



Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



13th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent Reconciliation Mass Timboon 9:00am
20th Dec 4th Sunday of Advent Lay Led 9:00am
24th Dec Christmas Eve Mass Timboon Thursday 24th December 6:00p.m. Fr Adrian McInnery
27th Dec Lay Led 9:00am

Arrangements for the future to be advised'.

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, Bernadette Moloney

Recent Death: Tony McInerney

Pray for Anniversaries occurring in December including :

Tony Lathouwers, Sheila Freeman, Carmel Baxter, Enid Boyle, Brian Fleming, Cyril Karo, Lilian McCluskey, James McCluskey, Sr Christina Madden, Brian Parsons, Darryn Tregaea, Maggie Tregaea, Thedora Vogels, Ann Dodd, Winnie O'Keeffe, Ad Vogels, Harold Craven, Pat Bourke, Carmel Brennan, Terry McMeel, Reg McVilly



PRAYER REQUESTS

Working with Children Check (WWCC) and Police Check

Some changes to the requirements for Parish Volunteers.
 Both are available online, no cost involved.
 If you need assistance please contact George (Parish Secretary) 0439145805 or Pat Nicholson 0418173854.
 Thankyou for attending to this Ruth Hoffmann (Parish Safeguarding Officer) 0429983253

Parish Volunteer Requirements

Ministry	WWCC Card	Police Check
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Mass	Yes	No
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to sick:--Hospital	Yes	Yes
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to sick: – Private residence or any visitor to a home on behalf of Parish	Yes	Yes
Parish Finance Council Member	Yes	Yes
Parish Pastoral Council Member / Leadership team	Yes	Yes

This weekend you can sign in at the church using the QR code on a smart device. To use this code download the Service Victoria app from the apple app store or google play store. When you enter the church either use the QR Code or sign the sheet.

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**.

Dear Friends
 We come across again the person of John the Baptist. He baptizes people in the Jordan River and he is a witness to Jesus. He reveals himself as the voice crying in the desert when pressed for his identity. His mission was to introduce Jesus to the people and not to identify himself. He wanted the people to recognize Jesus who was among them. Jesus seems to be making a reference to a Jewish tradition according to which the Messiah will remain relatively obscure until the moment of his presentation to the people of Israel.
 John the Baptist's act of humility further increases the honour of the one who gives witness to Jesus of Nazareth. Here John the Baptist testifies Jesus as the Master to whom he is unworthy to minister as a servant. He says: "the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie". He testifies not only with words but also with acts. He witnesses to the very end, up to the shedding of his blood. Our mission also is to witness Jesus like John the Baptist. In following the examples of John the Baptist we have to witness Jesus not only with our words but also with our deeds. So let the Lord give us the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith like John the Baptist, so that we may witness Jesus to the very end even if we were to suffer any hardship or persecution.
 -Neville.

Third Sunday of Advent Year B

December 13th 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Is 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. (R.)
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thes 5:16-24

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

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.