

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 we see that the historical record of the time is very remarkable. The names are all political and religious personalities, the Roman emperor, the governor, the tetrarchs and the high priests. They are big names in the Judean world. Then comes the name John. He has no title, no position or no great credential. He is just the son of Zechariah. He comes from the desert. His origins are humble, in contrast to the prominent figures whose areas of jurisdiction are mentioned.

Though he was not a prominent figure, he receives the highest compliment. He is given the best credentials: the word of God comes to him. Like John, we are also simple personalities. What we are in society, what we possess, does not promise that the word of God will find a place in our lives. Our position does not necessarily qualify us to bear God's message. John was a simple, humble and God-fearing person. Because of that the word of God came to him and he became the voice of God. He speaks about Jesus and proclaims his coming. He carries his mission in simplicity and faithfulness to God. To welcome the word of God and to become his voice, we should strive to be like John, simple, humble and God fearing. In our celebration let us ask the Lord to give the heart and mind of Jesus so that we may be able to prepare ourselves and to welcome Jesus into our midst. - 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 Tregea, Maggie Tregea, Terry McMeel.



Ecumenical Christmas Luncheon

The Timboon Uniting Church invites you to the 2021 Ecumenical Luncheon on Thursday December 9th at 12 noon.

There will be a presentation of work been done with donations to the Christmas Bowl appeal.

Offereing can be made to the Christmas Bowl appeal at the luncheon. RSVP to Joy Kerr 55983857 by Monday 6th December.

Christmas Mass Times:

24th Friday Vigil 6.00 pm at Timboon, Cobden Vigil – 6.00 pm and Camperdown Vigil – 8.00 pm.

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

Reconciliation Rites: 12th of December on **Sunday – 9.00 am at Lismore.** 18th of December on **Saturday – 6.00 pm at Cobden.** 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 the weekend Masses.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent Year C 5th December 2021

First Reading *Bar 5:1-9*

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 125. R. v.3*

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *(R.)*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *(R.)*
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. *(R.)*



Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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

Ordination to the Diaconate

On Friday the 10th of December at 7pm William (Bill) Lowry, who over the last two years spent some time in our parish will be ordained to the order of Diaconate along with Matthew Restall. This will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat, 3 Lyons St S Ballarat 3350. All who have received their Covid-19 vaccinations are welcome to attend.

Live-streaming of the ordination will also be available through the Cathedral Parish Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9>

More information is also available on the Parish website:
<https://stpatscathedral.weebly.com/>

Thank you to the parish communities of Camperdown, Cobden, Timboon, Simpson, Lismore and Derrinallum for their ongoing prayer and support of our ordinands.

If you are interested in attending there will be a bus being made available and leaving Cobden at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per seat. Contact Kate Daffy 03 5595 1020 or Gerard Gleeson 0427 096 493 to book.

International Volunteers Day – Sunday, December 5, 2021: Within our parish communities are many volunteers who provide their talents and time to contribute to the mission of our churches. We thank God for these people who continue to strive to make our parishes a place of welcome and prayer.

St Joseph's Parish Timboon Invites you to the annual Ecumenical

Advent Service on Sunday 5th December 7:30 p.m.

Please bring a plate of supper to share.

RSVP—Katrina Currell 5598 3443—0439 995 010



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>

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	5th December Closed	12th December 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	19th December 9:00 a.m. Mass
Welcome		L Tregea	K Currell
Leaders		K Currell C Martin	
Statue		P Haugh	K Currell
Reader		J McInerney	L McInerney
POF		T O'Connor	S Jayakody
E.M.H.C.		E O'Connor	
Bulletin	P Nicholson, M Moloney	P Nicholson, M Moloney	P Nicholson, M Moloney
Slides		A McMeel	A McMeel
Cleaners			
Simpson	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9 a.m.	Closed