



### 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, Bernadette Moloney, Dennis Dodd

**Anniversaries In August:** Vin O'Connor, Ettie McKinnon, Frank Maguire, Mary Wintle, Mary Maslin, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Fr Brendan Davey, Norah Place, Josie Bird and Pat Carey



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Each month the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. The Pope's intention for August: **Universal intention for evangelization - the Church:** Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

### Plenary Council – Fan the Flame Prayer Campaign

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. *'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'* Matthew 28:16-20

The ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church's communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for "we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want". (*Pedro Arrupe, "Address prior to Eucharistic Congress 1976", The Portal to Jesuit Studies, accessed 23 April 2021: https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976arrupeeeucharist*)

You are invited to join the national prayer campaign and in a special way support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become 'Prayer Partners' to accompany the Members and invoke the Holy Spirit on this historic gathering for the Church in Australia. The "Fan the Flame" resources have been designed so they can be used by individuals or by groups of any size and in any setting. Parishes are encouraged to use these in any way that suits. They include material for each week, and as well as material that can be used at any time to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Resources can be accessed at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/>

### Communion To The Sick

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

### Planned Giving

Thanks to those people who continue to contribute to our planned giving program. Quarterly statements have been emailed to some people and written statements for others are in the back of the churches for you to take home and check.

If there is a discrepancy please contact the office by phone or email to have it corrected. If you would like to make your contribution either as a direct debt or an EFT please use the following details ; BSB: 083-928 A/C No 51-606-7599 and please include your name and a planned giving number if possible.

### Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Lara Kirk, Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, reflects on "The Holy Family" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

The Finance Committee will be holding its meeting at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th August in the presbytery, dependant on prevailing COVID restrictions.

### CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.



Due to the current lockdown we will not be able to gather for Assemblies of Word and Communion this Sunday - the Solemnity of Mary MacKillop. The Catholic Church and Network Ten recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the program *Mass for You at Home* and you may be interested in viewing Mass on their YouTube channel tomorrow. Please follow this link to access it: <https://www.massforyou.com.au>

	August 8th Closed	August 15th Mass 9:00 a.m.	August 22nd 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C
<b>Timboon</b>			
Welcome		L Treglea	K Currell
Leaders			E O'Connor J McInerney
Statue		G & A Vogels	G Townsend
Reader		R Hoffmann	C Marr
POF		L McInerney	P Nicholson
E.M.H.C.			C Bullen
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides		A McMeel	A McMeel
Cleaners	E O'Connor	E O'Connor	E O'Connor
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Assembly W &amp; C 9am</b>



Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his Kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## Reflection by Nick Brodie

### God's saving justice

The Gospel reading for today is, at first glance, an odd choice to pair with the feast of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop faced more than a few financial challenges, after all, especially in her youth. The burden of supporting her poor family fell to Mary in her teenage years, and surely no one held it against her for worrying about money, food, or clothing.

But the pairing of saint and gospel makes sense in the context of Mary's vocation. Rather than worrying about herself, she cared for others. In this, Mary MacKillop lived the gospel very effectively. First caring for her immediate family, then for wider relations, soon enough Mary was focused on meeting the many needs of the communities in which she and her fellow Sisters of St Joseph lived. Through aid, education, and example Mary offered her contemporaries and us an example of faith through works.

From quietly and unobtrusively teaching in a stable in 1866, to founding a religious order that spread throughout and beyond a continent, Mary's spiritual journey was truly focused on "God's saving justice". Tending to Australia's Aboriginal peoples, prisoners facing execution, children requiring education, the homeless, the orphaned, the sick, indeed anybody she saw in need, Mary shows us how God seeks to answer the day's troubles: through us.

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# The Living Word

Saint Mary of the Cross, Virgin

8 August 2021

## First Reading 1 Kgs 17:7-16

*The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elijah.*

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

*"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."*

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:1-8

*(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

## Second Reading Col 3:12-17

*Bear with one another, forgive each other.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Many women were there by the cross,  
watching from a distance,  
the same women who had followed Jesus and  
looked after him.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 6:25-34

*Do not worry about your life.*

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,  
nor about your body and what you are to wear.  
Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!