



**Parish of Timboon**

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



Dear Friends,

In telling of the birth of the Messiah, the gospel writer Matthew combines both historical facts and theological insights. He draws from two main sources: one is from the accounts of the Old Testament or the Jewish sources and the other is from images taken from the gospel account of Jesus' ministry according to Mark's gospel. In his story of the Magi, he suggests that this oracle speaks of the emergence of the dynasty of David in the Old Testament. David is the star and the staff ruling over the Kingdom of Judah and Israel. He tells the story of the Magi, who, like David, speaks of the star of the newborn King of the Jews, the Messiah of the House of David.

Other details of the narrative point to the story of Jesus that is anticipated at his birth. The Jewish rulers, as represented by Herod and his successors, refuse to believe in Jesus and persecute him. Israel in general does not recognize the Incarnation of God in Jesus. But the gentiles accept the gospel when it is preached to them. The Magi represent the gentile worshippers in Matthew's Christian community. We have also accepted the gospel and believe in Jesus as our Messiah and the incarnation of God. Hence, we too have to witness the gospel and Jesus, like Matthew's Christian community, in our day to day life. Let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith so that we may be able to witness Jesus by our words and deeds.

...Neville.

**National Prayer Campaign**

*For the gift of rain, for people affected by drought, for support services.*

**Prayer**

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love

you created our earth  
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now

in faith, hope and love,  
asking you to look with favour  
on our drought-stricken land,  
on our starving animals,  
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart

to our farmers  
and to all who are affected by  
drought;  
be with those who support them.

In your loving Providence,

send abundant rain  
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,

hear our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in whom the promise of new life  
has dawned, and  
through the power  
of the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people;

Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,

Mary, help of Christians -  
Pray for us.

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop -

Pray for us.

**Our Sick:**

Bailey Delaney, Fletcher Densley, Maria Nguyen, Rylie Hutchinson,  
Pat Thornton, Betty Delaney.

**January Anniversaries:**

Trudy Arnold, Toni Lathouwers, Sr. Christina Madden, Sheila Freeman,  
Carmel Baxter, Enid Boyle, Brian Fleming, Ciril Karo, Lilian McCluskey,  
James McCluskey, Brian Parsons, Darren Tregaea, Maggie Tregaea,  
Theodora Vogels, Ann Dodd, Winnie O'Keefe, Ad Vogels, Harold  
Craven, Pat Bourke, Carmel Brennan, Terry McMeel, Bob Maslin



**PRAYER  
REQUESTS**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has extended the national prayer campaign for drought as historically dry conditions continue to affect most parts of eastern Australia.

The Bishops Conference initiated the prayer campaign to be held during the month of November, but this week decided that it should run indefinitely, until drought conditions ease.

"The Church across Australia – lay people, religious, priests and bishops alike – needs to stand in solidarity with those suffering most acutely, offering prayers and practical support to those in most need."

**Weekend Mass Times**

**Cobden** Saturday: 6.30pm

**Simpson** Sunday: 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.\*

**Lismore** Sunday 9am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.

**Timboon** Sunday 9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sun.,  
Rosary 8:35 a.m.\*

**Derrinallum** Sunday: 9am 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.

**Camperdown** Sunday 11 am  
(Assembly of Word and Communion  
other weekends)

**Diocese of Ballarat:**

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<b>Timboon 2020</b>	<b>January 5th Closed</b>	<b>January 12th Assembly of W &amp; C 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>January 19th Mass 9:00 a.m.</b>
Welcome		P Haugh	K Currell
Leaders		C Bullen P Nicholson	
Statue		B Moloney	T & E O'Connor
Reader		L McInerney	J McInerney
P.O.F.		C Martin	E O'Connor
Gifts			E Roberts A McMeel
M of C		P Martin	C Bullen A Vogels
Church Cleaning	R Hoffmann, P Thornton	R Hoffmann P Thornton	R Hoffmann P Thornton
Bulletin			
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>	<b>Assembly of W &amp; C 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Statue	N & E Weel	P & J de Jong	A & J O'Connor