



### Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.**



**Mass:** Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Timboon at 9:00 a.m. (please note change in time) on the 8th November. There are only several vacancies available if you wish to register as an attendee.

**We will be welcoming Father Michael McKinnon back to our parish as the celebrant this Sunday and we look forward to his return.**

**Sunday 15th November:** Mass will be celebrated by Father Neville at Timboon, 9:00 a.m. 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

**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 Smethurst, Pat Delaney, Matthew Hunt



Dear Friends,

Jesus' story of ten bridesmaids waiting to meet the bridegroom in the middle of the night seems strange to most of us today, but Jesus' audience knew all too well that this could happen to them unpredictably. Wedding customs in ancient Palestine required extra vigilance and preparation for everyone involved and the celebration would continue for a whole week with their family and friends. There were many other customs and regulations to follow prior and post to wedding ceremonies. This could only be done with much preparation and predetermination — there are certain things that we cannot get at the last minute.

The lesson that we understand today is that we have to be vigilant and prepared. We know that the second coming of our Lord is true and he will come unexpectedly. Hence, when he comes to lead us to his heavenly kingdom, we will listen for his voice and follow him. Through the gospel today, Jesus gives us a warning that there will be consequences for being unprepared for his coming.

So let us ask ourselves: are we ready for his coming like the wise bridesmaids in the gospel? If not let us listen to him today and prepare ourselves for his coming. The Lord Jesus invites us to the feast in his kingdom. So let us ask the Lord to make us vigilant and attentive to his voice and hear his call so that we may enter into his kingdom.

-Neville.

### **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has issued information regarding gatherings in places of worship now that restrictions have eased in regional Victoria. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### **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. **Also the church can be opened at that time for private prayer if you wish.**

### **Prayer for Remembrance Day**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before You those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in Your future, for You are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

On 11 November 2020, the Australian War Memorial will hold a **nationally televised Remembrance Day commemorative ceremony, broadcast live across Australia by the ABC** and available later on ABC iview. (from the Australian War Memorial website)

Visit <https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/remembrance-day> for history and other information and resources.

### **NAIDOC WEEK (8-15 November)**

NAIDOC WEEK –traditionally held in July (at the time that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is celebrated in our churches) is now being celebrated online in November 8-15. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held around the country to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is celebrated not just in our Indigenous communities but also in increasing number of government agencies, community organisations, local councils, workplaces, schools and sporting groups.

Visit the [NAIDOC website](http://www.aidoc.org.au) to find out more. <https://www.aidoc.org.au/>

**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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A –  
November 8th 2020

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,

in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

### Second Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18 or [Shorter form 1 Thes 4:13-14]

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

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

[We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him]. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

### The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel Reading: Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

### The Gospel of the Lord.

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