

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Our Sick: Pat Thornton

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 Deaths: Joan Johnson, Barbara Dickinson, Margaret Trigg



Dear friends,

The gospel of Matthew does not give emphasis on Jesus's ascension being taken up into heaven, but on his presence among the believers: "I am with you always". He can no longer be seen, heard and touched through our physical senses, because he is in his glorified state. He is truly with us until the end of the age. This feast is a reminder to all the faithful of the divine command to preach the gospel to all nations. And to preach the gospel means to be faithful by our witnessing life. Jesus lived among us and set an example to us on how to obey the will of God. To help us to carry out his mission he has given us the Holy Spirit as our helper and guide.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit he is alive and guides the church. We have to commit to the life and mission of the church. We, the messengers of his word must take into account who we are and what is our mission to the world in which we live today. We have to live in the culture of his discipleship hence to radiate the love, mercy and the truth of God to the people in our society. During our celebration let us recommit ourselves to the mission of God. Let us pray also for the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be guided and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Jesus namely building up his kingdom by our witnessing life.

-Neville

A Blessing for Families

Heavenly Father, please bless our families with Your everlasting love.

Give our families strength to overcome hardship and difficulties.

Give our families courage to admit our faults and forgive others.

Give our families joy to live life to the full and spread our joy to others.

May all families find comfort, support and guidance under Your loving care. Amen.



<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>

Mass Counts start on weekend May 6-7: The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting begins on May 6-7 and continues each weekend until the end of May

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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 21st May

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Year A

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 word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

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

or

(R.) Alleluia!

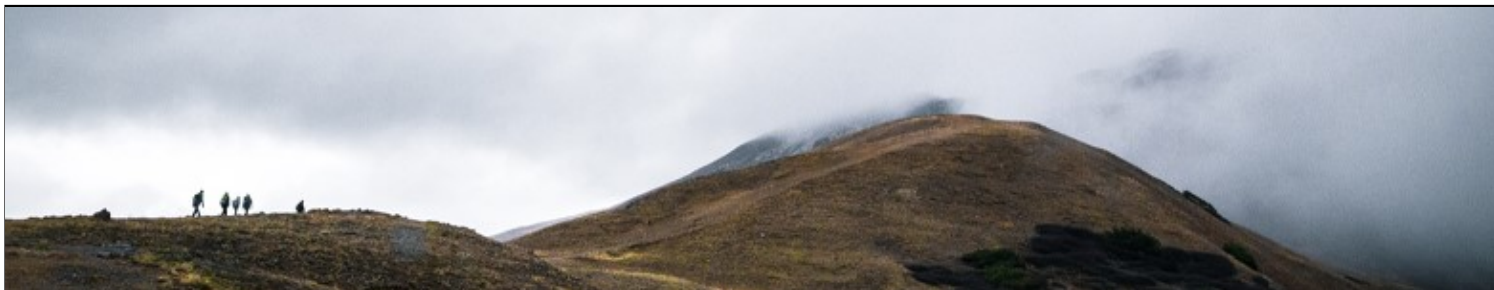
1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. 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. **(R.)**

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 word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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

Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for May – For Church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. Lord, hear us.

ACU Centre for Liturgy Online Training Program – Ministers of the Word 28June 2023

This new four-week training program for Ministers of the Word has been created by Australian liturgy specialists in order to foster and develop the skills of new and existing ministers. The online program features quality liturgical content and offers practical exercises in a supportive and engaging environment. The comprehensive program is suitable for members of all communities, city or regional, large or small, school or parish. More information available at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023: Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are available from <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>

Finance Meeting

Wednesday May 24th 6 p.m. in the Presbytery

Sorry Day Webinar

Caritas Australia is pleased to invite your parish community to our **Sorry Day Webinar** with survivors from Kinchela Boys Home, one of the most notorious institutions associated with the Stolen Generations. On **Thursday 25 May 2023** from **11am – 12pm AEST**, we will be hosting a FREE online event to hear from Uncle Widdy (#36) and Uncle Bobby (#24), two survivors of Kinchela Boys Home, to learn about the Stolen Generations and the continuing legacy of these experiences. If you would like to include this information in your parish bulletin, here is the link to publish: <https://www.caritas.org.au/sorry-day-webinar>

Timboon 2023	21st May Mass 9:00 a.m.	28th May Assembly of W & C 9:00 a.m.	4th June Mass 9:00 a.m.
Welcome	K Currell	N McKinnon	G Vogels
Leaders		C Bullen, P Nicholson	
Statue	G & A Vogels	G Townsend	P Haugh
Reader	S Jayakody	R Hoffmann	J McInerney
POF	S Jayakody	G Vogels	A Vogels
E.M.H.C.		J McInerney	
Bulletin	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	Denny Family
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	P Nicholson
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed