



**Parish of Timboon**

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**The Season of Creation**

1 September to 4 October (the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi). *Laudato si'* – on care for our common home, is the second encyclical of Pope Francis. It was released in May 2015 and since that time Pope Francis has made his commitment to the environment and his criticism of consumerism and irresponsible development well known. The season was started by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople in 1989 and the Roman Catholic Church officially participated for the first time in 2016. That year, Pope Francis launched the season at the Vatican, saying, 'we should be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion'.

Now, in 2019, every member of the Christian world is called to engage in this season prayerfully and courageously.

**Involvement**

There are many ways to be involved at both a personal and collective level. Individually, we can start by experiencing and celebrating our own natural environments. I know that I need to grow in this, not being an overly observant or grounded resident on our Common Home.

I do find that saying grace before meals is one of the most powerful actions of awareness and gratitude I know, yet this could easily be extended to other spheres of life. Connected with this, Pope Francis calls us to examine our consciences, to bring to mind our sins against creation and our contribution towards ecological harm.

**Let's Listen & Discern**

*How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:*

- (a) Humble, healing and merciful
- (b) Inclusive, participatory and synodal
- (c) Missionary and evangelising
- (d) Prayerful and Eucharistic
- (e) Open to conversion renewal and reform
- (f) A joyful, hope-filled and servant community

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. There was a call for stronger and more engaging preaching, with an emphasis on the Word of God and connection to daily life, some seeking a uniquely Australian expression of prayer and Eucharistic celebration, drawing from the wisdom and rituals of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and also bringing together the many migrant communities which make up the Church in Australia. There were many divergent expressions of ways in which people and communities encounter God through their experiences of prayer, music and liturgy, and a desire for catechesis, training and formation for those in ministries related to these.

Some of the topics that people talked about this theme:

- Acknowledge Christ's presence in the Eucharist
- Affordable adult faith formation courses
- Authentic faith teaching in Catholic schools

**Our Sick:**

Bailey Delaney, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Maria Nguyen, Rylie Hutchinson, Jane van Es

**August Anniversaries:** Vin O'Connor, Ettie McKinnon, Frank Magiure, Mary Wintle, Mary Maslin, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Fr Brendan Davey, Norah Place, Josie Bird, Pat Carey



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

•Better attention to all aspects of liturgy

•Better Faith formation

•Better formation for liturgical ministries and sacramental programs

•Charismatic spirituality/Contemplative spirituality

•Cultural Masses

•Greater attention to music in the liturgy

•Greater emphasis on prayer and Sacraments

**Welcome today to Bishop Bird**

You are invited to stay after mass to have a cuppa and a chat with all

**Weekend Mass Times**

**Cobden** Saturday: 6.30pm  
**Simpson** Sunday: 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.  
**Lismore** Sunday 9am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.  
**Timboon** Sunday 9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sun.  
 Rosary 8:35 a.m. before Mass  
**Derrinallum** Sunday: 9am 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.  
**Camperdown.** Sunday 11 am

(Lay led assembly other non mass weekends)

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Timboon 2019	August 25th Mass 9.00am	September 1st Closed	September 8th Assembly W&C 10.00am
Welcome	M van Nieukerk		P Haugh
Leaders			T O,Connor A Vogles
Statue	M van Nieukerk		K Currell
Reader	R Hoffmann		J McInerney
P.O.F.	P Nicholson		C Marr
Gifts	E & T O'Connor		
M of C	A McMeel. J McInerney		E Roberts
Church Cleaning	A McMeel		A McMeel
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	C Marr A McMeel	C Marr A McMeel
Slides	A Vogels	Vogels Family	P Nicholson
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Mass 9am</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C</b>
Statue	A & J O'Connor	N O'Connor	K & J Robertson