



**St Joseph's Parish Timboon**  
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The auction of goods in the Church Hall after Mass on the 6th November realized a total of \$501.70. Thank you to all who participated both bidding and offering lots. Raffle tickets are available for \$2.00 each, the prize is a hamper. Proceeds are for the Jesuit 's fund for refugees.

**Working Bee.**  
**Simpson:** Wednesday 16th December at 10:00 am

**Leadership Team Meeting** will be held in the Presbytery on Tuesday December the 15th at 7:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation** will be available on Saturday 19th December by appointment only. Please ring Father Dan on 03 5338 7804 preferably or 0428 530 974 to arrange. Father Dan is also available for reconciliation any weekend he is celebrating Masses in the parish, also by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick and Frail** will be held at the Masses at St Joseph's and St Andrew's on Sunday 20th December.

**Christmas Day Masses** will be celebrated by Fr Denis Ryan

**Timboon:** 9:00 am  
**Simpson:** 10.30am



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*The lighting of the candles of the Advent Wreath takes place after the Greeting at the beginning of the Sunday celebration.*

**Leader:** The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end..."for the mouth of the Lord has spoken".

*An appointed person now lights the three candles on the wreath, the last one being the pink candle*

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** Loving God,  
 You sent John the Baptist as a voice crying out in the desert,  
 open our ears to hear his message and shape our lives  
 so that they will become a straight path to you.  
 We light this pink candle in joy,  
 the joy that we have in Jesus, our Saviour  
 the one who is anointed by God  
 to bring good news to the oppressed,  
 to bind up the broken-hearted,  
 to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners.

Let us prepare, then, the way of the Lord.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Parish of Timboon** is a Parish with a Supervised Community Leadership.  
 The Parish Leadership Team coordinates parish life and lay pastoral ministry supported by the Supervising Priest and the Visiting Priest.



**Parish Leadership Team:**  
**Moderator:** Jean McMeel  
**Members:** Marlene van Nieuwkerk, Katrina Currell, Gerard Vogels, Charles Martin and Pat Nicholson.  
**Parish Secretary:** George Swierczek

**Our sick:** Ann Ryan, Terry McMeel, Pat Gaut, Sarah Vogels, Bailey Delaney, Ann Dodd, Kade Ryan, Nicky Simmons, Andrew Cook, Frank Vogels, Nancy Nugent, John Hunt, Frances Hammett.

**December Anniversaries:** Toni Lathouwers, Sheila Freeman, Carmel Baxter, Enid Boyle, Brian Fleming, Ciril Karo, Lilian McCluskey, James McCluskey, Sr Christina Madden, Brian Parsons, Darryn Tregrea, Maggie Tregrea.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Jubilee Year of Mercy**

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. This Holy Year will commence on December 8, 2015, the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year of Mercy website: <http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html> All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, 13 December 2015, 10.30am. Refreshments will follow the Mass. Flyer attached.

**Protecting Children and Vulnerable**

**Adults Training:** Reminder for all those who need to complete this course could you please do so and then send or give your certificate of completion to the parish office.

**Columban** calendars for 2016 are available in the church foyers for \$10 each.

**Feast Day:** Dec 14th—St John of the Cross

**St Andrew's** statue roster: **13th Dec:** N & E Weel; **20th Dec:** P & J de Jong

Timboon	Dec 12th 6pm Assembly of W & C	Dec 20th Mass 10.45am	Dec 26th 6pm Assembly of W & C
Leaders	R Hoffmann T O'Connor		M van Nieuwkerk Katrina Currell
Welcome	P Haugh	P Martin	A McMeel
Statue	S Nguyen	M Turner	B Moloney
Reader	A Denny	R Hoffmann	M Leske
P.O.F.	E O'Connor	C Marr	T O'Connor
Gifts		A & K Currell	
M of C	P Martin	E O'Connor	J McInerney
1st Reading	Zeph 3:14-18	Mic 5:1-4	Sam1:20-22,24-28
2nd Reading	Phil 4:4-7	Heb 10:5-10	1Jn3:1-2,21-24
Gospel	Lk 3:10-18	Lk 1:39-44	Lk 2:41-52
Church Cleaning	M Turner	M Turner	M Turner
Bulletin Roster	C Marr A McMeel	C Marr, A McMeel	C Marr A McMeel