

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



I am struggling with how to reflect upon the transfiguration of Jesus when the world may be facing a nuclear war. The images of the dazzling white face and voice from the cloud bring to mind the terror that our world seeks to avoid.

After watching the news one evening, I pondered with my household what might be done to stop Putin's advance. My household and I were a little bit ashamed to note how quickly we considered violent solutions. We know the transformative power of nonviolence, yet in dire circumstances violent responses quickly come to mind. Our hearts are in need of continued transformation this Lent.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is forever heading off to a quiet place to pray. In today's gospel, while he and the disciples are praying, something unusual happens. Jesus transfigures before them and they encounter other significant figures from Israel's history. While the disciples fumble around and their lack of understanding shows, they hear the voice of God telling them to listen. The disciples had an experience of the divine that was beyond their ability to explain on that mountain. They saw their teacher, Jesus, transformed before them, and they struggled to make sense of the experience.

I cannot help but wonder:

Sister Sarah Kohles, O.S.F.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In March: Charles Boyle, Jeff Lathouwers, Robert Maslin, Brian Smith, Perc. Roberts, Mary O'Keeffe, Coleman O'Keeffe, Matthew Delaney, Park Conheady, Kathleen Noonan, Herman Dickmann, Mary Pouw, Paul Couch, Barry Ridsdale, Martin van Duynhoven, Geoff Gale, Michael Dodd, Rose McMeel, Jessie, Giblett, Carmel Bruce, Frank Vogels

Recent Deaths: Sister Anne Forbes, Ross Fleming



St Patrick 17th March: Legends about St Patrick abound, but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him - he was humble and courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ. He was consecrated bishop at the age of 43 and his great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination to learning. He had a rock-like belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused. One of the few certainly authentic writings is his *Confessio*, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

St Joseph 19th March: The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment—he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. By saying Joseph was “just”, the Bible means he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 13 Mar 2022

Second Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord... *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**



Second Reading **Phil 3:17 – 4:1**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. **For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.**

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

(Shorter form **Phil 3:20—4:1** highlighted in red)

The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel **Lk 9:28-36**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord...Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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Mass of the Oils 2022: The Mass of the Oils will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Throughout Lent there will be a **Stations of the Cross** at St Joseph's Timboon 12:00 p.m. Fridays.
All Welcome.



Second Sunday of Lent 12 & 13 March



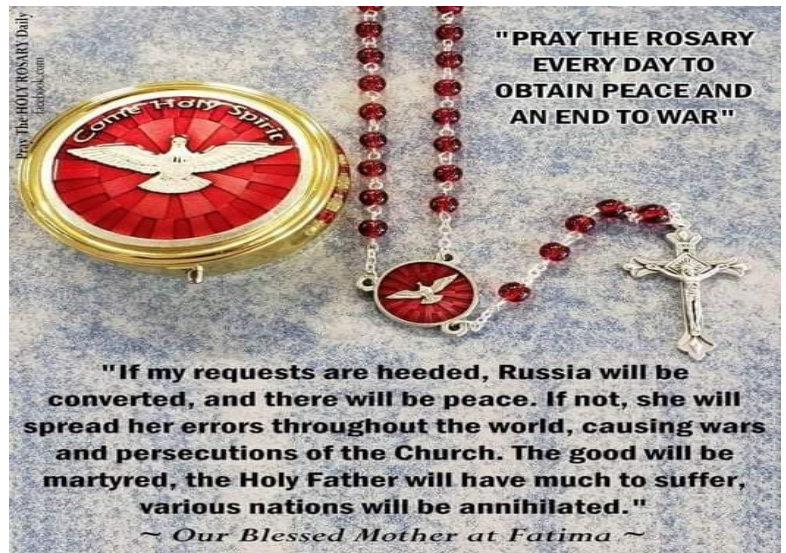
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Praying with Pope: Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for March: **For a Christian response to bioethical challenges** - We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



Timboon	13th March 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	20th March 9:00 a.m. Mass	27th March 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C
Welcome	L Tregear	K Currell	A McMeel
Leaders	P Nicholson		R Hoffmann K Currell
Statue	P Haugh	M van Nieuwkerk	J & G Delaney
Reader	R Hoffmann	O. Muliawan	J McInerney
POF	K Currell	G Vogels	P Nicholson
E.M.H.C.	C Bullen		P Martin
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	A Vogels
Cleaners	J Delaney, T Vogels	J Delaney, T Vogels	J Delaney, T Vogels
Simpson	Assembly W & C 9am	Closed	Assembly W & C 9am