

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 Pharisees and the Scribes accuse Jesus for welcoming sinners and tax collectors into the Jewish congregation. This accusation aimed at Jesus should be an encouragement to us all as we reflect on our unfaithfulness to God during this season of Lent, because Jesus does not disregard sinners. He says on another occasion that he has not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. We do not have to be worthy for him to come to us. He welcomes us because he has come to save us. Jesus' welcoming heart and arms represent the mercy and love of God. We notice how God's mercy is in the parable of the lost son. The father (representing God) runs out to the prodigal son, embraces him, and has a feast prepared for him. Likewise, the father goes out to the distressed elder brother to invite him to join in the celebration.

God even understands the remorse of the youngest son who came back, as well as the feeling of the eldest son who refused to go in. He came out and welcomed both into the celebration. God wants his children united in his home, celebrating a feast together, with each other and with their common Father. Let us give joy to the heart of God our Father by entering his heart and joining with our brothers and sisters in the feast that God wants all of us to share, both in the Eucharist and in the heavenly banquet at the end of our earthly journey.

-Neville.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels, Siena Martin

Anniversaries In March: Charles Boyle, Jeff Lathouwers, Robert Maslin, Brian Smith, Perc. Roberts, Mary O'Keeffe, Coleman O'Keeffe, Matthew Delaney, Park Conheady, Kathleen Noonan, Herman Dickmann, Mary Pouw, Paul Couch, Barry Ridsdale, Martin van Duynhoven, Geoff Gale, Michael Dodd, Rose McMeel, Jessie Giblett, Carmel Bruce, Frank Vogels

Recent Death: Ross Fleming



Prayers for Ukraine and Russia: On Friday, March 25, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrating Mary's acceptance of the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. The consecration echoed the Pope's prayers that Mary, the Queen of Peace, might intercede for all those suffering from the current war in Ukraine and that Mary might pray for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Bishop Paul encourages all the members of our diocese to join with Pope Francis in this prayer, both personally and in gatherings with others.

Reconciliation for Lent: will be combined with the weekend Masses as follows: 27th Sunday 9 am Lismore (2nd & 3rd). Next weekend, Saturday 6.30 pm Cobden, **Sunday 9am Simpson** and 11am Camperdown.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2022: Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 11, 2022. Practice times are Sunday, April 3 and Sunday, April 10 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 715



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 27 Mar 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading

Jos 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:17-21

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

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

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



Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

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Meeting: The current members of the Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council will meet on the 6th April 6:00 p.m. at St Joseph's Timboon.

Throughout Lent there will be a **Stations of the Cross** at St Joseph's Timboon 12:00 p.m. Fridays.
All Welcome.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal: In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.



With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

St Joseph's Church Derrinallum Final Mass: An invitation is extended to parishioners and former parishioners, their families and friends and any interested community members, to attend the Final Mass following the closing of St Joseph's Church in Derrinallum. This Mass will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served at the Church following Mass. To assist with catering, please reply to Gerard Fitzgerald, ph. 0409 863079 or Kathy Bell, ph. 0499 555607.

Praying with Pope: Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for March: **For a Christian response to bioethical challenges** - We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Timboon	27th March 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	3rd April Closed	10th April 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C
Welcome	A McMeel		N McKinnon
Leaders	R Hoffmann K Currell		J McInerney C Marr
Statue	J & G Delaney		K Currell
Reader	J McInerney		L McInerney
POF	P Nicholson		A Vogels
E.M.H.C.	P Martin		K Currell
Bulletin	G Swierczek	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	A Vogels	A McMeel	A McMeel
Cleaners	J Delaney, T Vogels	K Currell K Delaney	K Currell K Delaney
Simpson	Assembly W & C 9am	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W & C 9:00 a.m.