



### 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 referred to as in the Old Testament idea of the blood of the Passover Lamb, which delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plagues 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 for us? This was the question of the two of John the Baptist's disciples as well They want 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 so that we may understand the nature of Jesus and love him dearly in our life. - Neville

A little boy was listening to a long sermon in Church on vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go home?"

**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 — today, 17th January**

**4th Sunday — Assembly at St Joseph's — 24th January**

**5th Sunday — Mass at St Joseph's — 31st January**

**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.

**COVID-19 updates** available on the 'news' section at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Planned Giving statements** for the December quarter are available in the church foyer.

**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** 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord,  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. (R.)

- .4 Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

### **Second Reading** 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

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

*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Jn 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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