



Parish of Timboon

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The importance of Mothers Day

Mothers Day reminds us of the many and varied shapes of relationships that make up women's lives. It honours their work in business, in music and other creative fields, their contribution to public life through committees and political allegiances, their sporting interests and all the trying, achieving, relaxing, enjoying and grieving that make each person's life distinctive.

By definition, of course, the Day focuses on women as persons who are mothers. In doing so it also honours all the relationships which through their motherhood shape their lives. These include the relationships to their children as babies, children, adolescents as adults, moving from relationships of dependence to mentoring and to equal friendship, and perhaps towards the end of their lives to accepting care and mentoring from their children.

Associated with these relationships, too, are those made through their children with other mothers in kindergartens and schools and so with their families, and the relationships they form through their workplaces and care of the household budget, and in the local campaigns to demand a more just society. Mothers Day celebrates the ways in which women grow as persons through their relationships as mothers.

As with all relationships those of motherhood make their own demands and these demands are primarily of love, moving from the protective and all-embracing love of very young children, to the mentoring love of older children and the freeing love of adolescents. Each stage of love involves sacrifice. The personal sacrifice of the gradual separation of the child into an independent adult, and the sacrifice of other possibilities that they might relinquish when taking on commitments in the home. The maternal love celebrated on Mothers Day is not automatic or cost-free.

Ultimately, however, the significance of Mothers Day is not confined to women's lives as mothers but extends to the persons who are mothers and to the gift they are in themselves and with all their other gifts. It reminds us and pays tribute to the commitments that women make in their professional life, their interests and in their commitments to public life. It invites us to see our mothers' lives not just in their relationship to ourselves as their children, but in all the wider relationships in which they are the centre. Mothers Day is worth celebrating. It may be best celebrated by spending time in exploring the larger world of our mothers from their own perspective.

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 Freeman, Merle Ludeman, Harry Gatens, Peter Vu, Patrick Hession, Park Kennedy, Father Barry Stickland, Betty Delaney.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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 9th Assembly of Word and Communion 9:00am	May 16th Mass 9:00 a.m.	May 23rd Assembly of Word and Communion 9:00am
Welcome	A McMeel	L Tregear	
Leaders	C Martin C Marr		C Bullen J McInerney
Statue	D & M Moloney	A&G Vogels	G Townsend
Reader	L McInerney	C Martin	C Marr
P.O.F.	A Vogels	J McInerney	P Nicholson
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	May 9th Assembly of Word and Communion 9:00 a.m.	May 16th Closed	May 16th Assembly of Word and Communion 9:00am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

May 9st 2021

First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord

for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm

have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;

has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love

for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth,

ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,

let us love one another

since love comes from God

and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,

because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed

when God sent into the world his only Son

so that we could have life through him;

this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son

to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

or

cf. Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

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