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Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday". In the gospel Jesus reveals himself to us as the good shepherd. We may ask, how is Jesus the good shepherd? Because, Jesus leads us to the Father, to safety and he is the way to fullness of life. Without Jesus, we are lost, misguided, helpless and even hopeless. Only in him, can we find the true way to God, to holiness and to heaven. He also feeds us. He is the bread of life. We need sustenance and nourishment to keep us alive and active. He alone gives us spiritual food, which endures for eternal life.

The sheep are all that matters to Jesus our good shepherd. He protects, defends and promotes the well-being of the sheep. He lays down his life for the sheep. He is ready to die, to give his life, for the sheep in his care. That distinguishes him from the hired person who works for pay. The hired worker flees in the time of danger. In our lives, we have to identify Jesus and accept him as our good shepherd. The challenge for us is clear. We have to know Jesus and listen to Jesus, follow and obey His teaching. For this we are to trust and depend on Jesus and remain loyal to him. We also have to stay united with Jesus and work together with Jesus to bring other sheep into his fold. So let us dedicate ourselves to work with our good shepherd to bring all people under his care and protection. -Neville

**Redemptorist Plenary Council Preparation**

Two priests from the above Order will visit St Joseph's Timboon on the 29th April (5th Sunday) for our views, discussion and input regarding the Council. 9-11 am . Please bring a plate to share.



ANZAC DAY  
 Lest we forget

**Congratulations to Geoff and Maria Townsend** on the very special occasion of their **Golden Wedding Anniversary**. Our best wishes and prayers for the future.

**Oz Rosary Around Australia**

In recent months countries including Poland, Ireland, USA, UK, France and Italy have held or are holding soon nationwide rosaries across their countries for faith and protection of their nation, consecrating their nations to Mary; on Sunday, May 13, 2018 we hope to do the same and pray around our nation. Oz Rosary # 53 (for the 53 Hail Mary's in the rosary) will happen on the feast of Fatima. On this day Catholics are being invited to pray the rosary for our nation, its future, youth and families. Please contact us, with your venue address, time and a contact link and/or contact person, if you would like your church/rosary group to participate - so we can put venues up for people, so they know where they can go to be involved. The event has the support of retired Sydney Bishop, David Cremin. If you would like your church or rosary group to participate, then please contact the 'Ozrosary#53' Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53/> or Jane ph. 0476535595. Website: <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/cosecration-to-mary>

**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, John McKenzie, Geoff Townsend Philip Delaney

**April Anniversaries:** Mick McMeel, George Farmer, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Laurie Dwyer, Joan Rylance, Laurie Loft, Dos Haugh, Ellie Howe, Pat Warner (McGowan), Pam Horan, Cis Roberts, Frank Johnson, Marie McMeel, John Hunt, Pat Delaney



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Ruth Hoffman, Parish Safeguarding Officer** can be contacted on mobile 0429 983 253

22nd April (Fourth Sunday of Easter) **Today is the World Day of Vocations.** Pope Francis tells us: "We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things... We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us." God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to 'dream big' and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this community?

The Diocesan **Working With Children Check...Policy** sets the minimum standard for a Check Card but a Parish may extend the requirements to obtain a Card. St Joseph's Timboon is inviting all our volunteers to obtain a Check Card (as do some other Parishes and institutions). Obtaining a Card is free for volunteers and may be applied for online at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications), then processed at the post office. If you prefer you may make arrangements with the office 0439 145 805 with George Swierczek to assist you in this regard. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Timboon	22 April 10 am Assembly of W & C	29th April Mass 9 am	6th May Closed
Welcome	F Evans	N McKinnon	
Leaders	T O'Connor M van Nieuwkerk		
Statue	G & A Vogels	G & M Townsend	N & P Haugh
Reader	E O'Connor	A Denny	
P.O.F.	N Denny	P Nicholson	
Gifts		C Bullen P Haugh	
M of C	C Bullen	T & E O'Connor	
Church Cleaning			
Bulletin	G Swierczek M Dillon	G Swierczek M Dillon	
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	
Simpson	Assembly of W & C 9am	Closed	Mass 9 am
Statue	N & E Weel	P & J de Jong	A & J O'Connor