



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.

Dear Friends, In today's gospel, the evangelist Mark presents the disciples' ignorance about Jesus' kingdom. The two disciples who put the question do not seem to understand what following of Jesus demands. They see Jesus as the Messiah with a political agenda. And even after Jesus has hinted three times about his passion and death, they still do not understand that their Master will suffer and die in Jerusalem. This is demonstrated clearly in the request of the brothers James and John for the two most important positions when Jesus sits in glory. They probably thought that Jesus will replace the Roman power with his own kingdom. It is not only the two brothers who yearn for positions of power but also the rest of the Twelve as well. The evangelist Mark tells us that the other ten become indignant at James and John. Jesus uses the occasion into an opportunity to teach them about authority and greatness. The rulers among the Gentiles lord it over their subjects. Such is the case of the emperor and the governors. The Roman citizens rule over Israelites. Even the religious leaders in Israel love to sit on "the Chair of Moses" and receive salutations from the people. But it is different with Jesus. He who is their Master has not come to be served but to serve. His only agenda is to serve the people and to save them. He is willing to pay the price for it, to undergo his suffering and death on the cross to attain salvation to all. In today's celebration let us ask the Lord to give us the power of the Holy Spirit to understand the teaching of Jesus and to follow his examples in our day-to-day life. -Neville

Remember: to book with the Parish Secretary if you are attending church when we can have a assembly or mass. 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 or text 0439 145 805.

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=IwAR33rka12LjFX9wvLII5o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq_zz-0y91Dwclick.

Parish Finances:

Our Planned Giving Program: Thank you for your support of the Parish for the duration of the program and we hope you are able to continue your contributions to enable us to function and provide services and ministries to our parishioners for some time yet.

If you are able we would be keen to have you pay into the parish account (at NAB personally or electronically) any amounts that you can as part of your planned giving contributions:

Catholic Parish Trust Account No1 Account Timboon BSB 083 928 Acc 516 067 599. Be sure to reference it to your name or planned giving number.

Sunday collection monies can be paid into the **Catholic Presbytery Timboon No 2 Account : BSB: 083-928 Account No: 51-606-7601.**

The office is generally open on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., if you would like to drop off your envelopes then. **Also the church can be opened at that time for private prayer if you wish.**

Thank you who have contributed to this need so that we can start when things get back to "NORMAL". Keep safe and stay well during this current crisis.

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

Anniversaries In October: Graham Cecil. Frank McKinnon. Gus Dickman. Edith Delahanty. Eileen Bartels. Sandra Van Kempan. Ann Ryan. Greg Carey. Lucy Nicholson. Marilyn Vogels. Laurence Dillon. Johan Gagel. June Hunt. Jason McKenzie.

Recently deceased - Graeme Corbett, Jeanie Howard and Fr Dennis Denehy



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 roles and in the performance of their duties. There will also be a Finance Committee meeting on the 19th October, at 6pm, in the presbytery.

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/>.

I ask your prayers for Fr Denis Dennehy who died yesterday in Ireland. Fr Denis was one the many Irish priests who have served in our diocese. He also served in Papua New Guinea. On a visit to Ireland nine years ago he suffered a stroke and he has been in care in Ireland since then. His funeral will be at 2 o’clock on Saturday afternoon, Irish time, which will be midnight our time. I understand that the Church webcam will be available at Glenflesk Parish Facebook Page by clicking on the following link:

https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/parish/glenflesk/?fbclid=IwAR0eDbRADRbO9LgVTiSQNRHe7gdO1wKoVTo34D_9E8ySr6smn2Jzs22jUMc

May Christ welcome Fr Denis into eternal life.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the “Fan the Flame” prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflection, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

Timboon	October 17th Mass 9:00am	October 24th Assembly 9:00am	October 31st Mass 9:00am
Welcome	K Currell	L Tregea	N McKinnon
Leaders		R Hoffman A Vogels	
Statue	B Moloney	T O’ Connor E O’ Connor	D Moloney M Moloney
Reader	A Vogels	N McKinnon	S Jayakody
POF	S Jayakody	C Marr	O Muliawan
E.M.H.C.		K Currell	
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Cleaners	Vogels Family	Vogels Family	Vogels Family
Simpson	Closed	Closed	Closed

29th Sunday in Ord/Time, Year B.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 10:42-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Hello Everyone,

As I mentioned in my message of September 22, the Victorian government is proposing to introduce different provisions in various fields for people who are vaccinated against Covid-19 and those who are not. These variations will apply to places of worship as well as to other venues. I have been considering how we might arrange for everyone to have access to Mass, including those who, for various reasons, will not be vaccinated.

For most of our diocese at present, apart from areas in lockdown, we are able to have 20 people gather for Mass, with no question about vaccination. So as to keep the changes to a minimum, I suggest that we continue with the present limit of 20 people at Mass, with no question about vaccination, until November 5.

The government has indicated that from November 5 those who are fully vaccinated will be able to gather in greater numbers, with 1 person per 4 square metres, with a cap of 150 people. So, parishes will be able to have some Masses with these greater numbers. However, I ask that each parish continue to have at least one Mass each week as at present, with a limit of 20 people and so with no need to provide evidence of vaccination. In this way, there will be some opportunities for people to attend Mass without needing to refer to vaccination.

I recognise that this is far from ideal. I believe it would be much more appropriate to have access to common worship for everyone without distinctions. However, I propose the above arrangements as a way to provide some opportunities for common worship for everyone within the constraints of the government regulations.

Christ promised to be with us when even two or three gather in his name. May he guide us all as we come together to pray, whether in groups large or small.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Sacramental Program

On Saturday morning Charlotte Couch and William Douglas approached the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They will complete their initiation into our Church when they are confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time in 2022. Please keep them in your prayers.

Victoria's roadmap (www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap): Phase B (70% 16+ double dose). **Estimated 26th October.** • Funerals & weddings for **30 fully vaccinated people indoors and 100 outdoors.** • Unknown vaccination: **20 people, plus staff.** Phase C (80% 16+ double dose). **Estimated 5th November.** • Weddings, funerals, & religious services for **150 fully vaccinated people indoors, and 500 outdoors.** • Unknown vaccination: **20 people, plus staff.** Phase D (80% 12+ double dose). Estimated 19th November. • See National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response. God bless you all. Bishop Paul

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

On Sunday, October 10, 2021 Pope Francis celebrated Mass to mark the global launch of the Synod of Bishops with the theme For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission. In dioceses around the world, local launches will take place this coming weekend, ushering in a period of local consultation that will assist with the two-year process that will culminate in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. A page on the Bishops Conference website has been set up as a hub for Synod of Bishops content. It has links to the preparatory document and vademecum (handbook) for the Synod, and a video produced by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation explaining the Synod process can also be accessed at <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. The following resources are available from this website that may be helpful for this weekend's launches, including:

- *The Synod of Bishops prayer (A4 and A5 versions);*
- *The Synod of Bishops logo;*
- *Liturgical notes from the Holy See and Australian recommendations; and*
- *A notice for bulletins and other mediums.*

Given the significant interest in the Synod of Bishops and its relationship with the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, there is a document on that web page showing the anticipated timelines and milestones for those two important journeys.