



Parish of Timboon
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Dear friends, Last weekend we saw that Jesus appeared to the disciples twice while they were in the upper room. But still the disciples remain sceptical even after the risen Lord Jesus appeared to them a few times and showed them his hands and his feet, as evidence for his resurrection. This time, to be more precise he asks for something to eat. And also, Jesus opens their minds to understand what the scriptures say about his death and resurrection. He declares them as his witnesses who will call people to repent and accept God's forgiveness.

At the Eucharistic celebration, as followers of Jesus, we gather around the Lord's table. We share the meal where we clearly experience the presence of the risen Lord, who draws us together as community and draws us closer to God. The risen Jesus nourishes us with the word of God and with his body and blood. We are nourished, our eyes are opened and we begin to understand how we are summoned to call people to repent and accept God's grace.

The Eucharist is our spiritual meal and also a foretaste for us the Messianic banquet in heaven. Until then, we as followers of Christ, we have to witness to the Lord's presence by proclaiming his Good News and sharing the Eucharistic meal in our witnessing life. So let us take our call seriously as we gather for our celebration and ask the Lord to strengthen us like the Apostles to continue his mission in our life. **life. Neville.**

Next Sunday (Good Shepherd Sunday) is the **World Day of Vocations**. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis reminds us: *'God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.'*

Let us all offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations. midst the daily events of their lives.

Mass Count starts on weekend 12-13 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May/June. It will start on 12-13 May (Week 2 of May) with the Count being done on Weeks 2, 3 and 4 of May and Week 1 of June.

Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends. Thank you. Forms will be available for download next week. If you have any queries please contact

Amanda 5337 7125 or Fran 5337 7154.

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

April Anniversaries: Mick McMeel, George Farmer, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Laurie Dwyer, Joan Rylance, Laurie Loft, Dos Haugh, Ellie Howe, Pat Warner (McGowan), Pam Horan, Cis Roberts, Frank Johnson, Marie McMeel, John Hunt, Pat Delaney



PRAYER REQUESTS

Ruth Hoffman, Parish Safeguarding Officer can be contacted on mobile 0429 983 253

Earth Day 2018, "Coming Together for our Common Home" Earth Day 2018 will be on April 22. For further information see <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/earth-day-2018/> and <https://www.earthday.org/>

Plenary Council 2020 Information is available in the church foyers.

The Diocesan **Working With Children Check...Policy** sets the minimum standard for a Check Card but a Parish may extend the requirements to obtain a Card. St Joseph's Timboon is inviting all our volunteers to obtain a Check Card (as do some other Parishes and institutions). Obtaining a Card is free for volunteers and may be applied for online at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications, then processed at the post office. If you prefer you may make arrangements with the office 0439 145 805 with George Swierczek to assist you in this regard. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Timboon	15th April Mass 9 am	22 April 10 am Assembly of W & C	29th April Mass 9 am
Welcome	A McMeel	F Evans	N McKinnon
Leaders		T O'Connor M van Nieuwkerk	
Statue	D & M Moloney	G & A Vogels	G & M Townsend
Reader	A Vogels	E O'Connor	N McKinnon
P.O.F.	D Denny	N Denny	P Nicholson
Gifts	D & M Moloney		C Bullen P Haugh
M of C	E Roberts R McMeel	C Bullen	T & E O'Connor
Church Cleaning	C Bullen	C Bullen	C Bullen
Bulletin	G Swierczek M Dillon	G Swierczek M Dillon	G Swierczek M Dillon
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Closed	Assembly of W & C 9am	Closed
Statue	M & M Dillon	N & E Weel	G Swierczek