

Parish of Timboon



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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

Dear Friends, The gospel's narrative is the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. It is a picture of happiness. Mary shares her joy with Elizabeth and rejoices in her cousin's forthcoming motherhood. The trip is long and tiresome, but Mary does not mind the inconvenience. What concerns her is the well-being of her cousin. For Mary, the visit is a mission of caring for her cousin. She is bringing God's love and mercy to Elizabeth in her moment of need. Hence, Mary's visit to her cousin calls us to reflect on our mission towards the poor and needy. Mary recognizes her cousin's helplessness due to her old age. She offers herself to help without any request. This shows Mary's humility. Though she was chosen by God to be the mother of the long awaited "Messiah" Jesus, she was willing to help Elizabeth in her need. And Elizabeth acknowledges Mary as the mother of the Lord.

Mary's loving concern is also shown to all of us. She reaches out to us, no matter how distant we are, she is willing to help us. During these coming days, let us reflect on Mary, the mother of the Lord, and put into practice the virtue of humility in our life. As we saw she didn't distance herself from the honour and title of the "Mother of the Lord". She submitted herself to God and throughout her life kept her commitment as the handmaid of the Lord. Let us ask the Lord to give us the grace to cultivate the virtue of humility to serve others like Mary our Mother. - Neville

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In December: Brian Fleming, Enid Boyle, Shelia Freeman, Toni Lathouwers, Cyril Karo, Sister Christina, Brian Parsons, Dennis O'Connor, Pat Bourke, Harold Craven, Ad Vogels, Ann Dodd, Theodora Vogels, Winnie O'Keefe, Darryn Tregaea, Maggie Tregaea, Terry McMeel.

Recent deaths

Nelly Bongers, Annie Delaney



Christmas Eve Mass 24th December 6:00pm Thankyou Fr McInerney

Volunteers for Christmas Eve Mass

Please put your name on the list in foyer or tell George.

Christmas Mass Times:

24th Friday Vigil 6.00 pm at Timboon,

Cobden Vigil – 6.00 pm

Camperdown Vigil – 8.00 pm.

25th Saturday Christmas Day only a morning Mass at Lismore – 8.30 am.

Reconciliation Rites: 19th of December on **Sunday 9.00 am at Timboon** and **11.00 am at Camperdown**. The Reconciliation Rite will be held during the celebration of this weekend's Masses.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C 19th December 2021

First Reading: Mi 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed

his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live

secure, for from then on, he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,

‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) see Lk 1:38
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animosity is set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it. The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God. We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually re-enact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished.

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2022 Columban Calendar

The Columban Calendar's are now available in the church foyer \$10 per calendar.

For details see Katrina



This following instruction came from the bishop's office on 15/12/2021 (Wednesday).

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced new Covid provisions to come into effect from 11.59pm tonight (Wednesday 15 December 2021).

We will no longer be required to check the vaccination status of those attending places of worship.

The Victorian Council of Churches has received the following response from the state government. "From tonight there are no longer vaccination check-in requirements at places of worship. We do maintain our strong recommendation that people are fully vaccinated. QR code check-ins are still required. Quotient requirements are no longer in force. Masks are not mandatory but are strongly recommended."

Ian Smith, Executive Officer of the Victorian Council of Churches, added the comment: "So it seems we can open up all services to all members of churches and community for carols and Christmas events and services.

I renew my thanks to you all for continuing to support one another through these trying times. I rejoice that we will be able to gather for worship as a whole community again. May we pray together in these final days of Advent and throughout the Christmas season bring us Christ's joy in abundance.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Catholic Care 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>

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria> and the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

Timboon	19th December 9:00 a.m. Mass	26th December 9:00 a.m. Assesembly W & C	2nd January 2022 Closed
Welcome	K Currell	N McKinnon	
Leaders		Leaders Needed	
Statue	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Reader	L McInerney	Reader Needed	
POF	S Jayakody	E O.Connor	
E.M.H.C.		EMHC Needed	
Bulletin	P Nicholson, M Moloney	P Nicholson, M Moloney	
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	K Currell
Cleaners			R Hoffmann
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.