



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



HOLY



COMMUNION

Today, these five children will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.

Please pray for Jack Couch, Matilda Douglas, Evie Gordon, Anna and Leah Robb.

Mass: Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Timboon 9:00 a.m. Father Neville this Sunday. Although restrictions have been eased regarding attendees at church services, due to the celebration this Sunday and the size of the available space in the church our numbers can be nowhere near the maximum of 150.

Still, please text, email or ring your interest in registering attendance for 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 Stokes, Jack Hunt, Trudy Arnold, Paul Brick, Haigh Smethurst, Pat Delaney, Matthew Hunt



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Friends, Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. We mark the season of Advent in the church with the display of a wreath- its circle reminds us of God Himself, eternal and endlessly merciful. It is evergreen, reminding us of the hope of eternal life. The four candles represent the time of waiting and preparation for the Messiah during the four Sundays of Advent. The lighting of the candle reminds us of the light of the world and the prophetic promise of His coming. So let us prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome Jesus into our hearts and obtain his blessings.

The gospel is telling us to be watchful. We have to be on watch for the Master who is surely coming, but at a time we do not know. The gospel paints this coming of Jesus in an apocalyptic nature. The purpose of the apocalyptic language is not to convey fear but to motivate hope in the hearts of the believers. The early Christian community needed this assurance of their final victory because of persecution - that Jesus will come again to set things right. The world in which we live now, needs assurance as we see the world marked by so much injustice, innocents' suffering, military threat among the super powers and nuclear warfare.

For this very reason, we must look forward with the assurance of hope. Jesus will come again to set things right. It is impossible that the injustice in history should be the final state of the world. If only for that fact, there is a necessity for Christ's return. Thus the image of the last judgement when Christ returns in not primarily a picture of terror, but an image of hope. This is our consolation and our hope....Neville.

St Joseph's Parish Timboon invites you to the Ecumenical Christmas Lunch.

Thursday 3rd of December, 12 noon in the church foyer.

Guest Speaker: Fr. Michael McKinnon.

Please bring a cake/slice to share.

RSVP—Katrina Currell 03 5598 3443



Mercy Regional College Annual Car Raffle: Tickets Still only \$10. Drawn on 30th November. You could purchase you 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.

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.

Caritas Australia Asia Emergency Appeal

Typhoon Vamco has caused devastating unprecedented flooding in the regions of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia, followed only weeks after being hit by Super Typhoon Goni. Severe flooding has submerged towns up to 12 metres deep across the Cagayan region of the Philippines leaving tens of thousands of families without electricity, clean water or road access. People who have lost their homes and livelihoods are fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risk of COVID-19 spreading is high. If you are able to assist, donations are being accepted at www.caritas.org.au or by calling toll free 1800 024 413.

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>.

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.**

First Sunday of Advent Year B

November 29th 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,

Our Redeemer is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways

and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,

the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down

– at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard,

no eye has seen

any god but you act like this

for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity

and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;

we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,

all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves

and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name

or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us

and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;

we the clay, you the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

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

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord

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