



### 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 attendees' 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. To be consistent it would be preferable if parishioners would use the QR Code option to record attendance. **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.

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Dear Friends;

The gospel story is about the transfiguration of Jesus. The transfiguration is a glimpse of Jesus' divine majesty. It reveals that the earthly life of Jesus will not end with his death and burial, but with his resurrection into final glory. This revelation of his glory strengthens the Apostles who hear the suffering and death of Jesus repeatedly over and over again in his preaching. Jesus' unconditional obedience to His Father will lead him to final glory. So this incident gave the Apostles a lesson of the glory which Jesus is going to receive through the obedience to the will of His Father.

Jesus' final goal was to attain God's glory. We who are following Jesus should have the same goal of reaching God's glory with Jesus. The glorification of Jesus helped the Apostles to follow Jesus and to join with him in God's glory. Through the sacrament of baptism we are invited to holiness, or we are called to share the glory of God with Jesus. As we are caught up with the busy and hectic schedule of life, we might forget our call or have no time to contemplate the call of God. This Sunday's gospel reminds us that we have a goal to achieve like Jesus. Jesus has shown us the way to reach our goal. Let us follow Jesus like the Apostles did and reach our final goal through our obedience to the will of God by carrying our daily crosses in our witnessing life. -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



Second Sunday of Lent  
28<sup>th</sup> of February 2021



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

Timboon	Feb 28th Assembly of W & C	March 7th Closed	March 14th Assembly of W & C
Welcome	K Currell		P Martin
Leaders	A Vogels J McInerney		T O' Connor E O' Connor
Statue	P Haugh		M van Nieuwkerk
Reader	M van Nieuwkerk		E O' Connor
P.O.F.	C Marr		P Nicholson
Gifts			
Bulletin	A + D Denny	C Marr A McMeel	C Marr A McMeel
Slides	P Nicholson	A Vogels	A Vogels

# Second Sunday of Lent Year B

## 28th February 2021

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 115:10, 15-19, R. 114:9

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'

precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Mt 17:5  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel Reading:** Mk 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, body and soul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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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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**St. Joseph's Parish  
Profit & Loss  
July 2019 through June 2020**

	<u>Jul 19 - Jun 20</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Planned Giving	
Envelopes	25,435.00
Loose Plate	3,062.55
<b>Total Planned Giving</b>	<u>28,497.55</u>
Interest Income	11,130.12
Church Usage	100.00
Fund Raising	
Fund Raising - Other	946.38
<b>Total Fund Raising</b>	<u>946.38</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	40,674.05
<b>Expense</b>	
Liturgical	
Altar Supplies	186.85
Bulletins & Music	80.00
Candles & Materials	243.05
Sacramental Preparation	-158.95
Subscriptions	185.44
<b>Total Liturgical</b>	<u>536.39</u>
Pastoral Groups	29.10
Administration	
Computer Costs	1,015.08
Donations/Gifts	550.00
Insurance (non-property)	441.69
Planned Giving Expenses	163.70
Postage	440.00
Printing & Stationery	56.95
Subscriptions	535.45
Telephone & Fax	455.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<u>3,657.87</u>
Levies	
BCAF	109.54
Diocesan	6,331.13

Total Levies 6,440.67

**St. Joseph's Parish  
Profit & Loss  
July 2019 through June 2020**

	<u>Jul 19 - Jun 20</u>
<b>Property Costs</b>	
Council Rates	1,592.43
Gas	79.20
Grounds & Gardening	2,467.00
Heat, Light & Power	1,469.54
Insurance	5,690.70
Water & Sewage	177.06
<b>Total Property Costs</b>	<u>11,475.93</u>
Repairs & Maintenance	
Church	3,315.99
<b>Total Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<u>3,315.99</u>
Salaries & Wages	
Secretary	3,677.83
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<u>3,677.83</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>29,133.78</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	11,540.27
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Income	
Other Income	10,000.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>21,540.27</u></u>

To Parish members

Please find enclosed the profit and loss report for 2019/2020.

The finance committee would like to thank all those parishioners who have made contributions to the Parish over the year. The continued support over the year even in these difficult times is greatly appreciated.

The majority of our income comes from Planned giving but supported by the interest and activities in the church. This year we received a \$10000 grant from government via the diocese which is to support us over the next few months. The office costs have also been subsidised by government support through jobkeeper. This support will decrease leaving it up to us to finance the parish.

The expenses are the running cost of church services (liturgical) is lower than expected and should be more next year (we hope and pray)

Diocesan levies are based on our income and will be a constant but variable contribution to the running of the dioceses.

The property cost are expected to be significantly more this financial year as a number of planned maintenance costs were able to be done and so we will have two years in one costs. The preparation of the Timboon and Simpson churches will be expensive, as we come out of the lack use, will require an extensive clean-up.

As we have no opportunity to start a new planned giving program we are rolling the last program over again.

Timboon Parish Finance Committee