



Parish of Timboon
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Dear friends, This weekend two priests from the Redemptorist Religious Order are going to be with us and celebrating the Eucharist. Their aim is to prepare us for the plenary council by dialogues and discussions. These discussions and dialogues will make us feel that we are part and parcel of the mother church. We are part of the universal church and have the Pope as our head of the church in place of Christ. This unity is essential for the church to continue the mission of Jesus in the world. The gospel reading supports this theme of unity. Here, Jesus compares our relationship with him to a vine and its branches. He is the centre of our foundation. Cutting and detaching ourselves from him will cause us to wither and die. Away from Jesus, we are useless and helpless; we cannot bear fruit. Jesus is our nourishment and our very life. We are called to remain in Jesus to live with him and to be in communion with him. United to Jesus means, we are to be pruned. What is useless and unnecessary in us is cut off. We let go of the excess baggage in our life. The pruning is our self-purification, so that we can be healthy and fruitful for the Lord. We become fruitless branches when we no longer listen to Jesus. We refuse to accept him; we go against his will and rebel against his ways because we are unwilling to forego the comforts and conveniences of our life. We do not bear fruit when we listen to but do not follow his teachings. We pay lip service but do not practice. So let this encounter help us reflect on ourselves and ask the Lord to prune and cut off whatever is unnecessary in our life. Through this self-purification may we be fruitful for the Lord and be able to unite with the mission of the church. – Neville.

A collection will be taken up at Mass today for fire victims.

The Colac CWL are holding a fundraiser screening of "Mary Magdalene" on Sunday May 6th at 2pm, Colac cinemas. All tickets \$15, after noon tea provided. Tickets at box office. Everyone welcome.

St Francis Xavier Parish at Moree are looking for a Statue of St Joseph preferably approximately 1.2mt high if possible for their church. If anyone has or knows of a Statue of St Joseph they would be happy to part with (or possibly sell) could you please let me know asap. It would be lovely if we could help them out, I look forward to hearing from someone soon.

Reminder that all cheques need to be made out to St. Joseph's Parish for banking purposes, not anything else. Thanking you.

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

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

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.

• **Oz Rosary Around Australia** is a campaign of Rosaries on Sunday, May 13th, to pray for faith and protection of our Nation, consecrating our country to Mary.
 • Rosary will be recited in Simpson after Assembly on that Sunday.

Timboon	29th April Mass 9 am	6th May Closed	13th May Ass. Of W & C
Welcome	N McKinnon		L. Tregaea
Leaders			K Currell. M. van
Statue	G & M Townsend	N & P Haugh	M. van Nieuwkerk
Reader	A Denny		T. O'Connor
P.O.F.	P Nicholson		J. McInerney
Gifts	C Bullen P Haugh		
M of C	T & E O'Connor		P. Martin.
Church Cleaning		C. Kerr E. Roberts	C. Kerr E. Roberts
Bulletin	G Swierczek M Dillon	C. Marr A. McMeel.	C. Marr A. McMeel.
Slides	K Currell	A. Vogels.	A. Vogels.
Simpson	Closed	Mass 9 am	Mass 9 am
Statue	P & J de Jong	A & J O'Connor	N. O'Connor