



Parish of Timboon
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Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018:
The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Bayan is a young Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference: Catholic women of all ages from all over Australia will gather for a weekend of prayer, formation, keynote talks and workshops to strengthen their faith and build community with other women and encourage a deeper and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Conference will be held from March 16-18 in Sydney.

In Today's Gospel the evangelist John presents to us the humanness of Jesus. He saw that the temple was being used as a market place rather than a place of worship. Here Jesus was offended and angry. So he reclaims the temple as His Father's house. In the process he uses physical force to clean the church. The cleaning of the temple tells us three things. Firstly, it is a place of worship. Worship in the church should be done with reverence and love. Hence, we go to church to worship and for the celebration of the sacraments, to pray to God and to join the community in praising and thanking the Lord. Secondly, God wants mercy and not sacrifice. Sacrificial offerings do not replace compassion and charitable works. To love and to forgive are far better than temple rituals. Thirdly, God cannot be confined to the temple. Jesus must be the centre and focal point of our worship. God is present not only in the temple but also in the hearts of people.

By our baptism, we have been cleansed of sin. We have become worthy and made the temples of the Holy Spirit. So we are God's people and His dwelling place. The gospel message for us today is to clean our hearts, the dwelling place of God. As we are approaching the celebration of Easter, we have to take the gospel message seriously and clean our hearts to make a worthy and sacred dwelling place for God.

- Neville.

Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, John McKenzie, Geoff Townsend
March Anniversaries: Charles Boyle, Jeff Lathouwers, Robert Maslin, Brian Smith, Perc Roberts, Mary O'Keeffe, Coleman O'Keeffe, Matthew Delaney, Park Conheady, Kathleen Noonan, Herman Dickmann, Mary Pouw, Paul Couch, Barry Ridsdale, Martin Duynhoven, Geoff Gale, Michael Dodd
Recent Deaths: Francesco Condemi



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 or your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218.

Finance Committee Meeting 8th March, 6:00 p.m. St Joseph's Timboon presbytery



Stations of the Cross St Joseph's Timboon 12:00 p.m. Fridays in Lent

Timboon	4th March Closed	11th March 10:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	18th March Mass 9:00 a.m.
Welcome		K Currell	M van Nieuwkerk
Leaders		A Vogels P Nicholson	
Statue	K Currell	J Delaney	C & P Martin
Reader		C Marr	C Martin
P.O.F.		E O'Connor	T O'Connor
Gifts			M Turner E Roberts
M of C		C Bullen	J & L McInerney
Church Cleaning	J Delaney	J Delaney	J Delaney
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	9:00am Mass	9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	Closed
Statue	P&J de Jong	A & J O'Connor	N O'Connor