

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Dear Friends; This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ or the feast of the Eucharist. The celebration of the Eucharist commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt in the Old Testament and in the New Testament the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples. In the celebration of the Old Testament Passover, they used the unleavened bread that recalls the Manna that was delivered from above to the people during their journey in the desert towards the Promised Land. The bitter herbs are a remembrance of their hardship and suffering during their slavery and exile. And the red wine is in memory of their crossing of the Red Sea. Hence the Jewish people annually commemorate this event as the feast of the Passover. It took a new meaning in the New Testament Era. In the New Testament Jesus in his turn at the Passover meal that was his last Supper with his disciples celebrated the Supper in view of his passion, death and resurrection. The unleavened bread is now Jesus' body broken and given to the disciples and to the humanity: "Take it; this is my body". The red wine is now Jesus' blood poured out for the redemption of the world: "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many". So when we celebrate the Eucharist, we are encountering and experiencing Jesus himself. Because Jesus has given us this memorial of his passion to bring us it's saving power until the end of the world. At the end of the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent out to bring to others what we have received, to share Jesus with others and to be Jesus to the world around us. Hence the Eucharist becomes the centre of our Christian living. We have to live out the values of the Eucharist in our Christian life. So let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith to give Jesus to others through our words and deeds. **-Neville**

We welcome Fr Kevin Maloney (Vicar General) who will be celebrating masses in our parish this weekend. We appreciate your kindness and time that you were able to come and celebrate mass with us.

This Message came from Bishop's Office:

Dear Friends, The Victorian Government has foreshadowed an easing of restrictions for regional Victoria. The following provisions will apply in **regional Victoria** from 11.59pm on Thursday June 3, *provided regional Victoria has no new COVID cases*. **Religious gatherings and ceremonies** will be permitted for up to **50 people** per venue, with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres. **Funerals** will be permitted with no more than **50 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral. **Weddings** will be permitted with no more than **10 people** (including the two persons being married, the celebrant and two witnesses). **Face coverings** must be carried at all times. Face coverings must be worn inside the church and must also be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres distancing cannot be

Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Dennis Dodd

Anniversaries occurring in June: Glad Scanlon, Monica Flemming, Kevin Hession, Pat Dundon, Tony Tregoea, Brian Maslin, Brian Freeman, Jan Vogels, Marjorie Martin, Hendrieka Laathouwers.



PRAYER REQUESTS

maintained. There will be no restrictions on travel *within regional Victoria*. God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): There are changes to Victoria's COVIDSafe settings from 11.59pm on June 3, 2021. More information available at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony>

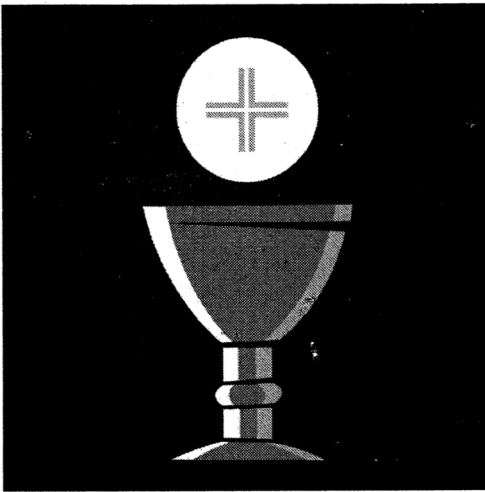
Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

Communion To The Sick.

If you are sick and would like to receive communion at home please call parish secretary on 0439 145 805 and arrange a time.

Votive candle stand: In accordance with general practice and guidelines regarding safety hazards, in this case fire, the stand has been removed from the body of the church and matches stored separately. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

	June 6th	June 13th	June 20th
Timboon	Closed	Assembly of Word & Communion	Mass 9:00am
Welcome		K Currell	N McKinnon
Leaders		A Vogels R Hoffmann	
Statue		J Delaney	K Currell
Reader		J McInerney	L McInerney
POF		C Marr	R Hoffmann
E.M.H.C.		C Bullen	
Bulletin	Denney Family	Denney Family	Denney Family
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	June 6th Mass 9:00am	June 13th Assembly of Word & Communion	June 20th Closed



Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistía*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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The Living Word

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

6 June 2021

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

*(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.
or*

(R.) Alleluia!

- How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
- O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)

- A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 9:11-15

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven, says
the Lord;*

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!