

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Our Sick: Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Marlene van Nieuwkerk
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.



Today we commemorate the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, another unscripted drama, though it may have seemed anything but triumphal at the time. Jesus merely borrowed someone else's donkey and rode into the city accompanied by psalm-singing pilgrims. Yet it conveyed a powerful message. He selected his mode of transport carefully: not a warhorse nor some docile old donkey guaranteed to carry him with dignity. Instead, he chose a young colt not yet broken in. It was likely to give him a very unstately ride as it kicked and bucked its way down the Mount of Olives! How different from that other procession taking place on the far side of the city, for Pontius Pilate was also entering Jerusalem about this time. Pilate himself understood the power of symbolic actions. He would have been seated on a fine horse, surrounded by legionaries in gleaming armour. A show of force is the kind of language everyone understands. Such contrast! The pompous and the ridiculous; the powerful and the puny! Jesus was making clear what kingship was not: not grandeur, nor the instilling of fear. He was coming as Prince of Peace, a human being like anyone else, making himself vulnerable, almost inviting contempt. This was a King coming, not to lord it over his people, but to lay down his life for them.

The Entrance Gospel began with the words: "Jesus went on ahead." He still goes on ahead, leading his Church along the humble path of self-emptying love, showing us that true greatness is not about grandiosity, nor about being stronger or smarter than anyone else. Jesus demonstrates the serene authority of a person who trusts in God; who lives out what they believe; who loves to the end. He sensed what fate awaited him. The crowds were less aware. In high spirits, they were shouting blessings and hailing him as king! Some tried to constrain them, as so often happens when the openness of a person's beliefs is ridiculed, or their spontaneity dampened by other people's expectations. Indeed, to declare faith in Jesus still carries the risk of public disapproval, even in a free society. Jesus, however, affirmed the crowd, just as he affirms us whenever we express our love for him, or cheer on anyone who stands up for what is right and true. Though he seemed in sombre mood, the exuberance of the crowd did not bother Jesus. Perhaps he drew strength from their love for him. They were singing well-known psalms with such gusto and laying down a red carpet of their own garments. Today's liturgies encourage us, too, to be more than passive bystanders in the drama of Christ's passion. We are called to conscious participation; to engage with heart and mind; to profess our faith in action as well as word. Jesus desires our companionship on his lonely journey towards the cross. "The Master has need of it," he said as the disciples went to fetch the donkey. The Master has need of us.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

13 April, 2025

Palm Sunday, Year C

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)



Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

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

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Masses over Easter:

Palm Sunday 13th April 9:00 a.m. at St Joseph's Timboon
Holy Thursday 17th April 5:00 p.m. at St Joseph's Timboon
Good Friday Liturgy 18th April 3:00 p.m. at St Joseph's Timboon
Easter Vigil 19th April 5:00 p.m. at St Joseph's Timboon
Easter Sunday 20th April 11:00 a.m. at St Andrew's Simpson

Project Compassion 2025 Week 5: *Unite against poverty this Lent*

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent. Please donate today: You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes and envelopes, or by scanning or clicking on the QR code, or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling. 1800 024 413. Download the weekly reflection from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/project-compassion-2025/>



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. **Prayer for April - for the use of new technologies:** *Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of each person and will help us face the crises of our times. Lord, hear us.*

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, April 18, 2025

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18. Over the last five years the people of the Holy Land have had so much turmoil in their lives. We pray that the ceasefire in Palestine, Gaza and Israel will be honoured by all the leaders. Already the Christian church leaders are encouraging people to come back on pilgrimage. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows care for the Holy Places (which also gives work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless and more. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land through the generosity of the Australian Church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds.

Mass of the Oils 2025: All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils this year on Monday, April 14, 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 1.00pm. Afternoon tea will follow in the Hall. The Mass will also be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/qUVA7OFoZ9c?feature=share>

Keyholders: Would those who have keys to the Churches and/or Presbyteries please advise the office as we are updating our register to contain this information. Thank you.

Timboon 2025	13th April Mass Palm Sunday 9:00am	19th April Easter Vigil 5:00 p.m.	20th April Closed
Welcome		G Vogels	
Leaders			
Statue		M Turner	
Reader		J McInerney	
P.O.F.		E O'Connor	
E.M.H.C.			
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Mass 9.00 am	Closed	20th April Mass