



### 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

In today's gospel we see Jesus start his public ministry. The miracle which he performs attracts people to his side, because he preaches with authority and performs miracles with the power of God, unlike the Scribes.

The man in the gospel is possessed by an unclean spirit, he needs help and healing from the dominion of evil spirits. Jesus has compassion for him and heals him. At the same time of course he doesn't want to reveal his identity fully but to be recognized for the moment as a miracle worker. Jesus wishes people to come to him because of their faith in the miracles he performs and their love for him.

At this time of our life journey, Jesus may also be telling us to be vigilant - enough of words, promises and resolutions. What Jesus demands from us now is our love, our commitment to our faith and our concrete actions. He doesn't want quarrels; no more debates and discussions, no more lip service and hypocrisy. What Jesus expects of us are our caring actions towards the needy, our witnessing life and our actions of love and mercy. Let us take this call seriously and ask the Lord to give us the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfil our Christian vocation faithfully and to lead people to God by our openly showing mercy and love for the poor and needy whom we meet in our lives....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 February the schedule of services is:**

**1st Sunday — Mass at St Andrew's 7th**

**2nd Sunday — Assemblies at St Andrew's and St Joseph's 14th**

**3rd Sunday — Mass at St Joseph's 21st**

**4th Sunday — Assemblies at St Joseph's and St Andrew's 28th**

**All beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

**Slide roster at St Joseph's**

**February:** Pat Nicholson; **March:** Annette Vogels; **April:** Anne McMeel; **May:** Katrina Currell

**Congratulations to Enid O'Connor** for the **Achievement Award** she received from the Corangamite Shire as part of their Australia Day celebrations. Enid received this award for her contributions to the Celtic Concert held in Timboon, her various roles at the Timboon and district Healthcare Services and for the care and commitment to her husband Terry, children and grandchildren.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome, through the Sacrament of Baptism Hugo Samson Riedl, the son of Kristian and Penelope, who is being baptised today at St Joseph's Timboon.

May the Holy Spirit he receives today guide him as he grows in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community.

### 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/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

## 31st January 2021

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading Dt 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

#### Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

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

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel Mk 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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