

Parish of Timboon



St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

Dear Friends,

Through this feast the Church proclaims the revelation of God to the whole world. God reveals and makes Himself accessible to all men and women. Everyone, without exception, can come to God anytime and anywhere. This feast invites us to reflect on two truths of life. First, life is a call. Everyone is called, no one is excluded. God wants all people to be saved and calls us from our old life of darkness of sin into a new life with Him. But if we, like the king Herod, hold on to power, comfort and convenience, prestige and popularity, will turn a deaf ear to God's call.

Second one is, life is a journey to God, Who always makes it easy for us to find Him. God gives us directions but leaves us free to use these. God provides a star to light and guide our path to Him. Unfortunately, there are other "Stars" attractive and worldly like, power, wealth, success and popularity – that could lead us astray. These can cloud our vision and keep us from seeing the true star that leading us back to the heavenly Father.

Only Jesus, the true light, can bring us home to God. With Jesus guiding us in our journey, we will always find our way back to God. Hence in our celebration let us ask the Lord to give us His wisdom to judge wisely the things of heaven and to seek for the kingdom of heaven 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 vanDuyhoven



Thank you to all the Parishioners:

As we draw toward the end of another year, I'd like to express my gratitude to all those who have assisted in many ways during this pandemic of COVID 19 to deliver the spiritual care to our Parishioners either by electronically (live streaming) or materially. Your support, love and care help to reflect Christ's love to so many people whose lives are touched by the ministries and service of your kindness. I greatly appreciate your help, dedication and commitment towards our parish. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the secretary of our parish, and Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committees of Timboon and Camperdown, all the volunteers who help do the Liturgy and music on every weekend. It gives me a great confidence that we will continue our collaborative journey of faith next year and grow in the understanding of witnessing in our life by words and deeds, to be a disciple of Christ. Thank you so much for activity involving in the Mission of the Church. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you again for all the Christmas gifts, wishes and greetings cards you sent to me. Thank you also for your continued support to this wonderful Parish. May the good Lord bless and protect your family at this unsettled and adversities due to this pandemic of COVID 19. Wishing you all a wonderful, safe and amazing New Year.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading *Is 60:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11*

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. *(R.)*
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. *(R.)*
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. *(R.)*
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. *(R.)*



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Second Reading **Eph 3:2-3. 5-6**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 2:2**

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 2:1-12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

55th World Day of Peace – January 1, 2022

Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace, "*Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace*" is available from <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20211208-messaggio-55giornatamondiale-pace2022.html>

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace: Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.



Best Wishes to all parishioners and visitors for the New Year.

May you all enjoy a happy and safe 2022 with abundant joy and blessings throughout the year.

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	2nd January Closed	9th January 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	16th January 9:00 a.m. Mass
Welcome		A McMeel	G Vogels
Leaders		P Nicholson J McInerney	
Statue		C & P Martin	M Turner
Reader		C Martin	P Nicholson
POF		G Vogels	O Muliawan
E.M.H.C.		L McInerney	
Bulletin			
Slides		K Currell	K Currell
Cleaners	R Hoffmann	R Hoffmann	R Hoffmann
Simpson	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W & C 9am	Closed