

Parish of Timboon
 St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson
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Dear friends,

John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus. Today's gospel is a kind of prelude for Jesus by John. The gospel opens with a desert scene, with John the Baptist's character implanted in the desert surroundings. He calls people to repentance. While some Pharisees and Scribes saw him as possessed by demons because of his solitary life, ordinary people flock to him because they saw in him the Prophet of the Lord. It had been so long since the voice of a prophet had been heard in the land of Israel. The people were happy and realized that God was once again speaking to them. So they went to John the Baptist and received the baptism of repentance.

Today we hear once more the cry of John the Baptist calling for repentance. The spirit of Advent comes to awaken us to the truth of Jesus coming and to get ready. We feel the need to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus into our midst. So like the people in the time of John the Baptist, we have to repent from our old ways of life. It should not be merely in our words, but we need an inner conversion to change our hearts and minds according to the teaching of the gospel. So let us ask the Lord to give us His grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to turn towards God during the season of Advent.

- Neville.



Second Sunday in Advent. On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love.

Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manager.



Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated by Fr Adrian McInerney in **St Joseph's Timboon** on Christmas Eve, **Dec 24th at 6.30pm**

Fr Neville said that our obligations for Sunday are fulfilled by the Christmas Eve Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting to be held in Presbytery on Tues **Dec 12th** at 5.30pm
 if parishioners have an item they would like discussed please contact secretary.



Parish Finance Committee Meeting to be held in presbytery on Thurs **Dec 14th** at 6pm.

Carols by Candlelight: Fri Dec 22nd, 8pm Timboon Amphitheatre. Senior Citizens Rooms if wet.



Advent Wreath Banner

Download our pattern for a space saving wreath banner. Suitable for cloth, or cardboard and coloured paper. Available at CathFamily.org.

Year of Youth 2018

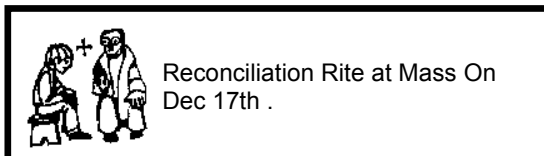
The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (December 3, 2017) as a national Year of Youth. The theme of the Year of Youth is **Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy**.

These goals for the Year of Youth dovetail together with the goals of **Anointed and Sent: an Australian vision for Catholic youth ministry** and provide a rich framework and challenges local faith communities to explore new horizons as they accompany young people into maturity.

Xt3 Advent Calendar App

The 2017 Xt3 Advent Calendar App and Website FREE and available. The first door of the Calendar will open on December 3, 2017, the first Sunday of Advent. Go to: <http://www.xt3.com/advent/>

Timboon	Dec 10th 10 a.m Ass of W & C	Dec 17th 9am Mass	Dec 24th 6.30pm Mass
Welcome	M van Nieuwkerk	G Delaney	J Delaney
Leaders	R Hoffman C Marr		
Statue	N Haugh P Haugh	G & M Townsend	M van Nieuwkerk
Reader	C Martin	P Nicholson	E O'Connor
P.O.F.	J McInerney	L McInerney	A Vogels
Gifts		A & R Hoffmann	D and N Denny
M of C	A McMeel	E Roberts, A Vogels	C Bullen P Martin
Church Cleaning	M Turner	M Turner	M Turner
Bulletin	C Marr A McMeel	C Marr A McMeel	C Marr A McMeel
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Dec 10th 9 a.m. Ass of W & C	Dec 17th Mass - Timboon	
Statue	G Swierczek	M & M Dillon	



Reconciliation Rite at Mass On Dec 17th .

Columban calendars for 2018 are still available for \$9 each.