



Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday in which we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. A large crowd welcomes Jesus into Jerusalem, spreading their cloaks on the road and cutting branches from trees and putting them in his path. Here, Jesus is received the way worldly kings and emperors are welcomed by their local people. The crowd is overwhelmed with joy because they see Jesus as their Messiah who comes to save them from their oppressors, especially the Romans. They shout "Hosannah", meaning 'save us now'.

But Jesus does not enter the city of David like a conqueror or warrior. Instead, he rides on a donkey fulfilling the prophecy of the prophet Zechariah of a meek king entering Jerusalem. In ancient times, kings like David and Solomon had their royals ride on powerful horses or on chariots after the pattern of the Greeks and the Romans cultures. Still, the humble ride does not hide the kingly dignity of Jesus, for as the rest of the prophecy reveals, this king shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea. Peace cannot be conquered by the sword. It is a gift of God. We received this through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. As we go through the 'Holy Week' in coming days let us closely take part in Jesus' passion, death and resurrection and obtain his gift of peace in our lives. - Neville

Our Sick: Pat Thornton



Anniversaries In April: Mick McMeel, George Farmer, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Laurie Dwyer, Joan Rylance, Laurie Loft, Dos Haugh, Ellie Howe, Pat Warner (McGowan), Pam Horan, Cis Roberts, Frank Johnson, Marie McMeel, John Hunt, Pat Delaney, John McKenzie, Ross Powell, Andrew Powell, William Couch, Mary Karo, Delwyn Bruce, Robert Delaney, Ian McKenzie



Recent Death: Nell O'Sullivan (Mother of Bernadette Moloney)

4 in 10 Australians would accept an invitation to an Easter service if invited by a close friend or family member

NCLS Research has some encouraging numbers from the 2022 Australia Community Survey about inviting people to church for Easter. Read about it at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ncls-research-four-in-10-australians-say-they-would-go-to-an-easter-service-if-invited-by-a-close-friend-or-family-member/>

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 of the Oils 2023: Monday April 3, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm.

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 02 Apr 2023

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 21: 1-11

- ¹ When they drew near to Jerusalem
and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them,
'Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately you will find an ass tied,
and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.
³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,
"The Lord has need of them,"
and he will send them immediately'.
⁴ This took place to fulfil
what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.
⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;
⁷ they brought the ass and the colt,
and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.
⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road,
and others cut branches from the trees
and spread them on the road.
⁹ And the crowds that went before him
and that followed him shouted,
'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!'
¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem
all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'
¹¹ And the crowds said,
"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

First Reading *Is 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2 **(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, April 7, 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7. The ongoing effects of the pandemic have created enormous challenges for the people of the Holy Land in terms of health and a catastrophic loss of income due to the absence of pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places (that also gives work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless and more. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land through the generosity of the Australian Church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds and in recent years, made all the more difficult by the pandemic.

Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for April :- for a culture of peace and non-violence: We pray for the spread of peace and nonviolence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

Reconciliation for the Season of Lent: will be combined with the weekend Masses as follows (this weekend).
25th & 26th March, Saturday 6.30 pm Cobden, Sunday – 9 am Lismore and 11 am Camperdown.
2nd April, Sunday – 9 am Simpson.

Individual Confession will be held 31st of March after the Friday Mass till 11am.

Holy Week Ceremonies- 2023.

Holy Thursday 6th April – 5.00 pm Timboon
5.00 pm Lismore (LLA)
7.30 pm Camperdown

Good Friday 7th April – 10.30 am Camperdown, Station of the Cross (at the Church).
10.30 am Cobden Station of the Cross (at the church).

Afternoon Service – 3.00 pm Camperdown, 3.00 pm Lismore and 3.00 pm Timboon.

Holy Saturday 8th April – 5.00 pm Lismore
6.00 pm Timboon
7.30 pm Camperdown

Easter Sunday 9th April - 9.00 am Cobden.

Project Compassion Palm Sunday – April 1 & 2, 2023

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. 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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Timboon 2023	2nd April: Palm Sunday Closed	Easter Vigil 6:00 p.m.	16th April Mass 9:00 a.m.
Welcome		A McMeel	N McKinnon
Leaders			
Statue		K Currell	C Martin P Martin
Reader		T O'Connor	K Currell
POF		G Vogels	L McInerney
E.M.H.C.			
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	A Vogels
Cleaners			
Simpson	Mass 9:00am	Closed	Closed