

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

In these weeks after Easter and before the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, our gospel readings come from Jesus' farewell discourses in the Gospel of John. These are the teachings Jesus shared with his disciples in that precious time just before his arrest and crucifixion.

His teachings offered solace to his disciples who were soon to endure his passion and death. We now read and ponder them in the light of his resurrection and Ascension. They also offer comfort to us in our time and place, as we face life's challenges and sorrows.

Last week, the gospel recounted Jesus telling the disciples that he is the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep by name, who cares for them and protects them, and whose love and care are so great that he lays down his life for his sheep. This image of the Good Shepherd and his sheep describes a relationship of steadfast love and care.

This week, Jesus describes his relationship to his followers differently, this time in terms of a vine and its branches. This image highlights the intimacy, interconnection, mutuality and reciprocity of the relationship of Jesus to us, of Jesus to the Father, and of Jesus and the Father to us, individually and as a community.

Jesus explains that he is the true vine, the Father is the vine grower, and we are the branches. The image reminds us that we, just like the vine and its branches, rely on each other in order to bear fruit.

But, most important of all, Jesus urges us: "Abide in me as I abide in you." To abide means to remain, to stay, to dwell, to make a home in, to endure, and to hold fast. This notion of 'abiding' is of utmost importance in John's Gospel. (Even in today's short reading this word, abide, occurs 8 times.)

Jesus is very clear: this abiding is essential and core to our relationship with him. It is this abiding in him and he in us that will result in great fruitfulness. The fruits will be life-giving fruits, internal as well as external, for us personally and for the community. They will be peace, freedom, justice, joy, and the flourishing of creation.

What then is the call and the challenge for us? It is to nurture our relationship with Jesus. This is the discipleship to which he calls us: it is abiding in him, keeping company with him, living in daily conversation with him. We are called to a life-long process of entering ever more deeply into this relationship with him, learning to abide in his love, and learning to love one another as God has loved us. It is learning to live like that every day!

And, in the process, we will gradually come to better see the world, ourselves, other people, and whatever situations we face with our hearts and minds attuned to his.

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

Recent Deaths: Des Free, Mark Mugavin.

Des Free Requiem Mass 1st May 11:00 a.m. St Andrew's Simpson.

Anniversaries in April: Laurie Loft, Laurie Dwyer, George Farmer, Father Meredith Delehenty, Joan Rylance, Dos Haugh, Mick McMeel, Pat Warner, Pam Horan, Cis Roberts, Frank Johnston, Elli Howe, Patrick Delaney, John Hunt, Marie McMeel, Margaret Dillion, John McKenzie, Ross Powell, Andrew Powell, Mary Karo, Ian McKenzie, William Couch, Dewyn Bruce, Robert Delaney.



"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 28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord... ***Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ***

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150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat celebrated in Masses THIS WEEKEND

Bishop Paul invites parishes to acknowledge the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat at Masses **THIS WEEKEND**. He has invited schools to mark the anniversary during the week of April 29 to May 3, coinciding with Catholic Education Week which was brought forward for the occasion. Bishop Paul encourages each parish and each school to acknowledge their own history in the context of the 150 years of the history of the diocese. Local communities are coming up with creative ways of telling their local story as part of the diocesan story. Parishes are encouraged to host a community gathering this weekend, perhaps tea, coffee and cake after Mass or a meal shared together. Funds are available from the Ballarat Diocesan Foundation to support such gatherings.

Bishop Paul is commemorating the anniversary year with a personal visit to each parish and looks forward to celebrating with as many local communities as possible throughout the year. We would like to include a brief report and photos in the diocesan news of Bishop Paul’s visits to your parish this year. Please send to pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Fr Paddy Mugavin Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood Mass

All are welcome to Mass to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr Paddy Mugavin on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10.30am at St Mary’s Church, Hamilton. Morning tea / light lunch provided.

Prayer for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker – May 1

God our Father, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Are you interested in becoming a Mercy Associate?

This group seeks to “Preserve, Nurture and Reimagine the Mercy charism”, established by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy. Members are offered a number of social and spiritual activities throughout the year. If you are interested, both women and men, email mercyassociates@ismapng.org.au

Laudato Si’ Week 2024: May 19-26

Caritas Australia have provided the following resources for Laudato Si’ week, available from the diocesan <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/laudato-si-2024/>

- Liturgy Notes for Pentecost Sunday
- Creation Mass for Laudato Si’ Week
- Pentecost Homily
- A copy of the Laudato Si’ Prayer
- Parish materials
- School resources

Timboon 2024	28th April 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	5th May Closed	12th May 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C
Welcome	K Currell		L Tregea
Leaders	R Hoffmann T O’Connor		K Currell J McInerney
Statue	G Townsend		G Delaney
Reader	J McInerney		R Hoffmann
P.O.F.	L McInerney		P Nicholson
E.M.H.C.	K Currell		A McMeell
Bulletin	G Swierczek	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	A McMeel	A Vogels	A Vogels
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00am	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00am