



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, Patrick Giblin, Bernadette Moloney

Pray for Anniversaries occurring in January including :

Vera Hickey, Madge Boyle, Bill Haig, Patrick F Nicholson, Greg O'Flynn, Peg Duffy, Laurie Loft, Nancy Nugent, Jim Rylance Snr., Brian Fleming, Patricia Gaut, Ann Dodd, Bob Maslin, Catherine Dendle, Gertruda Heyden.



Dear Friends

John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God. The term Lamb of God signifies Jesus' mission as the one who redeems us from our sins. Here, the lamb is referenced from the Old Testament idea of the blood of the Passover lamb, which delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. John was a son of the priest Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people. So John would have seen that the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from the bondage of sin was Jesus' sacrifice. The Holy Spirit revealed to John the Baptist the true nature of Jesus so that he could bear witness to Jesus.

Here we see that John was fully aware of Jesus' nature. Let us ask ourselves - who is Jesus to us? This was the question of two of John the Baptist's disciples as well, they wanted to know more about Jesus. Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He approached them and asked them a fundamental question of life. "What are you looking for?" and invited them to come and see. In the same way Jesus invites us to draw near to him and wants us to know him personally. Like the disciples of John the Baptist let us take this invitation seriously and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth and the nature of the gospel to us so that we may understand the nature of Jesus and love him dearly in our life. ..Neville

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>.

Our planned roster for Masses and Assemblies for January 2021 is as follows:

- 1st Sunday — Mass at St Andrew's**
 - 2nd Sunday — Assembly at St Andrew's**
 - 3rd Sunday — Mass at St Joseph's**
 - 4th Sunday — Assembly at St Joseph's**
 - 5th Sunday — Mass at St Joseph's**
- All beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

Working With Children and Police checks:

Ministry	WWCC Card	Police check
Cleaners — with keys for access and unsupervised	Required	

I queried the above requirement with Michael Myers, Diocesan Safeguard chief, who took it to a meeting chaired by Bishop Paul. While they appreciate the low risk in our parish, consistency across the Diocese is the deciding factor.

Any cleaner with a WWCC for employment or volunteer roles in schools, sports clubs etc. may add St Joseph's Parish Timboon to the list. If you need assistance to apply for WWCC please see George Swierczek (Parish Secretary) mobile 0439 145 805 or Pat Nicholson 0418 173 854.

Ruth Hoffmann Parish Safeguard Officer 0429 983 253.

Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. A number of resources are being developed by the ACBC to encourage and support the celebration of the Year of St Joseph. The resources are available from the ACBC website: <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

If you are interested in participating in the Lenten program, please contact Katrina Currell on 03 5598 3443 or 0439 995 010 to purchase the book **Look to Jesus** that comes with the program.

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.

You can sign in at the church using the displayed QR code with 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 attendance sheet.

The Baptism of the Lord 10th January

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:7-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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