



## Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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### Plenary Council update.

The Diocese of Ballarat used its Mass of the Oils as an opportune moment to commission their Plenary Council members, with the congregation praying for the four diocesan representatives. Ballarat's diocesan contingent consists of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, vicar general Fr Kevin Maloney, Marie Shaddock and Felicity Knobel.

Ballarat priests Msgr Glynn Murphy, representing the Military Ordinariate, and Fr Kevin Lenehan, representing the Catholic Theological College, are also Plenary Council members.

Mrs Shaddock said the commissioning was "a very powerful and moving experience that reinforced the fact that we are representing the whole of the diocese as a 'community of communities' as Bishop Paul said in his homily".

Dear Friends;

The gospel reading is inviting us to have a deep union with God to bear much fruits for His kingdom. Here, Jesus compares our relationship with him to a vine and its branches. He is the centre of our foundation. Cutting and separating ourselves from him will cause us to wither, fruitless and die. Away from Jesus, we are useless and helpless; we cannot bear fruit. Jesus is our nourishment and our very life. We are called to remain in Jesus to live with him and to be in communion with him. United to Jesus means, we are to be pruned so that we may be fruitful. What is useless and unnecessary in us to cut off. We let go of the excess baggage in our life.

The pruning is our self-purification, so that we can be healthy and fruitful for the Lord. We become fruitless branches when we no longer listen to Jesus. We refuse to accept him; we go against his will and rebel against his ways because we are unwilling to forego the comforts and conveniences of our life. We do not bear fruit when we listen but do not follow his teachings. We pay lip service but do not practice. So let us examine and reflect on ourselves to find out the areas that we need more attention. Hence let us ask the Lord to prune and cut off whatever is unnecessary in our life. Through this self-purification we may be able to bear fruit for the Lord and to work for his kingdom in our day-to-day life. -Neville

A copy of the **COVIDSafe Plan** St Joseph's Parish Timboon is available for viewing in the office, generally open Tuesday afternoons.

**Our Diocesan Community is available in church foyer today.**

**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Patrick Giblin, Bernadette Moloney

**Recent Death:** Christopher Arnold

**Anniversaries occurring in May:** Elsie O'Donnell, John Conheady, William

Delahenty, John Evans, Carolina Gagel, John Gaut, Shirley Freemen, Merle Ludeman, Harry Gatens, Peter Vu, Patrick Hession, Park Kennedy, Father Barry Stickland, Betty Delaney.



**PRAYER  
REQUESTS**

### Sacramental Program:

St Joseph's Parish Timboon will soon commence a program to prepare children in Years 2, 3 and older for sacraments after Baptism. For further information please register the name of the child and at least one parent with a postal address. Please send this as a TEXT message to Ruth Hoffmann 0429 983 253 BEFORE Sunday 9th May 2021

### Covid Update

- All venues must apply the two square metre rule and use electronic record keeping through the free Victorian Government QR Code Service or Victorian Government Application Programming Interface (API) linked digital system
- Wearing a mask is no longer mandatory in churches or chapels. However, the government recommends that we wear a face mask when we cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people
- You must carry a face mask with you at all times when you leave home, unless you have a lawful reason not to.

**Votive candle stand:** In accordance with general practice and guidelines regarding safety hazards, in this case fire, the stand has been removed from the body of the church and matches stored separately. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Timboon	May 2nd Closed	May 9th Assembly of Word and Commun-	May 16th Mass 9:00 a.m.
Welcome		A McMeel	L Tregea
Leaders		C Martin C Marr	
Statue		D & M Moloney	A&G Vogels
Reader		L McInerney	C Martin
P.O.F.		A Vogels	J McInerney
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>May 2nd Mass 9:00 a.m. Ro- sary 8:35 a.m.</b>	<b>May 9th Assembly of Word and Commun- ion 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>May 16th Closed</b>

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

May 1st 2021

### Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

#### First Reading Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

#### Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;

only by this can we be certain

that we are the children of the truth

and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,

because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,

we need not be afraid in God's presence,

and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments

and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

#### Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away  
– he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.

If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

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