



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, Christabel Anoja Xavier

Anniversaries occurring in February including: Mary McMeel, Mary van Nieuwkerk, Walter Churchill, Peter O'Connor, Ann Vogels, Nellie Kennedy, Jim McMeel, Pat Maslin, James Coleman, Joe Delaney, Nell Pekin, Susan Boyle, Frances Hammett, Carmel O'Connor, John Fowler, Graeme Bell, Peter Crowe, Ceily Plozza, John Vogels, Eileen Maguire,



PRAYER REQUESTS

In Registering the Attendances at Church:

This year also we are going to continue to register the attendances' names and contact numbers electronically. So please bring your mobile phone to the church and in the church foyer you will find the **QR scanning CODE FORMAT** with instructions how to use it. Please place your mobile phone in silence mode and arrive 5 minutes earlier than normal to help us to start the mass on time. Thank you.

To be consistent it would be preferable if parishioners would use the QR Code option to record attendance. Thank you.

Dear Friends: The call of the Gospel and of the season of Lent is repentance. How do we repent? The gospel story of Jesus' temptation in the desert suggests what we have to do. Repentance is turning away from material comfort to the cross, from personal convenience to committed service, and from earthly satisfaction to spiritual nourishment. Jesus does not promise

a happy life to attract people for his kingdom. He wants our commitment and dedication in answering the call of the gospel. He calls us to be followers, witnesses - not to be spectators or watchers, but to be partakers actively involved in the life of the church and to build the kingdom of God.

The call of repentance is not a compromise or to strike a deal. There is no bargain or neutral stance. We either walk with him or walk out. This is very clear from the response that Jesus gives to Satan: 'The Lord your God shall you worship, and Him alone shall you serve'. The repentance Jesus expects is totally to God, without material gain or self-glorification. It demands a lot of sacrifices in the process of repentance. It asks our willingness to do sacrifices for Jesus. So let us ask the Lord to take the heart of stone away from us, and replace it with the heart of Jesus, so that we can change our life style towards Him with a change of heart. -Neville

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

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, 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.

A sad news: I would like to express a sad news about my sister Christabel Anoja Xavier (54, I Jaffna, Sri Lanka) who passed away last week. Please pray for the repose of her soul. May the good Lord welcome her into His everlasting kingdom of peace and eternal happiness. ~ Neville

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~Bishop Paul

Timboon	Feb 21st Mass	Feb 28th Assembly of W & C	March 7th Closed
Welcome	P Haugh	K Currell	
Leaders		A Vogels J McInerney	
Statue	G Townsend	P Haugh	
Reader	A Vogels	M van Nieuwkerk	
P.O.F.	L McInerney	C Marr	
Gifts	M Turner C Bullen		
Bulletin	A + D Denny	A + D Denny	C Marr A McMeel
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	A Vogels

First Sunday of Lent Year B

21st February 2021

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Gen 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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 Pt 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects. **This is the word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to imitate God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian government has announced the ending of the COVID lockdown from midnight tonight (Wednesday, February 17). For the most part, the provisions will now be as they were just before the February 12 lockdown.

There will be no overall limit on the number of people who can attend religious gatherings and ceremonies (including weddings and funerals). The number of people will depend on the size of the church.

We will still need to keep a record of the first name and contact phone number of each person who attends.

If we keep the record manually (using pen and paper), the density quotient will be 1 person per 4 square metres. If we keep the record electronically, using a QR (Quick Response) code, the density quotient will be 1 person per 2 square metres.

Please note, however, that **wearing a mask** will be **mandatory** indoors (with necessary exceptions such as for readers and presiders while they are reading the Scriptures or prayers). Wearing a mask will also be mandatory outdoors when we cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance.

Thank you all for your patience throughout the five days of lockdown and all through the months of restrictions. Special thanks to those who have been serving our communities as needed, such as in keeping records and doing the extra cleaning of our churches.

I rejoice that we will be able to worship together again in person.

Best wishes for a fruitful Lent.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



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