



Parish of Timboon
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Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, Geoff Townsend, Philip Delaney

May Anniversaries: Shirley Freeman, John Gaut, William Delahenty, Carolina Gagel, John Evans, John Conheady, Patrick Hession, Park Kennedy, Peter Vu, Harry Gatens, Merle Ludeman, Elsie O'Donnell, Fr Barry Stickland, Cath Howman,

Recent Death: John McKenzie



Plenary Council 2020
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

There was a good attendance at the gathering last Sunday for the Plenary Council listening and dialogue session. Many different views were expressed about the question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" It is a chance to speak boldly but also listen with an open and humble heart. The official launch will be at Pentecost on May 20th this year. This gives us all plenty of time to prepare to "Listen to what the Spirit is saying" and to consider how we can take part in this important process. Find out more at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Today's gospel we see, Jesus gives us the commandment of love and asks us to remain in his love. So united with Jesus in love, we keep his commandments too, in the same way he loves us. We must share with others his love for us. This is our call. How do we love others? Do we have a standard for love? Yes we do, Jesus has openly demonstrated the love that he has for us by laying down his life for us. He says: 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends'. From this we clearly understand that Jesus' love was not selfish or conditional but a sacrificial love. This sacrificial love is not to demand anything in return but to remain in His love.

This love is for who and what a person is. God loves us in spite of our mistakes, in spite of our sins and infidelity. God loves us for what we are and whoever we are. God's love is not selective or exclusive. He loves us with all our limitations and weaknesses. Gods loves all sinners and saints alike. He calls us friends and asks us to remain in his love. He made the initiative to redeem us and gave us the commandments. If we remain in his love we can be fruitful. So let us take his call sincerely and bear much fruits for his kingdom. Hence during our celebration let us ask the Lord's mercy and remain in his love to fulfil his commandment of love as he has loved us.....Neville.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

The 2018 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies is scheduled for 4, 5 and 6 May. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

"Spread love wherever you go." Adding some strokes and finishing touches to the picture of God which was her life, **St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)** reminded us, "Spread love wherever you go: first of all, in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next-door neighbor. . . Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's love, love in your face, love in your eyes, love in your smile, love in your warm greeting."

Mass Count starts on weekend 12-13 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May/June. It will start on 12-13 May .

Reminder that all cheques for planned giving need to be made out to **St. Joseph's Parish**. Thank you.

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.

Oz Rosary Around Australia is a campaign of Rosaries on Sunday, May 13th, to pray for faith and protection of our Nation, consecrating our country to Mary.

Rosary will be recited in Simpson after Assembly on that Sunday.

Timboon	6th May Closed	13th May Ass. Of W & C	May 20th Mass 9am
Welcome		L. Tregaea	J & G Delaney
Leaders		K Currell. M. van Nieuwkerk	
Statue	N & P Haugh	M. van Nieuwkerk	J & G Delaney
Reader		T. O'Connor	N McKinnon
P.O.F.		J. McInerney	L McInerney
Gifts			A & R Hoffmann
M of C		P. Martin.	R & A McMeel
Church Cleaning	C. Kerr E. Roberts	C. Kerr E. Roberts	C. Kerr E. Roberts
Bulletin	C. Marr A. McMeel.	C. Marr A. McMeel.	C. Marr A. McMeel.
Slides	A. Vogels.	A. Vogels.	A. Vogels.
Simpson	Mass 9 am	Ass Of W & C	
Statue	A & J O'Connor	N. O'Connor	K & J Robertson