



Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Dear Friends,

It must have been for them a very difficult day. And a sad one too. He had told them that they should be glad for him. "Because", he said: "I am going home". He told them that they should be glad for themselves too. "Because", he said "Now I am sending you".

We know it from our own experience in life. We know it from those moments that others, who up to then had been responsible for us, made us responsible for ourselves. We know from the joy we experienced when they allowed us for the first time to do something on our own: a commission, a message, a task, the herding of some sheep, the care for a baby, or whatever it was.

From the beginning God had done the same: he made man and woman, king and queen, rulers and organizers in nature. In Christ God did it again, not only Christ is going to be the light of the world; not only Christ is going to be the salt of the earth; not only Christ is going to be the ferment in human life.

We should be that light, that salt, and that yeast.

He said to them: "Go to the city and stay until you are clothed with the power from on high".

And they went to wait for the spirit to come.

Father Joseph G Donders.

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, Bernadette Dillon



Daily Gospel Reflections

During the height of COVID in 2020, the Archdiocese of Brisbane's Adult Formation Team launched a daily gospel reflection resource to help Catholics stay connected with God whilst they couldn't attend Mass. The resource has been so well received that the offer is extended to all who may find it useful. The Daily Gospel Reflections are delivered each weekday morning to your email inbox, and will take just a few moments to read but will centre you in relationship with God for the rest of the day. To find out more or subscribe go to <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

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 29 May 2022

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) **Mt 28:19, 20**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

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The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of 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



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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.**

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 – June 3

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. A prayer of the faithful from Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria: Lord, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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	29th May 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	5th June Closed	12th June 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C
Welcome	G Vogels		K Currell
Leaders	R Hoffmann J McInerney		C Bullen,
Statue	G Townsend		P Haugh
Reader	A Vogels		N McKinnon
POF	C Marr		A Vogels
E.M.H.C.	A Vogels		C Bullen
Bulletin	Denny Family	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	K Currell	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Cleaners	E Roberts	Monica Ryan John Ryan	Monica Ryan John Ryan
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.