



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

Recent Death: Anne van Duynhoven

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, Frank Keegan.



**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

Dear Friends

Jesus starts his public ministry in Galilee after John the Baptist had been arrested. His first appeal to people is to repent and believe in the gospel. With this call to conversion and change of heart Jesus invites people to turn towards God. It is also a call to follow him, to be fishers of men, to be part of his ministry. For this reason he calls four men to be his disciples. They were fishermen and left their boats and nets and followed him. When Jesus called them, they didn't speak a word but followed him. But their action spoke for them - they left everything behind and followed Jesus.

These men were not men of great theological education with wide social influence or with impressive social background. Yet Jesus chose them to be with him and to work for him later. He calls very ordinary people like you and me and moulds us to work for his kingdom. Hence the work of Jesus is not solely in the hands of the people the world considers great and famous, but through us by the hand of God. So God is inviting ordinary people like ourselves who are willing to give God our life, time and talents for the kingdom. Then He will make them fit to work for his kingdom.

Today, as we reflect on the call of Jesus, let us take our call of Baptism seriously and be a witness to Jesus and his kingdom in our day-to-day life...Neville

To Parishioners—Christmas and Easter Dues: Thankfully we have seen a good improvement over the last few weeks in Timboon and Simpson with the easing of restrictions due to COVID —19. Our church attendance numbers have returned to a more normal state and hopefully will remain as such. However there was a large fall in the first collection amounts compared with the previous year because of this situation and we are asking you, our parishioners, to help rectify this imbalance by making a contribution through the Christmas and upcoming Easter dues' appeal.

Envelopes will be available in the church foyers or deposits can be made into the **Catholic Presbytery Timboon No 2 Account BSB: 083-928 Account Number 51 606 7601.**

As always, we thank you for your support of our parish, its needs and functions.

For January the planned schedule is:

1st Sunday — Mass at St Andrew's 3rd January

2nd Sunday — Assembly at St Andrew's 10th January

3rd Sunday — Mass at St Joseph's 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.

Beginning in February Assemblies will be celebrated at both churches on the alternate Sundays



Australia Day: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

"God has given so much for this country, and thus it is just fitting that we celebrate this Australia Day, not only as a citizen of this country, but as Pope John Paul II wrote "...the Church in Oceania (in his Apostolic Exhortation in 2001) (*Ecclesia in Oceania*), "...we as a Church in Australia are to ponder on God's generosity in Oceania and to his infinite love for its peoples and to ask ourselves: 'How can we fail to give thanks to him from whom every good gift comes?'" (*Ecclesia in Oceania* par. 53)

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>

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 7 in 2021. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

24th January 2021

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:29-31

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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