



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup -

BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Easter – 12th May 2019



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Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion Mass Times:

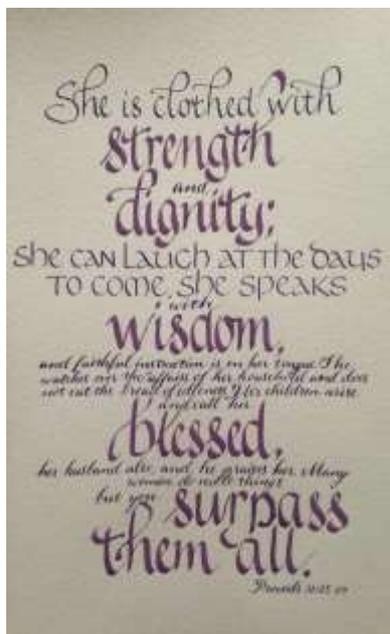
Saturday June 15th: 6.30pm Mass.
Sunday June 16th: 10.30am Mass.
Saturday June 22nd: 6.30pm Mass.
Sunday June 23rd: 10.30am Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING this Thursday May 16th at 5.30pm in the Meeting Room
Please have your reports into Anita by Wednesday.

Agenda :

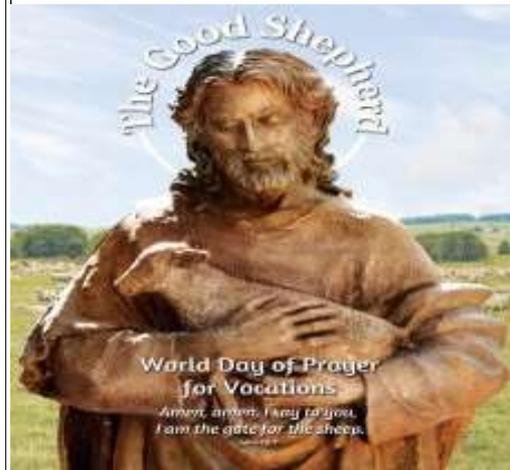
Parish Finances.
Catering.
Parish Mission in November.
Protocols.
CWL 90th birthday October 20th.
Fr John Pothiyittel 40th Ordination ann
Social Justice Committee, Ballarat.
Child Safe Parish.
Other Business.
Reports.

A very happy and blessed **Mother's Day** to all Mums, Grand-mothers special friends. Have a great and joyful day. Prayers.



PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort in pain, their source of hope in times of despair, sorrow, woundedness, their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and love. Bless **caregivers**, as channels of your love, they are your very hands on earth. Give them gentleness as they help the sick, to respect their dignity and value to You. Give them patience and courage as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care, to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands and when they need your enduring help. Give them love and understanding to be a caring companion, on the path of pain and sadness with the sick. Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.



We welcome Fr John McKinnon with us this weekend.

The Diocesan Mass Count continues each weekend of May. Collectors please take the count at each Mass or AWC and please fill out the sheets in the Sacristy, with numbers at Mass or AWC.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 14th May	No Mass	St Matthias
Wednesday 15th May	9.30am	SMJ Yrs 1/2 attend Mass. Joseph Murphy anniv.
Thursday 16th May	9.30am	CWL WUCWO Mass
Friday 17th May	9.30am	
Saturday 18th May	10am	John Baldas anniv.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, my creator, breathe on me, renew me, refresh me, extend my abilities, comfort me in adjusting to changes in health, mobility and activity. Body of Jesus Christ flow through every fibre of my being. Keep me well, and hope filled, always. Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for the good of others. Amen



Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Purcell, Joseph Murphy, John Baldas, Desmond Dalgleish, Eliza Sartori, Mary Dillon

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, John McNamara, Owen Duncan, Shilpa Joe, Evelyn Fowler,

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month
5th Sunday of Easter 19th May 2019**

Horsham **Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Kaniva **Sunday Mass 11.30am**

**Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.**

Regular Activities in the Parish

Craft Group Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room Mornings - 9.30am to 11.30am. Evening - 7pm to 9pm. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation. Contact Anita at Parish Office

Meditation Group: Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.

CWL Meetings 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. Meeting Room.

Men's Group Meeting will be at the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455

St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

BAPTISM PREPARATION. 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

Men's Breakfast Thursday May 16th 7.30am to 8.30am in the Parish Centre.

All men, their sons, single men are welcome for breakfast, prayer, chat.

Children's Liturgy at Sunday 10.30 Mass:

Rebecca Rowe is the new Co-Ordinator of the Children's Liturgy roster and program.

We are looking for helpers to help with this important help to our children at Mass.

Materials are provided, no teaching experience needed, just a willingness to share your faith with our children on each Sunday's Gospel.

You need a current Working With Children Check, and we will assist you with this.

Please contact Anita at the Parish Office. If you can help, or please see Rebecca Rowe.

Catholic Women's League WUCWO Mass this Thursday May 16th at 9.30am in the Church.

WUCWO is the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation. This year's theme is *WUCWO Women called to Holiness to sanctify the World for a Holistic Development.*

All women are welcome. Cuppa after Mass.

ROSTERS

11/12 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Micky Robarts Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Michael Connellan
18/19 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Anthony Amor	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Shayne Keenan
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Sr Tirsia Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	19th May Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	26th May Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 107.00
Horsham	\$ 923.00	Dimboola \$ 90.00
Total		\$ 1120.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 1131.00	Loose \$ 84.60
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$ 1284.67
Total		\$ 2500.27

Making Connections: What are the things about the church and our particular community that make you feel like you belong? In your life, in what ways are you called on to act as a 'shepherd' - a leader, provider, protector? Attend very carefully to the needs of those people who are in your care this week.

Did You Know?: The Latin word for shepherd is pastor. It is from this word that we derive many of the terms used in the church for people with a special role: pastor or priest, pastoral care, pastoral associate, pastoral council. These roles always imply a duty of love and care towards those whom one is responsible.

Daily Prayer: O God, the fountain of joy and of peace, into the hands of your risen Son you have entrusted the destinies of peoples and of nations. Sustain us with the power of your Spirit, that, amid the unceasing changes of life in this world, we may never become separated from Christ our Good Shepherd, who guides us to springs of life-giving water.

Marriage Tip: When you feel negative about something your spouse says, try to look at the statement from a different perspective (especially his/hers) before responding.

Vocational View: On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

Country Mass Times:

May 19: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Kaniva 11.30
May 26: Natimuk 8.30, Murtoa 8.30, Nhill 10, Dimboola 11.30
June 2: Murtoa 8.30, Dimboola AWC 8.30.



Bright Sparks

Applications are now open for our upcoming Bright Sparks workshops which commence on the 15th May. Students from across the Wimmera in Grades 5/6 and Year 7 are invited to participate in our Bright Sparks program selecting from a huge range of workshops which run from each Wednesday night from 3.45pm – 5.00pm for a four-week period. Register now so you don't miss out. Places are limited and they are filling fast. Register here: www.stbc.vic.edu.au



St Brigid's College

OPEN DAY

& PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 5th June 2019
2.00pm - 7.00pm

ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE

PARENT FORUMS

Your opinion matters to us!



FRI 31 MAY 2019
THU 13 JUNE 2019

DAY & NIGHT FORUMS

Pope on World Day for Vocations 2019:

Lord's call entails promise and risk....

Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray that the Lord may help us discover His plan of love for our lives and grant us the courage to walk in the path He has chosen for each of us. The theme, **"The Courage to take a risk for God's Promise."**

Promise and risk The message is a reflection on "how the Lord's call makes us bearers of a promise and, at the same time, asks of us the *courage to take a risk*, with him and for him." Just as Simon, Andrew, James and John had a mixed fortune in their catch of fish, "much of life is like that." Sometimes we enjoy a good catch, sometimes we need the courage to keep our boat from being tossed by the waves and at times we are frustrated with empty nets. It is at this moment that Jesus approaches the fishermen, breaks through the "paralysis of routine" and promises to make them fishers of men. We too were surprised by the promise of a joy that is capable of bringing fulfilment to our lives, when we met the person to marry or when we first thought of our vocation.

Lord's call, not an intrusion rather than an intrusion in our freedom, a "cage" or a burden, the Lord's call is a loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch. However, embracing the Lord's promise, demands the courage to risk making a decision, of putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge. Leaving behind the security of our little boat that prevents us from making a definitive choice, we are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God's plan for our lives, trusting in the Lord's promise.

Call to Christian life is part of the call to Christian life that we all have received in baptism. It is born and develops through the liturgy, God's grace, the sacraments, God's word, prayer and sharing. The Christian life thus finds expression in our decisions that give a precise direction to our personal journey and also contribute to the growth of God's kingdom in our world. These vocations make us bearers of a promise of goodness, love and justice, not only for ourselves but also for our societies and cultures, which need courageous Christians and authentic witnesses of the kingdom of God. **Do not be deaf to God's call** The Holy Father urged young people not to be deaf to the Lord's call, there can be no greater

Fr Richard Leonard SJ will lead our Parish in a Mission from November 23rd to 27th this year.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Cathy Grace, Margaret Lingham, Joan Lane-Storey, Srs Manuela & Tirsa, Anita Masiero (Sec)

Child Safety Standards. Ss Michael & John Parish has Bob Pritchett as our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon

some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:1-3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Second Reading Revelation 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes

and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

Gospel Reflection – 4th Sunday of Easter - Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Today's gospel is amazingly reassuring for those who truly hear the voice of Jesus. He "knows" them. These are the ones who "follow" him, those who live as he lived, caring for the "flock". There is a sense of mutuality in hearing and in being known. The inheritance of the "known" ones is "eternal" or never-ending life. In other words, they participate in God's way of being in the world. Just as the shepherds of the ancient world protected their flocks, so the followers of Jesus are secure in his "hand", secure in the "hand" of God, for Jesus and "the Father" are one. Later in John's gospel, Mary Magdalene will hear Jesus' voice and recognise him when he calls her by name. She is one whom Jesus' "knows". Her faithful following of Jesus will find expression in her presence at the foot of the cross and her visit to the empty tomb.

Sisters of the Good Shepherd, founded in post-revolution France to shepherd

God's people, especially young women at risk, take their inspiration from the gospel image of Jesus as shepherd. They continue to shepherd God's people, including women who have been trafficked as sexual slaves. In recent years they have expanded their mission and, together with their associates and partners in ministry, have decided "to shepherd God's creation". Their foundress, Sr. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, understood the ways of shepherds in mid-19th century rural France: "How, in fact, do good shepherds act? They forget themselves and often have to endure hunger and thirst. They are crushed by fatigue and difficulties—no matter! They are happy if their sheep do not suffer and if they find those that are lost. What trouble they take to lead their sheep to good pastures! In summer they seek out places where there is water and shade; in winter they lead them to where the cold is less biting and the grass more abundant. If they notice poisonous plants near the little lambs they hasten to pull

them up. Day and night they are on guard against wolves—they never completely relax." The same respectful stance is needed as we seek to care for our threatened Earth community. For the earliest readers of John's gospel, the term "good shepherd" was a contradiction in terms. Shepherds were known to trespass on the property of others in their search for feed. A positive image of the shepherd is nonetheless part of Israel's prophetic tradition. John's gospel evokes that tradition. It also evokes the figure of David, the shepherd boy who was destined to become king and to shepherd God's people. For biblical scholar Margaret Daly-Denton, the Israelite understanding of kingship is "shepherding done in the name of the true Shepherd of Israel (Ps. 80.1), the kind of care that reveals the divine 'carefulness'" (John: An Earth Bible Commentary, T&T Clark, 2017, 144). Those who hear the voice of Jesus are called to that kind of care for one another and for our planetary home.

Next Week's Gospel: John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**ENROLMENTS for 2020 are being taken at SBC, SMJ, OLHC.**

For more information and bookings please ring the School you wish to enrol at. Thank you.

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