



Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus gives us a new commandment and explains that, 'As I have loved you, so you also should love one another'. Such love is the mark by which people will know that they are the disciples of Christ. Christians are not distinguished from other people by their clothing, colour, education, attainment of wealth or power, but by their Christ-like love for one another.

Let us remember that the Christ-like love is a love that we should show or practise with the spirit of Jesus. It may be called unconditional love, which is motivated by the lovableness of the other. It is the love for even the unlovable, including the poor and one's enemies.

Because this love is unconditional and is a participation in the love of our heavenly Father for Jesus, and for Jesus we have to love our brothers and sisters. That is, we have to embrace and exclude no one just as Jesus loved everyone and sacrificed himself for the salvation of the world.

In following Jesus, we are committing ourselves and willing to pay the cost of loving, even if it means suffering and death like Jesus. Jesus says: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends". In our celebration let us ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus so that we may be able to love everyone unconditionally like Jesus in our day-to-day life. -Neville.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In May: Elsie O'Donnell, John Conheady, William Delahenty, John Evans, Carolina Gagel, John Gaut, Shirley Freeman, Merle Ludeman, Harry Gatens, Peter Vu, Patrick Hession, Park Kennedy, Father Barry Stickland, Betty Delaney, Cath Harman, Margaret Richie, Roger Garner.

Recent Death: Ross Fleming, Clinton Baulch



National Volunteers Week: May 16-22, 2022

National Volunteers Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From May 16-22, 2022 NVW is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our parishes and agencies. The theme for NVW 2022 is Better Together. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, Better Together. The Volunteering Australia Volunteer website has National Volunteer Week resources, certificates of appreciation, volunteer thank you gifts and merchandise available <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/nvw-resources-2/>

Prayer for Volunteers: We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 15 May 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

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

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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

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We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved.

At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together.

In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

Mass counts have begun! If you didn't record your mass counts for the weekend just gone, you need to think about how many people attended and record it NOW!

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting's should have started last weekend (7-8 May) and continue each weekend until the end of May. Mass Count Forms are attached. You can either use the PDG of Excel Sheet to record your Mass counts. Also attached to this email is a "Counter's Form." This form can be used to assist the counter's recording the numbers at Mass or Assembly.

- **Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends.**
- **Please complete ALL columns, including what the 'usual' count will be.**
- **If you have increased or reduced numbers, include the reason why (e.g. Baptism, First Eucharist, etc.)**

After the four weekends are complete you will be required to submit your completed Mass Count Forms to the Diocese by Friday 10 June, 2022.

If you have any queries please email fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au



Caritas Australia - Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/> and donate online or by calling 1800 024 413. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

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

National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>. There is also, "A Blessing for Families" on this webpage.

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 May: **For faith-filled young people:** We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

Timboon 2022	15th May 9:00 a.m. Mass	22 May 9a.m. Assembly W & C	29th May 9:00 a.m. Mass
Welcome	N McKinnon	G Vogels	
Leaders		R Hoffmann C Marr	L Treglea
Statue	D Moloney M Moloney	G Vogels A Vogels	G Townsend
Reader	P Nicholson	A Vogels	
POF	J McInerney	L McInerney	C Marr
E.M.H.C.	L Treglea	A McMeel	
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Cleaners	E Roberts	E Roberts	E Roberts
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9a.m.	Closed