

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 Jesus presents himself as a liberator in his inaugural speech, declaring his mission. Hence Jesus liberates people from their sicknesses, religious ignorance, fear from sin and even from death. He knows that we need liberation, and he has come to set us free by the power of the Spirit of God. In our lives do we realize that we need the liberation of Jesus. The world that we live in is dominated by secularism, consumerism and egoism. There is no space to think about God. Everyone is motivated by worldly powers.

We Christians have a goal to achieve and a mission to accomplish. Through Baptism we share the same mission of Jesus. Let us ask ourselves: Do we allow Jesus to free us from the things that enslave or limit us from doing our Baptismal mission. If we submit ourselves to Christ, we shall experience the freedom of the children of God, as did Mary our mother, Paul, Peter, Augustine, Francis of Assisi and many other saints and blessed. It is true, though, like St. Augustine, we put off allowing Jesus to free us. We say to Jesus, yes, Lord but not yet. Once we have experienced the freedom that God gives, we should then, like Jesus, also help set others free. The test of the genuineness of our conversion to Jesus and our experience of freedom is our eagerness to help others experience what we have experienced. In our celebration let us ask our Lord to give us the power to continue the mission of Jesus in our day-to-day life. Neville.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In January : Vera Hickey, Madge Boyle, Bill Haig, Patrick F Nicholson, Greg O'Flynn, Peg Duffy, Laurie Loft, Nancy Nugent, Jim Rylance Snr, Brian Fleming, Patricia Gaut, Ann Dodd, Bob Maslin, Catherine Dendle, Gertruda Heyden, Frank Keegan, Anne van Duynhoven

Recently Deceased: Eileen Dillon



Mass of the Oils 2022

The Mass of the Oils will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.



Planned Giving statements for 3rd October 2021 to 26th December 2021 are now available in the church foyers for collection. For those who receive their statements by email there will be printed copies this time in case you are unable to open the document.

Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025

The new "**Looking Forward**" pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be access and/or downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/>. Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the new year. This new edition of "**Looking Forward**" provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the next few years.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 23 Jan 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **(R.)**



LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Second Reading Shorter form 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

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

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
And freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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

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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>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. Statements from the Premier regarding COVID-19 matters are published immediately on his webpage; <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/>. At the very end of the page is also published the upgraded table of restrictions, PDF format, that are based on his most recent press conference.

World Interfaith Harmony Week Flag Raising Event

All are invited to the Ballarat Interfaith Network's celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at St Peter's Anglican Church, Sturt Street, Ballarat from 11.00am - 12.30pm. The program includes: Acknowledgement of Country; welcome on behalf of Ballarat Interfaith Network; welcome on behalf of City of Ballarat; raising of the Interfaith Flag; address by Sikh Keynote Speaker (Rajinder Singh Gill); prayers from various faith representatives; virtual choir presentations; and refreshments.

Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – Sunday, February 6, 2022

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Speaker topics are organ donation, blood donation and interfaith perspectives - Aboriginal, Baha'i, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh. Registration is essential, ph. 0400 650 234. This is a COVID compliant event – masks, QR check in, social distancing. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

Caritas Appeal for Tonga

Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation. Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas. The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.

Timboon	23rd January 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	30th January 9:00 a.m. Mass	6th February Closed
Welcome	G Vogels	L Tregoe	
Leaders	R Hoffmann E O'Connor		
Statue		T & E O'Connor	
Reader	T O'Connor	A Vogels	
POF	J McInerney	L McInerney	
E.M.H.C.	C Marr		
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	P Nicholson
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	P Nicholson
Cleaners	R Hoffman	R Hoffmann	
Simpson	Assembly W & C 9am	Closed	Mass 9:00 a.m.