

Parish of Timboon  
 St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson  
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**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, John McKenzie



**December Anniversaries:** Trudy Arnold, Toni Lathouwers, Shelia Freeman, Carmel Baxter, Enid Boyle, Brian Fleming, Ciril Karo, Lilian & James McCluskey, Sr Christina Madden, Brian Parsons, Darryn Tregaea, Maggie Tregaea, Theodore Vogels, Ann Dodd, Winnie O'Keefe, A Vogels, Harold Craven, Pat Bourke, Carmel Brennan, Terry McMeel

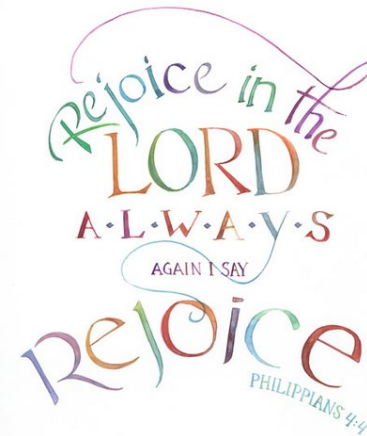


Jan 1st is the **\*Feast of Mary, the Mother of God\*** is a very appropriate way to begin a new year. This celebration reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother. Hence, our ideal motto for the New Year 2018 should be

"Through Mary to Jesus!" This is an occasion to renew our devotion to Mary, who is also Mother of the Church because she is our spiritual mother — and we are the Church. In 1970, Pope Paul VI instituted the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. In his encyclical on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, *\*Marialis Cultus\**, he wrote, "This celebration, assigned to Jan. 1 in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the holy Mother ... through whom we were found worthy ... to receive the Author of life." ...Fr T Kadavil

**A Happy New Year** to Fr Neville, all parishioners and visitors. May 2018 bring peace to our hearts and kindness and hope to us all.

New Year's Eve celebrations are staggered around the globe due to the different time zones, but we all have this in common, no matter where we live geographically - we welcome the end of one calendar year and the beginning of a new one. The manner of celebrating may differ, but we also share a common hope, that we can begin again. That hope can find its ultimate fulfilment by turning the One who can make all things new, Jesus Christ.



On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**. We are here to offer all the members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing. By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement.....Fr T Kadavil



**Sacramental Program 2017-18**

The Children who approached the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2017 will complete the initiation sacraments - Confirmation and First Eucharist on

**29th July 2018.**

The next Sacrament for children in years 2, 3 or above will commence early in 2019. Any enquiries to Ruth Hoffmann 0429 983 253.



Timboon	Dec 31st 9am Mass	Jan 7th 9:00 a.m. Mass Simpson	Jan 14th 10am Ass of W & C
Welcome	P. Haugh		P Martin
Leaders			K Currell, M Van Nieuwkerk
Statue	K. Currell	C & P Martin	M Turner
Reader	T. O'Connor		E O'Connor
P.O.F.	C. Marr		R Hoffmann
Gifts	A & R McMeel		
M of C	M. Van Nieuwkerk, L Tregaea		A McMeel
Church Cleaning	M. Turner	R Hoffmann P Thornton	R Hoffmann P Thornton
Bulletin	C, Marr, A. McMeel	No Bulletin	
Slides	K. Currell	A Vogels	A Vogels
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Mass - Timboon</b>		
Statue	P & J de Jong	A & J O' Connor	N O'Connor