

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Dear Friends,

This weekend's gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's gospel. We saw a display of a new way of life or a lifestyle to attain the kingdom of God. Today's gospel is setting out some guidelines for us to follow in our faith journey. These guidelines make our life different as children of God.

It is through our kindness and love we are invited to reflect the love and mercy of God. That is to treat others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. Here, God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us.

On the other hand, it is easier to show kindness and mercy when we expect to get some benefits from doing so. But, how much harder when we expect to get nothing in return. Jesus goes further and asks us to pray for those who do us evil and harm. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or evil? Hence, with God's grace, all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, and griefs. Such love and grace have the power to heal and to save from all evil. It also gives us the courage to return evil with good things.

So let us ask the Lord to inflame our hearts with his love to live according to the values of the gospel.
-Neville.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In February : Mary McMeel, Mary van Nieuwkerk, Walter Churchill, Peter O'Connor, An Vogels, Nellie Kennedy, Jim McMeel, Pat Maslin, James Coleman, Joe Delaney, Nell Pekin, Susan Boyle, Frances Hammett, Carmel O'Connor, John Fowler, Graeme Bell, Peter Crowe, Ceily Plozza, John Vogels, Eileen Maguire, Nora Townsend

Recent Death: Bill Emmacora , Sister Anne Forbes



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.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up to date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/> .

Updates are also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 20 Feb 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**



Second Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Today, Charlotte Couch and William Douglas are to receive folders to begin preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist. Their confirmation and Eucharist ceremony Mass will be July 17th. Please remember them in your prayers

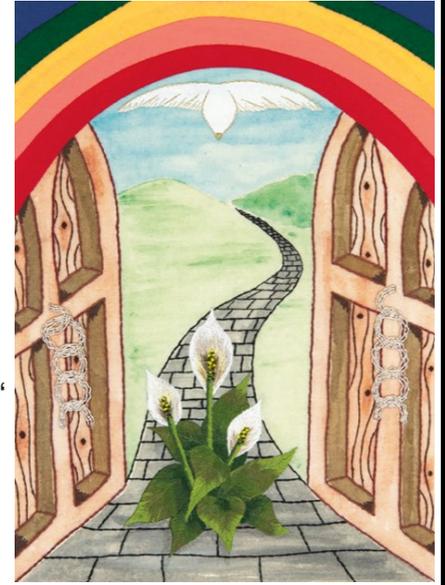
World Day of Prayer. Friday March 4th,

St Joseph's Timboon , 1.30 pm

"On the first Friday of March 2022, communities across the world will come together to launch the celebration of the World Day of Prayer prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland!

The 2022 theme, "I Know the Plans I Have for You", is an invitation to have faith in God even when we don't see or imagine hope, because surely God has a plan for each of us, plans filled with hope and promise. "

All parishioners and families are invited to the **World Day of Prayer at St Joseph's, Timboon on Friday March 4th at 1.30p.m.** There will be an ecumenical service and a cuppa and chat afterwards. Please bring a small plate of food to share.



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	20th February 9:00 a.m. Mass	27th February 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	6th March Closed
Welcome	N McKinnon	G Vogels	
Leaders		E O'Connor J McInerney	
Statue	G & A Vogels	G Townsend	
Reader	S Jayakody	K Currell	
POF	A Vogels	R Hoffmann	
E.M.H.C.		A McMeel	
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	G Swierzek
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	A Vogels
Cleaners			J Delaney, T Vogels
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W & C 9am	Mass 9:00 a,m,