



### Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Patrick Giblin, Bernadette Moloney

**Recent Death:** Anne van Duynhoven

**Anniversaries occurring in February including :** Mary McMeel, Mary van Nieuwkerk, Walter Churchill ,Peter O'Connor, Ann Vogels, Nellie Kennedy, Jim McMeel, Pat Maslin, James Coleman, Joe Delaney, Nell Pekin, Susan Boyle, Frances Hammett, Carmel O'Connor, John Fowler, Graeme Bell, Peter Crowe, Ceily Plozza, John Vogels, Eileen Maguire



**PRAYER  
REQUESTS**

#### **In Registering the Attendances at Church:**

This year also we are going to continue to register the attendances' names and contact numbers electronically. So please bring your mobile phone to the church and in the church foyer you will find the **QR scanning CODE FORMAT** with instructions how to use it. Please place your mobile phone in silence mode and arrive 5 minutes earlier than normal to help us to start the mass on time. Thank you.

To be consistent it would be preferable if parishioners would use the QR Code option to record attendance. Thank you.

Dear friends,

In today's gospel we see another miracle like the one we had last weekend. Jesus cures a Leper. A leper approached Jesus, knelt down and asked him to make him clean. Jesus was moved with pity and made him clean. Then he asked the man not to tell anyone but to go and show himself to the priest and make an offering as proof as Moses prescribed. He went away and began to tell everyone about his healing. Here Jesus does the unthinkable for a Rabbi. He interacts with the Leper and stretches out his hand and touches him. His actions show his compassion and love for the Leper. He heals the leper so he may be reinstated into the community as a child of God.

What Jesus seeks in us are not our mistakes, failures or sins but our contrition and desire to be healed and to become God's children. So to become as God's children we have to be like the leper in the gospel and seek Jesus with an expectant faith. We have to take the initiative and ask him to heal our hearts from bitterness, our minds from revenge, our lips from lies, our hands from hurting and our lives from selfishness. Let us ask like the Leper in the gospel, Lord 'If you wish, Lord can make me clean'. We also ask him to give his power and grace to live a life that proof of our inner healing. -Neville

**For February the schedule of services is:**

**1st Sunday — Mass at St Andrew's 7th**

**2nd Sunday — Assemblies at St Andrew's and St Joseph's 14th**

**3rd Sunday — Mass at St Joseph's 21st**

**4th Sunday — Assemblies at St Joseph's and St Andrew's 28th**

**All beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

**Slide roster at St Joseph's**

**February:** Pat Nicholson; **March:** Annette Vogels; **April:** Anne McMeel; **May:** Katrina Currell

**To Parishioners—Christmas and Easter Dues:** Thankfully we have seen a good improvement over the last few weeks in Timboon and Simpson with the easing of restrictions due to COVID —19. Our church attendance numbers have returned to a more normal state and hopefully will remain as such. However there was a large fall in the first collection amounts compared with the previous year. Because of this situation, we are asking you, our parishioners, to help rectify this imbalance by making a contribution through the Christmas and upcoming Easter dues' appeal.

Envelopes will be available in the church foyers or deposits can be made into the **Catholic Presbytery Timboon No 2 Account BSB: 083-928 Account Number 51 606 7601.**

As always, we thank you for your support of our parish, its needs and functions.

As a result of the diocesan asbestos report, fibers of asbestos were found under St Joseph's church. We were advised to have this removed as a priority. Committee has organized to have this removed and hopefully this will happen in the next two to three weeks. So if you see people working around and under the church in protective gear that's what is happening. As recommended by a diocesan person, yellow lines at St Joseph's will be put on the edges of all steps to define them more clearly. Matches and lighters must be kept locked away in both churches. Exit lights will be checked and one repaired. Fire extinguishers will continue to be checked and chords tagged. Carpet in doorway at St Joseph's will be stretched.

#### **Year of St Joseph**

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. A number of resources are being developed by the ACBC to encourage and support the celebration of the Year of St Joseph.

The resources are available from the ACBC website: <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

#### **Word of God Sunday**

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 7 in 2021. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

## 14th February 2021

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading: Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

#### This is the word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. (R.)

#### Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ

This is the word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel Reading: Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

#### This is the gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God. We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'.

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Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen on the news today, in response to recent coronavirus infections, the Victorian government has introduced a 5-day lockdown for the whole state. This will come into effect at midnight tonight, Friday, February 12, and continue until midnight on Wednesday, February 17.

During these days, no public gatherings are permitted. This includes gatherings for religious ceremonies. Under the “Ceremonies and religious gatherings” heading, the government’s summary says: “No in-person gatherings permitted. Broadcast permitted.” The major gatherings affected will be the Sunday Masses that would have been celebrated this weekend and the Ash Wednesday services that would have been celebrated next Wednesday.

In relation to funerals, the government summary indicates that funerals (either indoor or outdoor) may involve no more than 10 people, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral.

For the coming five days, we will not be able to gather in our churches for Masses or other ceremonies. However, we will still be able to pray at home and there are resources available to help us in this.

I note in particular the page on our diocesan website that provides a list of links to Masses online and links to Scripture and prayer resources. There are also links to sites with ideas for family activities during lockdown. The page on our diocesan website is <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>

People occasionally take time out for a “retreat”, some days of quiet and reflection and prayer. With the requirement to generally stay at home, the coming days will be something of a five-day retreat for everyone in Victoria. While it will involve restrictions, I hope it can be a fruitful time with some extra moments of quiet and reflection and prayer. In this sense, we might count these days as an early start to Lent.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



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