



# St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Easter - 15th April 2018



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**Horsham CWL will host  
the Northern Zone  
CWL Conference this  
Wednesday April 18th.**

Delegates meet from 9.30  
to 11 in Parish Centre.

**Anna Krohn will speak on Mary  
Glowrey at 10.30 in the Parish Centre.**

**Mass in the Church at 11.30.**

After lunch in the Parish Centre:

**Sr Jacinta will give a Reflection at 1.20**

**Simone O'Brien will speak at 1.45**

All welcome to talks, Mass, Reflection

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We pray for God's blessings on the  
2nd Term of the School Year.  
SBC begin classes this Tuesday April  
17th.

SMJ School and OLHC School  
Murtoa begin classes this Monday  
April 16th.

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**"Everything is on the Table" -  
Plenary Council 2020**

The Mission from April 28/29 to May 6  
and opportunities for prayer and  
discussion and your questions and  
issues will ensure that we bring our  
faith to this process of discernment.

**We will pray the Synod 2020 Prayer  
at the end of Prayers of  
Intercessions.**

Bishop Paul Bird has suggested the  
upcoming Praying Towards 2020  
reflect on two themes:

- What is your experience of Church?
- What would you like to see as  
Church in the future?

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 17th: 5.30. Rosina Radalovi  
Wednesday 18th: **11am. CWL Mass.**  
Thursday 19th: 9.30. Danny Byrne

**Friday April 20: 9.30am.**  
**Fr Frank Madden 1st anniversary.**

Saturday 21st: AWC 10am

### PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God,  
You are the source and creator of all  
healing power. We entrust the sick to  
your loving care.

We pray your blessings upon those who  
care in their own homes, those who work  
in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice  
care, palliative care.

May You be their source of comfort when  
they experience pain, their source of  
hope in times of despair, sorrow,  
woundedness. Be their inspiration and  
solace when they are unable to lift their  
hearts, minds and voices to You in  
prayer. Bless them with the courage and  
faith to place their trust in your healing  
touch and your healing 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.

Give them patience as they manage their  
time, to best serve those who are in  
need of their care. Give them courage 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,  
to walk with the sick in pain and  
sadness.

Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy  
Communion to the sick, elderly, and  
those in Homes and in Hospital.



We welcome in Baptism to  
the Family of God:

Adam Francis See Tan  
son of Vic and Julie

We welcome Fr John.  
We congratulate and pray  
for Fr John on his  
39th anniversary of  
Ordination this Monday  
April 16th  
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**PARISH PASTORAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
this Thursday April 19th  
at 5.30pm.** Please have  
reports into Anita by this  
Wednesday.

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**Natimuk Nursing Home Mass**  
this Thursday 19th at 4.14pm  
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**MEN'S BREAKFAST this  
Thursday April 19th from  
7.30 to 8.30 in the Parish  
Centre.** All men and sons,  
single men, are welcome  
for free brekky, prayer, chat

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**Rupanyup Mass Monday  
April 16th at 6.30pm at  
Will and Magda's**

**Parish and School  
SACRAMENT PROGRAM  
Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Children's First Reconciliation  
times in SMJ Church:**

Thursday April 26th 5pm & 7pm

**Monday May 7th 5pm & 7pm**

**(Please note the change of date  
from May 2 to Monday May 7th)**

### 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: Fr Frank Madden, Jack Slater, Rosina Radolovi, Laurie Liston, Danny Byrne, Anne O'Brady, Annie Gillard		
SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Maurice Brennan, Daryl Dreher, Felicity Taylor, Una Bartlett, Eileen Dooley		
Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688		
Saturday Devotions: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am. Rosary 9.20. Morning Prayer of the Church. Mass 10am. CONFESSIONS 10.25am		
Next Sunday		
4th Sunday of the Month	4th Sunday of Easter	22nd April
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am	
Murtoa	Sunday AWC 9am. Dimboola AWC 8.30am	
Natimuk	Sunday Mass 8.30	
Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.		
Regular Activities in the Parish		
Mother's Prayer Group Fortnightly Every Wednesday 2.00pm Church Meeting Room Contact Marina 5382 1047		
Craft Group Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room. Mornings - 9.30 -11.30 Evening - 7- 9. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation.		
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.		
CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church		

Third Sunday of Easter

The disciples in today’s Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

*“Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by this new dawn and by the newness that Christ alone can give. May we allow his tenderness and his love to guide our steps. May we allow the beatng of his heart to quicken our faintness of heart.” -Pope Francis*

United by the broken body of Christ, we die like the grain of whete. But by the power of Christ’s Passion, we share in His Resurrection and are transformed into bread for the world.

The Prayer of St Patrick

“I bind to myself today the might of Christ’s Crucifixion with that of his Burial. The might of His Resurrection with that of His Ascension.”

ROSTERS		
14/15th April	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Ann Hermans Anne Newton John Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Peter Gutteridge	Mary Dalgleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Bob Pritchett
21/22 April	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Shayne Keenan
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Anthony Amor Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Joan Parker Tess Hayes	Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox, Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Gary Coutts Pat Williams	Denise Vallance Mary Brown
Prayers	Mary Brown and Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	22nd April Pat O’Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan	29th April Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O’Connor Anna Carberry

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 91.00
Horsham	\$ 900.00	Dimboola	\$ 64.00
Total			\$ 1055.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1139.00	Loose	\$
Credit Card	\$ 2456.64	Direct Debit	\$ 1220.00
Total			\$

Project Compassion (to date): **\$2395.95.** Thank you.  
Good Friday Holy Places: **\$771.** Thank you.

**Exploring the Word:** Jesus’ journey is about to be completed with his return to the Father, but the Disciples journey is just beginning. The disciples must journey from Jerusalem to all the nations, witnessing to what they have seen and heard, preaching the good news of repentance and the forgiveness of sin.  
**Living the Word:** In Luke’s Gospel Jesus is often depicted as sharing meals with his disciples and others. Today Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to the truth of the word. These two elements - Word and Eucharist - continue to nourish the faith of believers. They are the central rites of the Sunday liturgy.  
**Marriage Tip:** Laughter, when shared, is a healing balm. Share jokes today. Does your family have any stories about family foibles that get repeated at family gatherings? It doesn’t matter that it’s embarrassing; it becomes family mythology!  
**Vocation View:** What could convince someone to turn to God? That God became man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray - Lord Jesus, make Your word plain to us and set our hearts on fire with love when You speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of Your love.  
**Daily Prayer:** Open our hearts to true conversion, as we know Jesus in the breaking of the bread, make us witnesses of a new humanity, renewed, reconciled and at peace in your love as we journey in the life of the Resurrection to be our guide and light. Keep us firm in faith, sure in hope, to take heart in Jesus.



### COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday April 22: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am  
Dimboola AWC 8.30

Sunday April 29: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.

Sunday May 6th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.

Sunday May 13: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30.

### Wimmera Filipino Australian Club

The installation of officers of Wimmera Filipino Australian Club at SMJ Parish will take place on **Saturday May 12th at 1pm** in the Parish Centre. Invited guest speaker Mayor of Horsham. All welcome.

### WYD 2019 Pilgrimage to Panama – call for pilgrims!

Are you interested in being part of the Ballarat Diocese World Youth Day Pilgrimage (18-35 yo) to Panama in January 2019? Send an email expressing your interest to [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Up to date Pilgrimage information is on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

From April 28th to May 6th **one** Redemptorist Priest will be in our Parish and Nhill to conduct a **MISSION**

to help our Parish and our Diocese to prepare for the Church Synod in 2020.

The format of the Mission will be finalised at our Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, and details given on the Bulletin and School Newsletters.

Due to various circumstances only 3 Redemptorists will be here in our Northern Zone and not 4. So we will have **only one Priest** in our Parish for the week.

Here is a suggested Program which we can use in our Parish (other Parishes have a similar one)

**April 28/29:** Mission Priest celebrates Horsham and Murtoa Masses.

**Monday April 30th:** Mass 9.30 with a talk and cuppa after Mass. Visit SMJ School that day. Talk at 7pm in the Parish Centre with Supper.

**Tuesday May 1st:** Mass at 9.30 with a talk and cuppa after Mass. Visit SBC during the day. Talk at 7pm in the Parish Centre with Supper.

**Wednesday May 2nd:** Mass at 9.30 with a talk and cuppa after Mass. Visit the sick. Mass, Talk and Shared Tea at **Murtoa Church** at 6pm.

**Thursday May 3rd:** Mass at 9.30 with talk and Cuppa after Mass. Visit OLHC School Murtoa Mass, Talk and Shared Tea at **Dimboola** at 6pm.

**Friday May 4th: Anointing Mass at 10am** with a Talk and Cuppa after Mass.

**Nhill** in the afternoon and Mass and talk at 6pm with a shared tea after Mass.

**Saturday May 5th:** Mass at 10am with Confessions after Mass.

Meet Indian and Filipino families over lunch in Parish Centre.

**Sunday May 6th:** Horsham Masses.

Lunch and question time and discussion in the Parish Centre, for any issues Parishioners may wish to raise.

*If you have a comment on this timetable or any issues or add to the Program, please contact a Parish Councillor*

**ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE**

# Bright Sparks PROGRAM

Are you **gifted, talented or highly interested** in a particular area? Check out the free workshops below to see if you can be extended and challenged in an area of interest to you.

- JUNIOR CHEFS**  
Based around menu planning and food preparation, you will cook (and eat or take home) a range of dishes from a different part of the menu - from appetisers to desserts.
- BUDDING ACTORS**  
In this workshop you will learn the basics of drama, performance and develop your improvisation and storytelling skills.
- FUN WITH FILM**  
Become familiar with the use of a 'green screen' and create your own short film masterpiece! There's plenty of fun to be had with film!
- CREATIVE WRITING**  
Develop your creative writing skills, diving into the wonderful world of words. Have you got a way with words? You will have by the end of this workshop!
- SPORTING SUPERSTARS**  
Challenge your endurance and sporting skills in a team environment through a variety of exciting sporting activities.
- iROBOT**  
Investigate the world of robotics and programming by challenging your critical and creative thinking.
- THE GREAT OUTDOORS**  
Learn about the great outdoors through a series of activities such as orienteering, camp cooking and creating shelters 'Bear Grylls' style!
- WEIRD SCIENCE**  
Explore the weird and wacky world of science! Be prepared to have your mind blown by the wonderful things that the science world can offer.
- ARTISTIC FLAIR**  
Hone your creativity skills through the creation of a collagraph print. Using textured materials you will create a self-portrait, construct a collagraph and learn print making techniques.

The Bright Sparks Program is open to all Wimmera students in Grade 5/6 and Year 7 and will run on Wednesday afternoons, 3.45pm - 5.00pm, from 2nd - 30th May 2018. Students will be provided with drinks and a fruit snack prior to each workshop.

To take part in these **exciting free workshops**, please go to [www.stbc.vic.edu.au](http://www.stbc.vic.edu.au), click on the Bright Sparks button and complete the expression of interest form online. Apply now as spaces are limited.

St Brigid's College, Horsham Ph. (03) 5382 3545 [www.stbc.vic.edu.au](http://www.stbc.vic.edu.au)

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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

**Child Safety Standards.** Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** for the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** exists for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish is always child safe.

**1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19**

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9**

Lord, let your face shine on us.  
When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!  
It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.  
I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.  
Lord, let your face shine on us.

**2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5**

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

**Acclamation: cf Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had

recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

**Gospel Reflection 3rd of Easter Yr B -Veronica Lawson RSM**

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on the road of life. That is one of the elements in today's gospel that forms the conclusion to the Emmaus story. When I was a student at Trinity College in Dublin researching Luke's depiction of women in the Acts of the Apostles, I would often take a detour on my way home to visit the National Gallery of Ireland. Velázquez' remarkable oil painting, Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus captured and held my attention. We have here a painting within a painting. The kitchen maid pauses from her tasks to listen, through the window between kitchen and dining area, to the conversation between Jesus and his table companions. His hosts have not yet recognised the companion they had encountered on the road from Jerusalem. Velázquez seems to be suggesting

that the young servant woman in the foreground, a woman from another place and another time, has sensed what they have still to discover. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on the road from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his death has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes. He engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he opens to them the meaning of their sacred scriptures. They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus then disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that he is alive. Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to

share the good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They share a meal with him. He opens their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything falls into place. They not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They now know that they will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery, and to preach forgiveness to all peoples "beginning from Jerusalem". Luke opens the Acts of the Apostles with Jesus sending the disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. We who re-member these events in every Eucharistic celebration are both the recipients and the bearers of that message. If we allow our hearts to "burn" within us, we too may recognise the Risen One in our gatherings and become his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

**Next Week's Gospel: John 10:11-18**

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down

my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father'.

**Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations, called Good Shepherd Sunday.**

Pope Francis reminds us: 'God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.' Let us pray that we will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd in the daily events of life. We pray for Matthew Restall, for all Seminarians and for Vocations