

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Mark wrote his gospel for persecuted Christians living in Rome. These early believers lived in fear of being thrown to the wild beasts in the public square; their cruel and agonising deaths a source of grotesque 'entertainment' for Rome's citizens!

Interestingly, today's gospel situates Jesus with wild beasts in the wilderness, where Mark says that he was tempted by Satan. The word *satan* in Hebrew means an opponent, and in the Old Testament, it typically referred to human opponents. In time, the word also came to be understood as a kind of 'public prosecutor', someone who accused people before God.

Eventually, it came to mean God's adversary; a demonic spirit opposed to God. So, in the New Testament, Satan was seen as the powerful spirit of evil, engaged in a great tussle against God. By Jesus entering the wilderness, he 'took on' Satan on his home ground; an encounter which Jesus clearly won!

But when Jesus leaves the wilderness of temptation, we know it's an experience that he will encounter again and again at various stages throughout his public life and ministry, including those last hours in the garden and on the Cross.

For example, recall when Jesus tells Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's." So, in his preaching, Jesus, who is *the* way to God, urged his followers to see that the time had come for them to embrace God's way, to allow God to guide and direct their lives and to allow the Good News to illuminate their minds, hearts and actions. But for that to happen, they need to repent and believe.

For us, too, temptations and evil are part of our lives. Selfishness, greed, dishonesty, jealousy, revenge, resentment, control and power constantly surround and seduce us. But the true value, worth and beauty of life, comes with building and fostering a loving and just society, founded on Jesus the Way to God, and his Good News of truth, integrity, love, compassion, freedom and peace.

That's why we need this purifying period of Lent every year. If, in recent years, we let it pass us by largely unnoticed, let this year be different. Let it be a time to review our lives, reflect upon our thoughts, words and deeds, and concentrate our efforts more fully on the things of God, and to repent and believe.

At the beginning of Lent, the Church always takes us into the wilderness with Jesus, to confront the powers that are contrary to the gospel. The good news is that we face this lifelong task under the guidance, strength and inspiration of the Holy Spirit and with the powerful nourishment of the Eucharist, and together with the support and encouragement of our fellow pilgrims of faith gathered here with us today

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Our Sick: Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick, Carmel Densley, Jean McMeel and Des Free.

Recent Death: Brian Davison

Anniversaries in February: Mary McMeel, Mary van Nieuwkerk, Walter Churchill, Peter O'Connor, An 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, Nora Townsend



"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Giraiwurrung lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 18th February 2024

1st Sunday of Lent Year B

First Reading:

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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



Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord...**All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

World Day of Prayer 2024 – Friday, March 1, 2024

WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. An ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women have prayed and reflected together over the past several years to respond to the invitation from the WDP International Committee in 2017 to write the 2024 program. The theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love," based on Ephesians 4:1-6. Our Christian sisters invite the global church to pray for peace, justice and freedom for every individual irrespective of nationality, religion or origins.

World Day of Prayer service:

St Jude's Anglican Church, 22 Barrett Street, Timboon
Friday, March 1st 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Lenten programmes:

St Joseph's Timboon: 10:30 Fridays of Lent; Stations of the Cross 12:00 p.m.

Daily Reflections booklet (\$7.00) available from Katrina Currell, or for more information, mobile 0439 995 010

St Andrew's Simpson: Alternating between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Fridays of Lent.

Next gathering Friday 23rd February, 12:00 p.m.

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives. Bishop Paul has written a letter of endorsement for the work of Palms Australia. Learn more at <https://palms.org.au/> or phone 02 9560 5333,



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150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

Anniversary Candle: The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat is providing a 150th Anniversary candle for use in parishes, schools and agencies of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. We encourage you to use this candle as we acknowledge the anniversary. You could light the candle at gatherings that focus on the anniversary. You could also light the candle at other times of prayer and reflection. If you require labels for additional candles, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Prayer Cards: Anniversary Prayer cards are also available. Again we encourage you to use this prayer to acknowledge the anniversary and when you gather this year for any occasion. There is only a small amount of prayer cards printed. If you wish to have more printed copies please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office via email pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au. An electronic version is available for attachment to newsletters and bulletins.

The candles and prayer cards for parishes and schools can be collected from the diocesan offices.

Resources for parishes: Resources for the 150th Anniversary year are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>. These resources are available for use in parishes and schools and the materials can be drawn upon and used according to your local circumstances. The resources will be added to throughout the year.

- Resources for Parishes for Sundays of Lent 2024;
- Homily Notes for Sundays of Lent 2024.

Volunteers for the Mass of the Oils: As part of the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary we invite 1 – 2 volunteers from each parish to attend the Mass of the Oils on Monday March 25, 2024 at 11.30am. Volunteers would be required to present a symbol or photo at the beginning of Mass that best represents their parish. Many parishes have multiple communities, so the symbol or photo can represent the whole parish or it can be something from the different communities. The symbol/photo framed should be 5in x 7in (12cm x 17.5cm) or for the larger parishes who may need more room, up to 8in x 10in (20cm x 25cm) size framed. **Please provide the names of these volunteers to the Pastoral Ministry Office, pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.**

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.



Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

The Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150 on March 30, 2024. During this year there will be many events to acknowledge this significant anniversary. Keep up-to-date at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

Timboon 2024	18th February Mass 9:00 a.m.	25th February Assembly W&C 9:00	3rd March Closed
Welcome	G Vogels	L Tregua	
Leaders		R Hoffmann T O'Connor	
Statue	K Currell	C Martin P Martin	
Reader	L McInerney	N McKinnon	
P.O.F.	A Vogels	J McInerney	
E.M.H.C.		E O'Connor	
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	TBA
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	TBA
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00	Mass 9:00 a.m.