



Parish of Timboon

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

In the first reading next week we learn about the Israelites who kept the Passover during their journey into the desert and how the gift of manna from heaven protected them on their way.

The Gospel story of the forgiving father is perhaps one of the most familiar stories of the New Testament. It is the ultimate explanation of God's persistent love and compassion no matter the faults and failings of humanity. God's mercy is continuously available.

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.

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 cultural knowledge and the utilisation of family networks provides a space of cultural safety and Dadirri (listening, stillness) at the Purple House.

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?

Last year, with your help, Project Compassion raised around \$11 million. This amount is testament to your

enormous generosity and compassion. Again this year you can make a difference and contribute to hope for the most vulnerable people and their communities, here and around the world. You can make your donation in the collection box or use the donation envelopes on your seat. We can also help you run your own fundraising events.

Committing to something meaningful during Lent is another way to draw closer to God, raise money and stand in solidarity with people in need.

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:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

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

Weekend Mass Times

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

Easter Services times to be advised
 For Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday.

Timboon 2019	March 31st Mass 9:00am	April 7th Closed	April 14th Ass of W & C Palm Sunday
Welcome	A McMeel		P Haugh
Leaders			P Nicholson M van Nieuwkerk
Statue	D & M Moloney	D & M Moloney	G & A Vogels
Reader	A Denny		R Hoffmann
P.O.F.	C Marr		E O'Connor
Gifts	S & L Tregae		
M of C	P Martin L McInerney		J McInerney
Church Cleaning	J Delaney T Vogels	K Currell K Delaney	K Currell K Delaney
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	A Vogels	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Closed	Mass	9:00am
Statue	M & M Dillon	N & E Weel	Ass of W & C A & J O'Connor