



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Father McKinnon would like to thank every one for the gift we gave him in gratitude for the celebration of the Masses at St Joseph's and his work during his stay in the parish.

Mass: Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Timboon 9:00 a.m. The number of attendees is restricted to 20 plus the priest (Father McKinnon this Sunday). Please note all numbers have been allocated for this Sunday
MASS Sunday: St Patrick's Camperdown at 10:30am (Live Stream)
Link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Patrick Giblin, Pat Nicholson

Recent Death: Tony McInerney

Pray for Anniversaries occurring in November including :

Anthony Allan, Frank Fleming, Ben Tannahill, Lucy Dwyer, Carolina Gagel, Joe Vogels, Corry Vogels, Margaret Dundon, Ted Spokes, Jack Hunt, Trudy Arnold, Paul Brick, Haigh Smeththurst, Pat Delaney, Matthew Hunt



Dear Friends,

The master in the story is the Lord and the servants are we, the people who receive their talents and skills from the Lord. The message is clear from this story. We may be like the third servant. He knew his master well and did not use his talents and skills to avoid the master's retaliation. But the master was happy with the first two servants for doubling the talents entrusted to them. He praised them for they were faithful in little things. In the parable, the focus is on the third servant who is condemned as 'wicked and lazy' and whose talent is taken away from him. The master expected him to take risks and obtain results with his talents, not to play it safely by hiding the talents in the ground.

This may appear greedy or ambitious, but there is truth in it. In life, if one does not take risks, then one eventually becomes a loser. This may be true in acquiring eternal life. Jesus, himself has shown us the way of taking risks in his life. He is careless about his life and reputation by associating with sinners and outcasts, by healing on the Sabbath day, by criticizing the religious leaders. Is he not telling us by his word and example that one cannot save anything without risking it? So let us take Jesus as our model and make use of our talents and skills that the Lord has entrusted to us, by taking risks to gain eternal life. Hence the Lord will praise us like the first two servants. -Neville.

It's St Mary's 10th Anniversary and you're invited!

To mark the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos and a global vigil in of honour Mary throughout September and October <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>

The Serenity Prayer: God, grant me the **serenity** to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

Parish Finances:

Our Planned Giving Program: If you are able we would be keen to have you pay into the parish account (at NAB personally or electronically) any amounts that you can as part of your planned giving contributions: **Catholic Parish Trust Account No1 Account Timboon BSB 083 928 Acc 516067599.** Be sure to reference it to your name or planned giving number. Sunday collection monies can be paid into the **Catholic Presbytery Timboon No 2 Account : BSB: 083-928 Account No: 51-606-7601.**

The office is generally open on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., if you would like to drop off your envelopes then.

Thank you who have contributed to this need so that we can start when things get back to "NORMAL". Keep safe and stay well during this current crisis.

Envelopes for **November Masses** are available in the church foyer.

The latest edition of **Our Diocesan Community** is available in the church foyer. Please take one and perhaps another copy for someone unable to attend the church.

If you wish to order a **Columban calendar** (\$10 each) please see Patty Martin or Katrina Currell.

Mercy Regional College Annual Car Raffle: Tickets Still only \$10. Drawn on 30th November. You could purchase your tickets online at www.cutt.ly/mrc-2020 for more information at www.mercy.vic.edu.au Thank you. More information please contact Rose Henry: 0407 875 886.

Plenary Council Update The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>.

For the month of November we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS A joyful, hope-filled and servant community? Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Read the discernment paper: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PC2020-thematic-papers-5.pdf>

Next step on Plenary Council journey: As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the instrumentum laboris, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the instrumentum laboris writing team <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/next-step-on-plenary-council-journey/>

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – November 15th 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:14-15. 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

The Gospel of the Lord

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