

## Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Dear Friends, This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday in which we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. A large crowd welcomes Jesus into Jerusalem, spreading their cloaks on the road and cutting branches from trees and putting them in his path. Here, Jesus is received the way worldly kings are welcomed by their local people. The crowd is overwhelmed with joy because they see Jesus as their Messiah who comes to save them from their oppressors, especially the Romans. They shout "Hosannah", meaning 'save us now'. But Jesus does not enter the city like a king. Instead, he rides on a donkey fulfilling the prophecy of the prophet Zechariah of a meek king entering Jerusalem. In ancient times, kings had their royals ride on powerful horses and chariots in the pattern of the Greco-Romans cultures. Still, the humble ride does not hide the kingly dignity of Jesus, who shall proclaim peace to the nations. Peace cannot be conquered by the sword. It is a gift of God. We obtained this peace through risen Christ Jesus. As we go through the 'Holy Week' in coming days let us closely take part in Jesus' passion, death and resurrection and obtain his gift of peace in our lives.

- Neville.

### **Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat**

The Mass of the Oils this year will incorporate acknowledgement of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat and will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall.

***Pope's intention for March – for new martyrs:*** *Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. Lord, hear us.*

***Palm Sunday Walk for Justice and Peace - March 24, 2024*** The focus this year is on the impact of war where people have been forced to flee to seek places of refuge within their own country (internally displaced) or as refugees and asylum seekers to other countries. The program will commence at 10.30am at the Parliament Gardens (Spring Street/Albert Street, Melbourne) with an interfaith segment and prayers for peace, followed by speeches/presentations from 11.00am and the Palm Sunday 'Walk for Refugees' concluding by 12.00 noon.

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

**Recent Death:** Brian Davison, Hayley Fyfield, Jean McMeel, Kath Delaney, Nell O' Sullivan

**Anniversaries in March:** Charles Boyle, Jeff Lathouwers, Michael Dodd, Matthew Delaney, Robert Maslin, Mary O'Keefe, Coleman O'Keefe, Brian Smith, Perc Roberts, Carmel O'Connor, Paul Couch, Geoff Gale, Martin Van Duynhoven, Park Conheady, Barry Risdale, Kathleen Noonan, Herman Dickmann, Albert Van Es, Rose McMeel, Maria Townsend, Frank Vogels, Riley Hutchinson, Mary Pouw, Jessie Gibblett, Carmel Bruce



**"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 24th Mar 2024

## Sixth Sunday of Lent Year B

### First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

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

### Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2*

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

### Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,

yet Christ Jesus did not cling

to his equality with God

but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are,

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

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

### Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death

dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high



and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### **Gospel:** *Mark 15:1-39*

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favor, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realized it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*All kneel and pause a moment.*

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

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

**Holy Thursday 28th March** – 5.00 pm Timboon  
 5.00 pm Lismore (LLA)  
 7.30 pm Camperdown

**Good Friday 29th March** – 10.00 am Camperdown, it is an Ecumenical Service of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday starts on 10. am at the corner of Manifold Street and Hampden Hotel. All welcome.

**Afternoon Service** – 3.00 pm Camperdown, and 3.00 pm Timboon.

**Holy Saturday 30th March** – 5.00 pm Lismore  
 6.00 pm Timboon  
 7.30 pm Camperdown

**Easter Sunday 31st March** - 9.00 am Cobden.

**Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. For 800 years, the Franciscan Friars have shared the difficult lives of Christians in the countries that make up the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land: Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus. The people of these countries face their own difficulties, but particularly Christians due to their minority status. Among them, the friars have never ceased offering their pastoral care. Two years ago, it was the pandemic that was causing havoc for the people in the Holy Land (as it was in the rest of the world), but now there is a new and more dangerous threat through the ongoing conflict which may last for quite some time. Just when pilgrims were starting to return, the Sacred Places of our Christian Faith are once again closed to pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and the local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places.

**Mass of the Oils livestream:**

This year the Mass of the Oils will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/SdivilKiHSs?feature=share>

**Lent programmes: Timboon** 10:30 a.m., Stations of the Cross 12:00 p.m.

***Project Compassion 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent: Meet Leia***

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Rohnita from the Philippines, Leia 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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



Timboon 2024	24th March Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	30th March Easter Vigil Mass 6 pm	7th April Closed
<b>Welcome</b>	N McKinnon	L Tregua	
<b>Leaders</b>	A Vogels E O'Connor		
<b>Statue</b>	T O'Connor E O'Connor	G Townsend	
<b>Reader</b>	L McInerny	R Hoffman	
<b>P.O.F.</b>	R Hoffman	A Vogels	
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>	J McInerny		
<b>Bulletin</b>	Denny Family	Denny Family	G Swierczek
<b>Slides</b>	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	A McMeel
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00</b>	<b>Closed</b>	