



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, 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

Lockdown conditions have been re-introduced into regional Victoria as at 1:00 p.m. Saturday 21st August. No in-person gatherings are permitted in churches, therefore there will be no Assemblies in Simpson or Timboon tomorrow 22nd August,

Dear friends, Jesus never turned anyone away who approached him with sincerity faith and hope. Jesus shows his tender loving care for the people and he demonstrated both the mercy and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus approaches a man who is deaf and has an impediment in his speech, Jesus shows his compassion to him. Jesus takes him aside privately, from a noisy crowd. Then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle and cures him. Here Jesus physically identify with this man's sickness. The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' compassion for others. Let us ask ourselves how do we expect Jesus to treat us when we ask for his help? Do we approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? We have to approach him like a man in the gospel story. Because, Jesus never turned anyone away who approached him with sincere heart and a strong faith. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in the same manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Let us examine ourselves: Do we show kindness and compassion to our neighbours and do we treat them with considerateness as Jesus did in the miracle story? So let us pray in our celebration to the Lord to fill us with the Holy Spirit and to inflame our hearts with love and compassion. Lord, make us attentive to the needs of others so that we may be able to show them kindness and care. Lord, Make us also an instrument of your mercy and peace so that we may help others find healing and completeness in your tender loving care and mercy. -Neville

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.

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://goodshelp.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rkal12LjFX9wvLI15o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq_zz-0y91Dwclick.

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 12.59pm on Saturday, August 21, 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/>.

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 5th Closed	September 12th Assembly W&C 9:00am	September 19th Mass 9:00am
Timboon			
Welcome		N McKinnon	G Vogels
Leaders		T O'Connor A Vogels	
Statue			K Currell
Reader		C Marr	O Mullawan
POF		E O'Connor	N Mullawanm
E.M.H.C.		J McInerney	
Bulletin	P. Nicholson	P. Nicholson	P. Nicholson
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Cleaners	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Closed	September 12th Assembly W&C 9:00am	Closed

LITURGY OF THE WORD 23rd Sunday

First Reading: Is 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,

vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down,

the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading: Jas 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) see: _Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever