



Parish of Timboon

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This year we celebrate Hope, as our Project Compassion theme.

Something of the mercy of God, present in the manna that kept the Israelites alive on their journey, is echoed in the compelling story of The Purple House from the Western Desert area of Central Australia. The Purple House in Alice Springs provides dialysis and a sense of belonging and welcome for patients from remote areas. The Wellbeing Project at the Purple House helps patients remain connected to their country, family and culture as they undergo treatment. It is a place of compassion and acceptance for patients and families.

This project not only helps patients with their medical needs, it engages the expertise of patients, their families and communities in 'sustainable social enterprises'. One business makes and sells traditional bush balms and soaps. Another is a catering service that uses traditional ingredients. Patients, who are usually elders, train younger people in traditional medicines so that cultural knowledge and skills are kept alive and passed on to future generations.

Michaela is working as a trainee at The Purple House. She cares for the patients as they receive dialysis, and helps them to remain hopeful and connected to country during treatment. In turn, patients pass on traditional knowledge to Michaela who is eager to listen and learn. This passing on of knowledge and the utilisation of family networks provides a space of cultural safety and Dadirri (listening, stillness) at

the Purple House. "It makes me feel very happy that I can help and I can spend time with the patients and learn from them. Also, I love making the bush medicines because that's another part of my culture." Michaela says that making and using the bush balms helps patients to feel a sense of home. What kind of nation might we be if we accepted the gift of Dadirri (listening, stillness) as we encounter one another on the path to wellbeing for all Australians?

Plenary Council Update

The Listening and Dialogue phase is over. What happens now? With the *Listening and Dialogue* phase now complete, the National Centre for Pastoral Research will continue the deep listening process, conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes that have emerged. Then, in May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will work together with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment. Those themes will become the focus for the *Listening and Discernment* phase, which will begin from June 9, and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda. More information about the *Listening and Discernment* phase will be available shortly. One of the key aspects of the Plenary Council 2020 is prayer.

Our Sick:

Bailey Delaney, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, Maria Nguyen, Rylie Hutchinson

March Anniversaries:

Charles Boyle, Jeff Lathouwers, Robert Maslin, Brian Smith, Perc Roberts, Mary O'Keefe, Coleman O'Keefe, Matthew Delaney, Park Conheady, Kathleen Noonan, Herman Dickmann, Mary Pouw, Paul Couch, Barry Risdale, Martin Duynhoven, Geff Gale, Michael Dodd

Deaths:

Mary Price



PRAYER REQUESTS

Diocese of Ballarat:

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Hospital visits: If you are interested in joining the team which visits patients in the hospital please contact Patty Martin on 0400 533 734 for information

Remember to collect any appropriate materials from Back of church today.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden
Sunday: 9am **1st Sun.** Simpson
 9am **2nd Sun.** Lismore
 9am **3rd/5th Sun.** Timboon
 9am **4th Sun.** Derrinallum
 (Lay led assembly other weekends)

Stations of the Cross at St Joseph Church, Timboon at 12 noon on the Fridays of lent.

Timboon 2019	March 24th Ass of W & C 10 am	March 31st Mass 9:00am	April 7th Closed
Welcome	N McKinnon	A McMeel	
Leaders	A Vogels R Hoffmann		
Statue	T & E O'Connor	D & M Moloney	D & M Moloney
Reader	N McKinnon	A Denny	
P.O.F.	P Nicholson	C Marr	
Gifts		S & L Tregua	
M of C	E O'Connor	P Martin L McInerney	
Church Cleaning	J Delaney T Vogels	J Delaney T Vogels	Volunteers needed
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	Denny Family
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	K Currell
Simpson	Ass of W & C 9:00 a.m.	Closed	Mass 9:00 am
Statue	G Swierczek	M & M Dillon	N & E Weel