



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Dear friends,

Many people in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets of their time. When Jesus asked the disciples, who he was? Peter, professed that Jesus was truly the "Christ of God" - "the Son of the living God". Jesus replied to him: No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. That means, through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that Jesus was the Anointed One, consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem human beings as the expected Messiah. Jesus commanded his disciples to be silent about his identity as the anointed Son of God and Messiah. Because Jesus wanted his disciples and people to discover his identity through their eyes of faith like Peter. Jesus knew that they did not yet fully understand his mission and how he would accomplish it.

This was a real challenge to Jesus. So he explained his disciples that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of salvation might be accomplished. He also explained to them how different God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways are. It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of evil and won for us eternal life. If we want to share in the victory of Jesus, then we must also take up our cross and follow where he leads us. What is the "cross" that we must take up each day? It is simply to know the will of God and act accordingly in our life. To know the will of God, we need the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives each of us the gifts and strength we need to live as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit gives us faith to know Jesus personally as our Redeemer, and to give the power and the courage to witness to others the joy and freedom of the Gospel in our day-to-day life. -Neville

No Interest Loans available for those doing it tough

Safe, fair and affordable credit is available for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures for up to \$1,500. Repayments are set at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months. To find out more about Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand's No Interest Loans, go to https://goodshp.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rkal12LjFX9wvLlI5o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq_zz-0y91Dwclick.

Church pews: Would you like an item of St Joseph's Timboon church history in your own home? Excess church pews are being offered free to parishioners. If you are interested please ring the office 0439 145 805 to make arrangements to inspect. The pews will need to be picked up by the new owner.

There maybe a streamed mass from Camperdown on Sunday at 11:00am Those who may not get into Church at 9:00am could attend and have communion with the limit of 20. Email with updated details and link tomorrow !!

Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels



PRAYER REQUESTS

Anniversaries In September: Leo O'Connor, Harriet Conheady, Jeff Haugh, Jeffrey Arnold, Leo Couch, Jeanette Gale, Fr Peter Claridge, Fr Bob Markey, Graham Cecil, Mavis Couch, Steven Saliba, Mick Dillon, Paul Brick, Janet Dillon, Noel Haugh, Jane van Es, Denise Savage

Our new **Finance Committee** has been appointed consisting of Patty Martin, Noel McKinnon, Michael O'Keeffe, Kevin Robertson and Anthony O'Connor. We wish them well in their new role and in performing the duties.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID restrictions have changed in regional Victoria as of 11.59pm on Thursday, September 9, 2021. More information is available on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

Religious gatherings and ceremonies will be permitted for up to **20 people** per venue (plus those required to conduct the ceremony).

The Shared Table; In the Year of Eucharist 2005, Fr Mick McKinnon issued an invitation to parishioners to share one plate of food a day from your table with a child living in Lima.

So, again this year Fr Mick writes: "You are invited to make a commitment of \$1.00 a week out of your household grocery budget, amounting to a donation of \$52.00 a year. This money will be directly used solely for the purpose of the Shared Table".

For donation forms and more information: Enid O'Connor 0447 983 296

	September 12th Assem W&C 9:00am	September 19th Mass 9:00am	September 26th Assem W&C 9:00am
Timboon			
Welcome	N McKinnon	G Vogels	L Tregaea
Leaders	T O'Connor A Vogels		P Nicholson & C Bullen
Statue		K Currell	P & C Martin
Reader	C Marr	O Mullawan	C Martin
POF	E O'Connor	N Mullawanm	R Hoffmann
E.M.H.C.	J McInerney		L McInerney
Bulletin	P. Nicholson	P. Nicholson	P. Nicholson
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Cleaners	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	September 12th Assem W&C 9:00am	Closed	September 26th Assem W&C 9:00am

24th Sunday in Ord/Time, Year B.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

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

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow
and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

Second Reading: Jas 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you

prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) see: Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead. Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?