



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

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Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#) of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week's Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry. Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.



Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Mary Dillon

Anniversaries In August: Vin O'Connor, Mary Maslin, Ety McKinnon, Joan Densley, Mary Wintle, Frank Maguire, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Norah Place, Jacinta Bracks, Pat Carey, Josie Bird, Fr Brendan Davey

Recent Deaths: Ron Smith, Kevin Baxter, Bert Pepperkamp



Feast of Assumption

Assembly of Word and Communion at 12 pm Tuesday 15th August for the Assumption at Timboon.

CatholicCare Victoria Appeal - August

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. This appeal is a chance for parish communities to join in CatholicCare Victoria's mission to provide care and support for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community. CatholicCare Victoria provides support to people at every stage of life and from all backgrounds. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience and empowerment to reach their full potential. More information on the appeal will be sent in the coming weeks.

"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 6th August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place

and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow,

the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames,

its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out,

issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him,

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,

one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age

and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,

glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty

which shall never pass away,

nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**



Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation.

The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website.

August For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Interested in helping at the Timboon Hospital, visiting the sick? This would require one visit a month, chatting with patients who do not have family or visitors. More information Patty Martin on 0400 533



Through this initiative, we aim to teach Australian students about the important work of missionaries and the issues of social justice they tackle daily, while giving the students and their families a way of offering tangible financial support. This year, Socktober is focusing on communities in Timor-Leste, specifically a medical clinic and a children's home.

Mothers who pray for their children

The prayer group "Mothers who pray for their children" has commenced at the Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast. The group will meet on Thursday mornings at 10.30am at the Infant Jesus Church Koroit. All welcome – mothers, families and children. Please take your rosary beads.

Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media

Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, recently released a new social media platform in competition with Twitter, called *Threads*. For many people, this social media shift has prompted a pause button in a love-hate relationship with how the internet fundamentally works. Dialogically we might ask, *who is my (social media) neighbour?* To inform this current question, the Vatican Dicastery for Communication has issued a document titled "Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media" and is available to download at https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/dpc/documents/20230528_dpc-verso-piena-presenza_en.html

Timboon 2023	13th August Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	20th August Mass 9:00am	27th August W&A 9:00am
Welcome	L Tregua	G Vogels	N McKinnon
Leaders	R Hoffmann T O'Connor		K Currell J McInerney
Statue	P Haugh	G Delaney	K Currell
Reader	P Nicholson	E O'Connor	T O'Connor
POF	A Vogels	R Hoffmann	G Vogels
E.M.H.C.	P Martin		L McInerney
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	A Vogels
Simpson	13th August Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m