



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Catherine Marr, Patrick Gibblin

July Aniverseries: Tom Dundon, Teresa Heyden, Veronica Keegan, Michael Parsons, Emily Parsons, Edward O'Donnell, Tom Delaney, Perc Dwyer, Alice Craven, Mary McDowel, Jayne McMeel, Gaye Arnold, Louis Reinen, Peter Reinen, Bridgie Allan, Ann Dodd.

Recent Deaths:



Prayer Resources.

Please draw on the resources of the diocesan website at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au> for prayer resources and links to live masses.

Parish Finances:

If you are able we would be keen to have you pay into the parish account (at the National bank personally or electronically) any amounts that you can as part of your Sunday contributions or your planned giving contributions.

Catholic Parish Trust Account No1 Account Timboon BSB 083 928 Acc 516067599. Be sure to reference it to your name. Thankyou who have contributed to this need so that we can start when things get back to "NORMAL".

Masses on YouTube

The link to the channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIc1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

MASS Sunday 10:00am Timboon

These following Masses can be viewed on YouTube.

Wednesday: 9am

Friday: 9am

Please Search: St. Patrick Church Camperdown on YouTube.

Or enter the link below into your web browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIc1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Church UPDATE:

Bishop Paul Bird advises churches can open for Prayer, Mass and Funerals for up to 50 people. Mass is limited to 20 people this week not the 50 as reported last week. Mass in Timboon at 10:am. **If you intend to attend please call George on 0439 145 805 to register.** If at the last minute you cannot come please call George and he may then make some alteration if necessary. We expect that everyone who wants can come will be able to attend but George may have to move people from Timboon to Simpson. When you arrive sign in and be seated in assigned places. Strict limitation are necessary, the requirement to be registered on the Catholic register <https://www.massregister.com.au> of those wanting to attend a Church and some sign in to the assembly will be necessary. If you are having trouble registering please call Pat Nicholson for help 0418173854. Letter also available on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Fr Michael Mckinnon Thankyou for accepting us and we say thank you for not being able to leave us.

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is the familiar parable of the sower. Here we pray the shorter version, but the whole text is worth reading and pondering later.

I settle down to pray. Perhaps I have a lit candle nearby to remind me of Christ, the light of the world. I may try to put aside my everyday concerns by listening to some gentle, relaxing music.

In time, I read the story, perhaps several times. I try to put myself in the scene. Maybe I am part of the large crowd surrounding Jesus. How do I feel when he stands up and gets into a boat? I listen intently to him.

Maybe I have a garden or even a small plant pot on my windowsill, where I have tried to sow and grow some seeds. How far can I relate to the experience of the sower?

Perhaps I imagine that I am the soil on which the seeds are sown. What am I like? Am I a rich, well-manured loam, or a very thin, rocky topsoil? Are there other plants already growing there? I ponder. I may come to realise that the quality of my soil has changed over the years. Who or what has led to these changes?

I speak to the Lord freely, from my heart, and tell him what my deep longings are just now. I listen to what the Lord says to me, and take my leave with a slow, grateful sign of the cross. Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham

Jokes: A Sunday school teacher asked her children on the way to service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million dollars?" "To me, it's a penny." "God, may I have a penny?" "Wait a minute."

—source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/religiousjokes/catholicjokes.html>

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – July 12th 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Is 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope

of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?'

'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never hear it.