

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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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 (past caretaker at Simpson presbytery)



Reflection

We all know isolation in our lives and the harm it can bring. It's why there are many organisations to help us when we need them, old and young alike, but what's it got to do with today's gospel?

Perhaps we're like the disciples, uncertain, puzzled by what we're hearing from the 'Farewell Discourse' in John's gospel; but, whatever our response, at the heart of this gospel is relationship, with Jesus, the Father and one another. Here they are in a room, just prior to Jesus' arrest and death, and he says he's leaving them, but won't abandon them.

The disciples are unnerved by this, which is why he prefaces it by saying have faith and do not fear. 'Go to the place where fear lives' and begin to find there a deep-rooted trust in Jesus, in the Father. This isn't simply some life coach positivity, as he's soon to show them on the cross. For those who follow him on his way through death into the love of God, Jesus says, he's going to prepare an 'abiding place'— a room in my Father's house, where we might be at home.

It seems homelessness is not on offer, for God is relationship. This is what God wants for us.

In the first section the disciples are puzzled by what Jesus says of his death and his return and more so when he tells them, he is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. Then, he further reveals his relationship with the Father when he says that seeing me you've seen the Father, because 'I am in the Father and the Father is in me.' At which point, understanding the disciple's bewilderment, Jesus says, but for now, see the works that have been done and trust in me: trust him to bring us out of our isolation.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear of the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to be with us after his resurrection releases the Holy Spirit and fifty days later, at Pentecost, we witness the power of this release. The question for us is, are we able to see the Lord at work in our lives, however undramatic it might seem? Are we able to reveal his way of being in the world?

Because it's this that the church reveals to the world, and his going enables us, as he says, 'to perform even greater works.' Come what may, nothing can separate us now from the love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus; it's the promise of Easter.

As this promise is gradually made real in our lives we are able to 'ring out your joy to the Lord', as the psalm says, because the Lord is with us and we're called, in the words of the second reading, 'out of darkness into his wonderful light.' We're called out of our isolation into relationship with one another and God, forever.

Damian Coleridge

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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 lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 30 Apr 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading:

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

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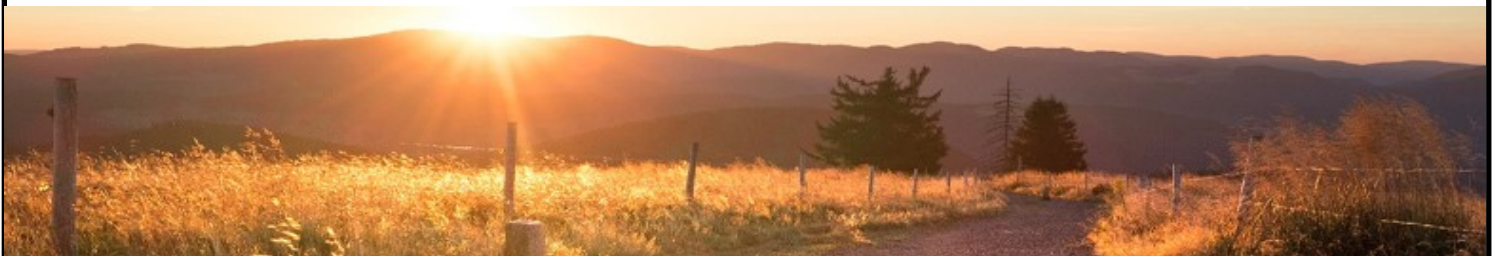
(R.) Alleluia!

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading:

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous





judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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

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	7th May Closed	14th May Assembly of W & C 9:00 a.m.	21st May 9:00 a.m.	Mass
Welcome		A McMeel	K Currell	
Leaders		A Vogels E O'Connor		
Statue		D Moloney M Moloney	G & A Vogels	
Reader		G Vogels	S Jayakody	
POF		T O'Connor	S Jayakody	
E.M.H.C.		P Martin		
Bulletin	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell	
Simpson	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00	Closed	