Assembly W & C
Welcome	F Evans	N McKinnon	L Tregea
Leaders	T O'Connor C Martin		C Marr C Bullen
Statue	G & M Townsend	N & P Haugh	M van Nieuwkerk
Reader	R Hoffmann	J McInerney	J McInerney
P.O.F.	N Denny	M van Nieuwkerk	P Nicholson
Gifts		S Berry & L Tregea	
M of C	L McInerney	K Currell & A McMeel	E Roberts
Church Cleaning	L Tregea S Berry	L Tregea S Berry	L Tregea S Berry
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Assembly W &amp; C</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Assembly W &amp; C</b>
Statue	G Swierczek	M & M Dillon	G N & E Weel