

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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Dear Friends;

In today's gospel we see that, Jesus tells us quite clearly that creation of man and woman and their union are part of God's plan. God's dream is that a man and woman who are married are called to cooperate the divine plan of God. Today's gospel explains to us the notion and purpose of God in the union of man and woman. A married couple through their union have to reflect the covenant love of God for his people. But Jesus knew that we do not live in an ideal world. It is very important to have principles before us and to live by them. Hence, being human we fail despite of our true commitments and promises. Any couple who married for a long time will know the experience living the love of God. God's grace is always there to empower us if we call on it.

The mission of the church is partly to proclaim the ideal of faithfulness and the union of selfless love in the sacrament of marriage. This is the purpose of God for which He initiated the union of marriage. We have to fulfil the dream of God and sustain our relationship in our marriage. We have to be very careful about the evil tendencies and temptations of the modern world that curtail our commitment and dedication of our marriage. To remind us and to keep us on the right track the church has to echo the gospel and its good news. It has to proclaim the message of God's mercy and of his liberating love for us. Let us pray for the families of our parish so that they may be able to live the dream of God in their live and to fulfil and cooperate the plan of God in their faith journey
-Neville

Remember to book with the Parish Secretary if you are attending church when we can have a assembly or mass, hope to be able next week.. 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.

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?](https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rkal12LjFX9wvLII5o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq_zz-0y91Dwclick)

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Mass going ahead in Simpson this week. Please don't forget to login.

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

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.



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.

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/>.

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”.

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/

Timboon	October 3rd Closed	October 10th Assembly 9:00am	October 17th Assembly 9:00am
Welcome		A McMeel	K Currell
Leaders		C Martin K Currell	
Statue		M Turner	B Moloney
Reader		T O.Connor	A Vogels
POF		J McNerney	S Jayakody
E.M.H.C.		C Marr	
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Cleaners	Vogels Family	Vogels Family	Vogels Family
Simpson	Mass 9:00am	Assembly 9:00am	Assembly 9:00am

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.

27th Sunday in Ord/Time, Year B.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel,
peace! (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with

glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) cf. 1 Jn 4:12
Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.