

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Dear Friends,

The gospel reminds us that life on earth is a time of real struggle against evil and temptation. In today's gospel we see that Jesus is led by the Spirit to the desert to be tempted by the devil. In the Old Testament, in the book of Genesis, we see our first parents Adam and Eve were tempted and they failed. Again in the book of Exodus, we see the people of Israel were tested in the desert and they failed too. In the same way Jesus is tempted in the desert and he wins. He is tempted in all things as we are, but he is faithful to God's love and obedient to God. His love towards God is strong and he does not obey the command of the devil. Here Jesus does not look for his own comfort and glory but remains faithful and obedient to God.

As we begin the season of Lent, the gospel story of temptation of Jesus gives us a lesson and motivation that we could overcome any temptation if only we remain faithful to God like Jesus. Jesus uses God's word as his weapon to counteract the devil's temptations. So, if we want to win against temptation of any kind, we must go to Jesus and remain with him. If we are with Jesus, no devil or temptation is strong enough against us. Therefore, let us ask God to strengthen our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be able to stand firm with Jesus and overcome the temptation which ever may come in our way in living out the values of the gospel in our life.

-Neville.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

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

Recent Deaths: Sister Anne Forbes, Ross Fleming



A Prayer for Ukraine

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. 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.



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First Reading

Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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



Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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

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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.

Throughout Lent there will be a **Rosary service** at St Joseph's Timboon 12:00 p.m. Fridays.
All Welcome.

Caritas Australia Prayer for International Women's Day – March 8, 2022

Gracious God, we pray for ourselves and all women around the world.
Strengthen us to stand in solidarity with our sisters experiencing poverty and injustice.
Open our hearts to listen and serve.
Give us the courage to hope and work for a better future for all women.
Awaken us, that we may fully realise our interconnectedness to our one global human family.
Guide us with your spirit, to welcome, champion, practically and joyfully love each other. Amen.

Project Compassion – First Sunday of Lent

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. 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 www.lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.



We welcome the Season of Lent with a good spirit.

Lenten season is a moment of grace for all of us to make a pilgrimage into our interior life, where we encounter the Lord and open our hearts to His transforming love. In the forty days of journey, the Church provides us the necessary weapons in order for us to overcome temptations; i.e. fasting- how will we die to our selfish desires, prayer- how we will strengthen our communion with God, and almsgiving- how we will express our greater love for our neighbour. Jesus comes to our rescue to set us free from the powers of the devil. He faced the devil directly and battled with him. He disarmed him of his weapons using the Word of God. Quoting the Scriptures, Jesus shows us that the truth revealed in the Word of God is more powerful than the snares of the devil. We cannot defeat the devil with our strength but with the power of God. Following Jesus we can be victorious over all our temptations, with faith that we belong to Christ and He is at our side to defend our cause. We don't live by the bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us give ourselves a time to reflect and meditate on the Word of God and convert to the Lord with great sincerity so that God will give us the grace and courage to change our interior life to gain eternal life. N.

Timboon	6th March Closed	13th March 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	20th March 9:00 a.m. Mass
Welcome		L Tregea	K Currell
Leaders		P Nicholson	
Statue		P Haugh	M van Nieuwkerk
Reader		R Hoffmann	O. Muliawan
POF		K Currell	G Vogels
E.M.H.C.		C Bullen	
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	A Vogels
Cleaners	J Delaney, T Vogels	J Delaney, T Vogels	J Delaney, T Vogels
Simpson	Mass 9:00 a,m,	Assembly W & C 9am	Closed