



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment October:

Humble, Healing and Merciful:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. "How does the Church plan to address the issue of sex offenders within the Church and how will it support its victims?"

"Can we decrease authority in Church hierarchy and give some authority to the people?"

"How do we use Church resources for service to the poor?"

"How can we work to be more welcoming, inclusive, open, kind, loving, forgiving, compassionate, listening, and so build a 'home/community' Church for all, not just an institutional one?"

"How can we make the Church more inclusive of divorced and remarried, LGBTIQ, people with a disability, including the mentally ill, those who have been damaged by abuse in the Church—emotional, spiritual, physical and sexual abuse?"

What questions do you have about the future of Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?

Dear Friends,

...They put him on a stone, Aaron took his right hand and kept it up, Hur took his left hand and kept it up, and Moses remained praying until sunset, until the battle was over and won. A story obviously about the power of prayer, and the story Jesus tells us in the gospel seems to teach the same lesson. Luke even remarks before telling it that it is about the need to pray continually and never lose heart

...But when that widow came asking him, praying him again and again, again and again and again to do justice to her, he gave up. He said "I might not be afraid of God or man, but that widow will be my end, she will pester me to death, let me do her justice".

Two stories about the power of prayer, two stories about prayers heard *plus* Jesus' assurance our prayers especially the ones for justice in our terribly unjust world, will be heard.

But those stories are not only about praying. They are not only about the fact that our prayers will be heard, they are also about *how* our prayers will be heard. While Moses prayed he had to struggle to keep his hand up. God intervened by helping him do that. While Moses prayed the others were fighting in order that justice might be done. These stories are about the necessity to pray, right, they are about the need to persevere in prayer, right, but they are also about the fact that those prayers are going to be heard by us, who are, according to the second reading of today the one from the letter of St Paul to Timothy "*fully equipped and ready for any good work*". We need not only to pray, we need to work. ...Fr Joseph Donders.

St Patrick's Fete St Patrick's will have their 50th consecutive fete on Sunday October 27th from 10.30am -3.00pm. There is an array of great food,

great activities, spinning wheel with wonderful prizes and an opportunity to have a fantastic social day out. 2019 AFL Rising star & former St Pats student and Cobden parishioner, Sam Walsh, will be in attendance as a special guest. Why not come and have a great day out? We look forward to seeing you there.

Michael McKenzie

Recent Death: June Hunt, Fr Pat Baker

Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Fletcher Densley, Maria Nguyen, Rylie Hutchinson, Jack Cahill, Marianne Roe

October Anniversaries:

Gus Dickmann, Edith Delahenty, Eileen Bartels, Sandra Van Kempen, Frank McKinnon, Graeme Cecil, Greg Carey, Lucy Nicholson, Ann Ryan, Joan McKenzie



PRAYER REQUESTS

Plenary Council.

The parish started the first session on Missionary and Evangelizing this week. 15 members of the parish spent time considering and listening to what they all considered the church and how to respond to the needs and aspirations of the church locally and nationally.

It was felt that we should be more proactive in explaining to the community what we as a church stand for and work towards. The need to be more accepting of all people and to do what we can to show that Gods command to us is important and we are trying to implement that command.

Whilst we admit that the task is big we cannot do it all ourselves and working as a team we can understand, educate, support, implement and inform others avoiding bad judgments and being disheartened.

We welcome anyone to the second session even if you didn't come to the first session.

Weekend Mass Times

Cobden Saturday: 6.30pm

Simpson Sunday: 9am 1st Sun.*

Lismore Sunday 9am 2nd Sun.

Timboon Sunday 9am 3rd/5th Sun.,
Rosary 8:35 a.m.*

Derrinallum Sunday: 9am 4th Sun.

Camperdown Sunday 11 am
(Lay-led Assembly other non-Mass weekends)

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Timboon 2019	October 20th Mass 9:00 a.m.	October 27th Assembly W&C 10 a.m.	November 3rd CLOSED
Welcome	L Tregea	M van Nieuwkerk	
Leaders		C Martin P Martin	
Statue	D & M Moloney	G Vogels A Vogels	
Reader	T O'Connor	P Nicholson	
P.O.F.	C Martin	K Currell	
Gifts	J & L McInerney		
M of C	P Martin C Bullen	L Tregea	
Church Cleaning	Vogel Family	Vogel Family	Marlene van Nieuwkerk
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	A McMeel
Simpson	Closed	AWC 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.
Statue		M & M Dillon	N & E Weel