

## Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent and a new liturgical year for the church. Advent means 'coming'. It is Jesus who comes, not to bring despair and destruction, disaster and misery, but to dispel fear and anxiety in our hearts. The images used in the gospel are scenes from an eschatological language where good will eventually triumph over evil. They warn us against being hardhearted. Let us ask ourselves and reflect these questions, are we preoccupied with too much eating, drinking and partying? Are we obsessed with making money? Do we give a thought at all to Jesus and to our spiritual life?

Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts. The season of Advent challenges us to welcome Jesus in the persons of other people, family members, strangers and friends, and to acknowledge his presence in our work, in our dealings with other people, even in our household tasks. We are reminded to pay attention to Jesus, to get busy with him and for him. Let not today's news about natural calamities, disasters, violence and wars prompt us to think that the end of the world is approaching soon. Let us not be deceived. We need not to be afraid. We may ask why? Because Jesus will come to liberate us from all the tribulations. His coming brings a message of love and leads us into his glory. Hence the season of Advent delivers hope that Jesus would come in glory. We have to be vigilant at all times to read the signs of the time and act accordingly to meet Jesus and enter into His glory -Neville

### St Joseph's Parish Timboon 31 Hamilton Street Timboon Invites you to the Annual Ecumenical Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December at 12 noon

Guest speaker Anna Krohn OAM

Executive Director of the St Thomas More Centre

A offering collection will be taken on the day

Please bring a plate of food to share

RSVP by Monday 10th December To Katrina Currell 0439 999 5010



**Our Sick:** Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick

**Anniversaries in December :** Brian Fleming, Enid Boyle, Shelia Freeman, Toni Lathouwers, Cyril Karo, Sister Christina Madden, Brian Parsons, Dennis O'Connor, Pat Bourke, Harold Craven, Ad Vogels, Ann Dodd, Theodora Vogels, Winnie O'Keefe, Darryn Tregea, Maggie Tregea, Terry McMeel, Reg McVilley, Lilian McCluskey, James McCluskey

**Recently Deceased:** Lucia Sinatore, Denis Monaghan brother of Fr John Monaghan, Richard Kealy, Bernard Dillon.



**"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 1st December 2024

### First Sunday of Advent Year C

#### First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.’

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

#### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

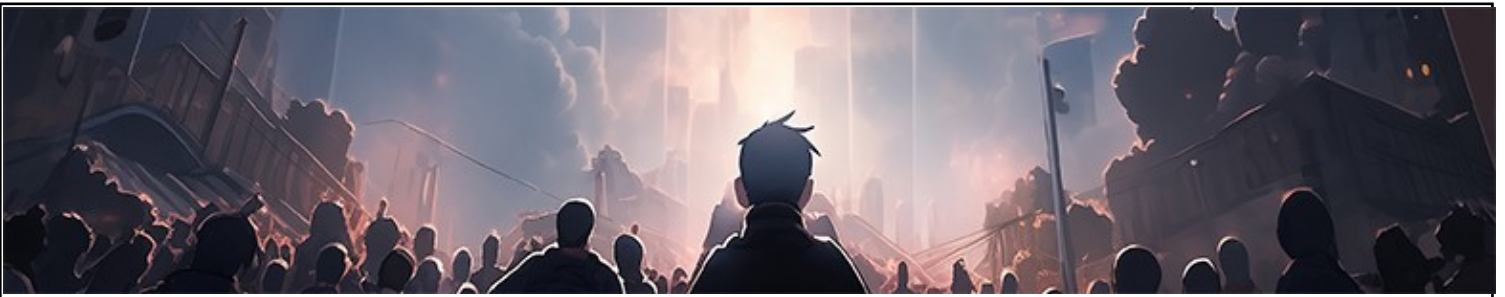
A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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



## **Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel:**

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamor of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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

### **New Priest Fr. Cay Trinh's Thanksgiving Mass at Camperdown and Simpson:**

Fr. Cay is willing to come and celebrate a thanksgiving Mass for our Parish the weekend after his Ordination. Dates are 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> of December at Camperdown, and 1st December Simpson. Please make a note in your calendar.

**Ecumenical Christmas Service** is this Sunday, 1st December, at the Baptist Church, starting at 7.30 p.m.

### **Making a Scene at Christmas**

Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat from Wednesday, December 4 - Friday, December 20, 2024. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Entry is a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome.





2025 Columban Calendars \$10.00

Advent Reflection Booklets *Hope Reigns* \$6.00

Available from Katrina Currell

**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](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**Prayer for December - For Christians in areas of conflict:** *Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. Lord, hear us.*

**Christmas Gifts from Palms!**

Are you looking to give something really special this year?

Something that makes a tangible difference?

Palms has the shop for you!

Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some

unique Timorese GIFTS for your loved one's home, you'll find that perfect GIFT here!

Just scan the QR or go to [palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop](http://palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop)

Happy shopping! And yes, your purchase assists the amazing communities overseas



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



**Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!**

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice, you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)

**Advance Notice of dates 2025**

Rite of Election – Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 12.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Mass of the Oils – Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1.00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Timboon 2024	1st December	Closed	8th December 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	15th December 9:00 a.m. Mass
Welcome			L Tregear	K Currell
Leaders			R Hoffmann J McIner-	
Statue			D Moloney M Moloney	G Vogels A Vogels
Reader			T O'Connor	A Vogels
P.O.F.			K Currell	J McInerney
E.M.H.C.			P Martin	
Bulletin	Denny Family		Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	A McMeel		A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Mass 9:00 a.m.		Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.