

Parish of Timboon



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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent and a new liturgical year for the Church. Advent means 'coming'. It is Jesus who comes, not to bring despair and destruction, disaster and misery, but to dispel fear and anxiety in our hearts. The images used in the gospel are scenes from an eschatological language where good will eventually triumph over evil. They warn us against being disheartened. Let us ask ourselves and reflect on these questions, are we preoccupied with too much eating, drinking and partying? Are we obsessed with making money? Do we give a thought at all to Jesus and to our spiritual life? Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts. The season of Advent challenges us to welcome Jesus in the persons of other people, family members, strangers and friends, and to acknowledge his presence in our work, in our dealings with other people, even in our household tasks. We are reminded to pay attention to Jesus, to get busy with him and for him. Let not today's news about natural calamities, disasters, violence and wars prompt us to think that the end of the world is approaching soon. Let us not be deceived. We need not to be afraid. We may ask why? Because Jesus will come to liberate us from all the tribulations. His coming brings a message of love and leads us into his glory. Hence the season of Advent delivers hope that Jesus will come in glory. We have to be vigilant at all times to read the signs of the times and act accordingly to meet Jesus and enter into His glory. -Neville

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In November: Anthony Allan, Frank Fleming, Ben Tannahill, Lucy Dwyer, Carolina Gagel, Joe Vogels, Corry Vogels, Margaret Dundon, Ted Stokes, Jack Hunt, Trudy Arnold, Paul Brick, Haigh Smethurst, Pat Delaney, Matthew Hunt.

Recently Deceased: Jeffrey Tregrea



COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

From 11:59 p.m. Thursday 18th November 2021 the following restrictions apply to religious gatherings—if everyone present is fully vaccinated you can host or attend weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies at places of worship with no capacity limits or density limits.

If vaccination status is not being checked these events are restricted to one person per 4 square metres up to a maximum of 50 people per facility.

Please note correction to previous information: There will also be mask requirements, density limits and caps in place for weddings, funerals, worship settings and other settings if the vaccination status of people attending is unknown, or not being checked.

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal:

This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothing and a place to call home. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

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Sunday 28th November 2021

First Sunday of Advent Year C

First Reading

Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord... Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord...Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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Ordination to the Diaconate:

Seminarians Matthew Restall and William Lowry will be ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, December 10, 2021 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Attendance requirements for the Cathedral is QR code or registration upon entry and full vaccination status needs to be provided to the COVID check-in Marshalls.

Advent Prayers to Care for our Common Home: Catholic Earthcare Ballarat offer the attached prayer suggestions for the four weeks of Advent in relation to Care For Our Common Home – Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor.

Advent Week 1

God of Creation, You created night and day.

You separated the sea from the sky.

You gave life to all living creatures and saw that it was good.

Help us to reconnect with the majesty of your creation.

A Day of Prayer for Myanmar

Pax Christi and friends invite you to remember Myanmar in a Day of Prayer on Sunday, November 28, 2021. Suffering and trauma have accompanied the people of Myanmar for decades. On February 1 military government was reimposed. This day is an opportunity to pray with Myanmar in its yearning to be free. An online prayer service is being organised for Advent Sunday, November 29 at 7.30pm Melbourne time. To register for this service and receive the link, and other information, please email Harry Kerr, ahmkerr@hotmail.com.

Earthcare Parish Program

Catholic Earthcare Australia, established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in 2002, is mandated, through the activities of education, research and advocacy, to give leadership in the journey towards ecological conversion. Initially responding to Pope John Paul II's call to encourage and support 'ecological conversion', it now responds to the similar call from Laudato Si', the environmental encyclical in which Pope Francis implores us to protect our common home. To escalate the implementation of Laudato Si', Pope Francis has established the Laudato Si' Action Platform with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years. Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for parishes to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist parishes on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living Laudato Si' communities. This 3-step certification process will inform, guide and inspire your parish. Audit and Planning Guide are written for parishes, but the content is equally relevant and useable for agencies, organisations or religious orders <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/earthcare-parishes/>

CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal

This pandemic has been hard on us all. But as with every disaster, COVID-19 is making the already vulnerable more vulnerable still. Your generous donation to this year's Giving Tree Appeal will provide practical and financial support for struggling Victorian families - from three square meals a day to help with utility bills... every gift you choose helps. To donate go to <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/14/giving-tree-appeal>



**St Joseph's Parish Timboon
Invites you to the annual
Ecumenical Advent Service
Sunday 5th December 7:30 p.m.
Please bring a plate of supper to share.
RSVP—Katrina Currell 5598 3443—0439 995 010**



Ecumenical Christmas Luncheon

Thursday December 9th at 12 Noon . The Timboon Uniting Church.
RSVP By Monday 6th to Joy Kerr 55983857

Timboon	28th November 9 a.m. Assembly W&C	5th December Closed	12th December 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C
Welcome	K Currell		L Tregua
Leaders	E & T O'Connor		K Currell C Martin
Statue	P Haugh		P Haugh
Reader	R Hoffmann		J McInerney
POF	G Vogels		T O'Connor
E.M.H.C.	C Bullen		E O'Connor
Bulletin	G Swierczek		
Slides	A Vogels		A McMeel
Cleaners			
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9 a.m.