

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Dear Friends Easter gives hope to the people who live in the state of hopelessness.

The people in Jesus' time were in political turmoil. They were expecting a Messiah or liberator. What would be the message of Easter for us who are living in a world that lost its sense of God. The message of the resurrection of Jesus delighted the Apostles, received while they were sitting in a room with fear and frustration. Likewise, the message of the resurrection of Jesus would give us hope as we go through a difficult time. As the suffering and death of Jesus didn't last long but brought a glorious end by his resurrection.

The news of hope came to the disciples through a group of women who visited the tomb of Jesus. We heard in the gospel today The Resurrection of Jesus has turned things around. He was transformed into a glorious form. He invited the disciples to live a new way of life with their eyes fixed on the glory of God. Hence, like the Apostles, if we want to experience God's glory and to obtain a new transformation, we have to let things go of our old ways of life from our hearts and minds and to take a fresh start in our life.

In the process of our transformation, let us put on the armour of hope to face the challenges and obstacles that we come across in our witnessing life. Like the disciples who faced the danger of death and followed the instructions of Jesus to enter the glory of God. Likewise, we would be victorious if we follow the values of the gospel in our witnessing life. In this manner let us support and motivate each other with the message of hope that this Easter brings to our hearts and minds.

May the Easter's joy and hope shine upon you and your families on this Easter season.

Happy Easter

We welcome once again Father McInerney to our Parish as he celebrates The Easter Vigil Mass at St Joseph's Timboon at 6:00 p.m. Thank you Father for your generosity and time.

Our Sick: Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick, Carmel Densley, and Des Free.

Recent Death: Brian Davison, Hayley Fyfield, Jean McMeel, Kath Delaney

Anniversaries in March: Charles Boyle, Jeff Lathouwers, Michael Dodd, Matthew Delaney, Robert Maslin, Mary O'Keefe, Coleman O'Keefe, Brian Smith, Perc Roberts, Carmel O'Connor, Paul Couch, Geoff Gale, Martin Van Duynhoven, Park Conheady, Barry Risdale, Kathleen Noonan, Herman Dickmann, Albert Van Es, Rose McMeel, Maria Townsend, Frank Vogels, Riley Hutchinson, Mary Pouw, Jessie Giblett, Carmel Bruce, Nell O'Sullivan



"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

Saturday 30th March 2024

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Year B

First Reading

Gen 1:1. 26-31

A reading from the book of Genesis

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself,
in the image of God he created him,
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

The word of the Lord...All reply: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:4-7. 12-13. 20. 22 R. v.5

(R.) The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

1. 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.)
2. By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He collects the waves of the ocean;
he stores up the depths of the sea. (R.)
3. They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,
he sees all the children of men. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works,
may those you have redeemed understand
that there exists nothing more marvellous
than the world's creation in the beginning
except that, at the end of the ages,
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

(R.) Amen.

Through Christ our Lord.

Second Reading



Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord...All reply: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15:5. 8-11 R. v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, supreme Father of the faithful,
who increase the children of your promise
by pouring out the grace of adoption
throughout the whole world
and who through the Paschal Mystery
make your servant Abraham father of nations,
as once you swore,
grant, we pray,
that your peoples may enter worthily
into the grace to which you call them.
Through Christ our Lord.

(R.) Amen.

Third Reading

Exodus 14:15 – 15:1

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried 'the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

Responsorial Psalm

Exodus 15:1-6. 17-18 R. v.1

(R.) Let us sing to the Lord;

he has covered himself in glory.

1. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.
This is my God and I extol him,
my father's God and I give him praise. (R.)
2. The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. (R.)
3. Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,
your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. (R.)
4. You will lead your people and plant them on your mountain,
the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.
The Lord will reign for ever and ever. (R.)

Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, whose ancient wonders remain undimmed in splendour even in our day, for what you once bestowed on a single people, freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution by the power of your right hand now you bring about as the salvation of the nations through the waters of rebirth, grant, we pray, that the whole world may become children of Abraham and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright. Through Christ our Lord.

(R.) Amen.



Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Gospel

Mark 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

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

Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the Mass of the Oils last Monday at St Patrick's Cathedral, either in person or online via the livestream. The

representation from parishes, schools and agencies of the diocese in the choir, procession of parish symbols, procession of the oils, collection of the parish oils and various other ministries, made this a truly diocesan celebration. Special thanks to those who travelled considerable distance to attend the Mass. A report, photos and the livestream link from the Mass are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/mass-of-the-oils-2024/>



Fair Trade Easter Campaign

The Fair Trade Easter Campaign aims to contribute to the broader global Fair Trade movement by advocating for the purchasing, sales and consumption of ethically produced chocolate at Easter time. By buying cocoa beans that are certified Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ Certified, these chocolate producers ensure there is no forced labour or trafficked labour on cocoa plantations (check for logos like these on the packaging). Join millions of people around the world in an effort to make all chocolate slavery-free <https://acrath.org.au/fair-trade-chocolate-for-east>

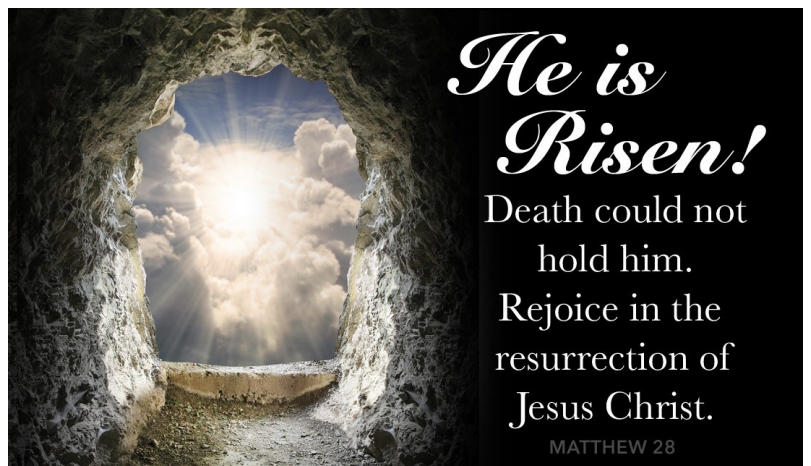


Praying with Pope Francis

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 March – for new martyrs: *Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. Lord, hear us.*

A Safe, Happy and Blessed Easter to All



He is Risen!

Death could not hold him. Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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An Easter with a Special Anniversary

This Easter, our diocese will be marking a special anniversary. It was on March 30, 1874, that Pope Pius the Ninth issued a decree establishing the Diocese of Ballarat. So, when we gather for the Easter Vigil on March 30 this year, it will be 150 years to the day since our diocese began.

The official description of a diocese focuses on the people who make up the diocesan community. The Code of Canon Law describes a diocese as “a portion of the people of God, which is entrusted to the care of a bishop” (Canon 369). So, when the number of people increases, there comes a time when a new bishop is appointed to care for that community. This is what happened in 1874 with the start of the Diocese of Ballarat. The population in the Colony of Victoria had grown so much that there were too many people for the Bishop of Melbourne to care for, so the Pope appointed two new bishops, one in Ballarat and one in Sandhurst (Bendigo), with responsibility to care for the communities of those regions.

Pope Pius the Ninth wrote as “the successor of Saint Peter to whom the Eternal Pastor gave the care of his flock”. This is how he explained the setting up of the new dioceses.

“Lest spiritual helps become lacking to the flock of believers, we are accustomed to increase the number of bishops for their assistance and convenience when we learn that the number of the flock has increased. Since by now the size of the territory of the Church of Melbourne in the Australian Colony of Victoria and the number of the faithful living there are such that, in the opinion of the bishops of Australia and especially of the Bishop of Melbourne himself, it is too difficult for one bishop to exercise care for that part of the Lord’s flock, it seems to us that for the spiritual good and convenience of the faithful we should erect two new dioceses in the aforesaid territory. Wherefore, after we have considered maturely all the circumstances of this matter, and after we have heard the advice of our beloved brothers in the Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, we, by our apostolic authority and by the force of these letters, erect and constitute in the territory of the Church of Melbourne in the Australian Colony of Victoria two new dioceses, one in the city of Sandhurst and one in the city of Ballarat.”

The Pope’s decree described the boundaries of the new dioceses. The Diocese of Ballarat would include the western region of Victoria. “For the Diocese of Ballarat, we define as the boundaries the 144th degree of longitude as far as the sea and the Murray River, and that boundary which separates Victoria from the Diocese of Adelaide, or from the Colony of South Australia, in such a way that the same Murray River will be the northern boundary and the sea will be the southern boundary.” One hundred and fifty years later, we continue to echo the Pope’s words in describing our diocese today. Our diocesan vision statement begins with the words, “We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea.”

The 150th anniversary will occur on March 30, which in 2024 happens to be Holy Saturday. This means that we will be able to mark the anniversary as we celebrate the Easter Vigil. Each time we light our tapers from the Easter candle, we give thanks that Jesus is risen and is with us as we gather in his name. When we celebrate the Easter Vigil this year, we might well remember that the risen Jesus has been with us as a diocesan community for the past 150 years. He has been with us through the joys and struggles of these years and he promises to remain with us always.

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Holy Thursday 28th March – 5.00 pm Timboon
 5.00 pm Lismore (LLA)
 7.30 pm Camperdown

Good Friday 29th March – 10.00 am Camperdown, it is an Ecumenical Service of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday starts on 10. am at the corner of Manifold Street and Hampden Hotel. All welcome.

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

Holy Saturday 30th March – 5.00 pm Lismore
 6.00 pm Timboon
 7.30 pm Camperdown

Easter Sunday 31st March - 9.00 am Cobden.

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, March 29, 2024

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. For 800 years, the Franciscan Friars have shared the difficult lives of Christians in the countries that make up the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land: Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus. The people of these countries face their own difficulties, but particularly Christians due to their minority status. Among them, the friars have never ceased offering their pastoral care. Two years ago, it was the pandemic that was causing havoc for the people in the Holy Land (as it was in the rest of the world), but now there is a new and more dangerous threat through the ongoing conflict which may last for quite some time. Just when pilgrims were starting to return, the Sacred Places of our Christian Faith are once again closed to pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and the local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places.

Easter Sunday 31 March

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024



Timboon 2024	30th March Easter Vigil Mass 6 pm	7th April Closed	14th April 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C
Welcome	L Tregea		G Vogels
Leaders			C Bullen P Nicholson
Statue	G Townsend		D Moloney M Moloney
Reader	R Hoffman		N McKinnon
P.O.F.	A Vogels		K Currell
E.M.H.C.			L McInerney
Bulletin	Denny Family	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	P Nicholson	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Closed	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.