



### Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.**



They could not have been walking him or maybe in front of him. They were discussing their relations with him. They were discussing their importance according to him. He must have walked ahead of them or behind them during their conversation, having his thoughts, having his sentiments while they had theirs. He spoke about being delivered into the hands of men; they spoke about how others would be delivered to them. He spoke about saving others; carrying their plight; they spoke about themselves in the small circles of their personal lives; he spoke about being a servant they spoke about being a master.

It was all about "I": I standing in front of my saviour, I being anointed, I being in the holy place, I with my loins girded, I with my breastplate of faith, I with my sword of truth, I feeling so fine; very pious, very scriptural. They arrived at Capernaum, they arrived at his house, they went inside, they washed their feet, they sat down. He

asked him: what were you speaking about, what were you shouting about, what was all that noise about when I walked behind you, when you walked in front of me? There was no answer, they looked at each other, they felt ashamed, they felt stupid, they realized he knew. When there had been a silence for quite some minutes, he stood up, he went to the door, he disappeared, leaving them, speechless, behind. They did not even dare to look at each other. He came back. He had a child by the hand, one he had found in the street. A small girl, with a running nose and pitch-black eyes. He put the girl in the middle of their circle and he said: do you see her? Of course they did. Whoever receives a child like this one, breaking open the circle in which she or he lived is receiving ME and not only me but the one who sent me also. If they received that evening, this small girl in all sincerity, they must have been filled - according to his word - with God's self, and a question like "Who is the most important?" did not make any sense anymore...Fr Joseph Donders

Remember to book with the Parish Secretary if you are attending church. There is a limit of 20 attendees at religious ceremonies, so it is important that those who are attending are booked in prior to attending to prevent overflows. Phone 0439 145 805.

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. The link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

#### **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. To find out more about Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand's No Interest Loans, go to [https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rkal12LjFX9wvLI15o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq\\_zz-0y91Dwclick](https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rkal12LjFX9wvLI15o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq_zz-0y91Dwclick).

**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 Edmondson, Noel Haugh, Jane van Es, Denise Savage, Martin Barake

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

	<b>September 19th Mass 9:00am</b>	<b>September 26th Assem W&amp;C 9:00am</b>	<b>October 3rd Closed</b>
<b>Timboon</b>			
Welcome	G Vogels	L Tregaea	
Leaders		P Nicholson & C Bullen	
Statue	K Currell	P & C Martin	
Reader	C Marr	C Martin	
POF	E O'Connor	R Hoffmann	
E.M.H.C.		L McInerney	
Bulletin	P. Nicholson	P. Nicholson	Denney Family
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	
Cleaners	A McMeel	A McMeel	Vogels Family
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>September 26th Assem W&amp;C 9:00am</b>	<b>Mass 9:00am</b>

# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord/Time, Year B.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading:** Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

### **Second Reading** Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear

fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel** Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**REFLECTION SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie**

Today’s Gospel reveals a fearfulness in the disciples’ response to Jesus. Afraid of asking too many questions, they almost seem to prefer being ignorant rather than admit the limits of their own understanding. Strangely, this self-imposed ignorance does not prevent them from posturing for position. What a warning for the Church this episode seems to offer!

While this excerpt of Mark’s Gospel is often interpreted in terms of the virtue of humility, the other aspect of Jesus’ point is easily overlooked. Every Christian is called to be ‘last of all and servant of all’. Ours is a faith of humble service.

The scriptures repeatedly make the point that faith is always embedded in creation. A mountain, a road, a town, and a house all frame the action in this episode. Because the Church exists wherever its members go our beliefs and prayers are not restricted to church buildings. We take our faith on roads, into our homes and towns, and even up mountains.

Given this, our faith compels us to have a special care for all of creation. As Jesus clearly intimates, by humbly serving created things we express our love of the Creator who made them all.