



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN



5th Sunday Easter - 24th April 2016



**They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning
We will remember them.**

LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC DAY Mass will be held at 9am in Horsham Church

MEMORIAL MASS FOR BISHOP RONALD MULKEARNS IN BALLARAT

Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at the cathedral on **Monday May 16** at 12:05 pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

Welcome back and Goodbye

We welcome back *Fr Peter* this weekend from his travels . We also say goodbye to *Fr John* as he heads back to India to be with his family on Tuesday during the month of May.


PRAYER for SICK and CARERS

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

Congratulations and blessing to  **Brayden Pritchett and Angelika Rowe** who were married this weekend in Sydney

MASS COUNT begins next weekend at each and every Mass in the Parish and will run for the four weekends of May.

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 

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Principal: Gary Typuszak

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We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism:



Edith Mabel Delahunty
daughter of Benjamin & Joanne
in Murtoa

Confirmation & Eucharistic Parent Meeting

Will be held in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 26th April at 6pm**

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Monday 25th April	9.00am	Anzac Day
Tuesday 26th April	5.30pm	
Wednesday 27th April	9.30am	
Thursday 29th April	9.30am	
Friday 29th April	5.30am	Nth Zone Meeting
Saturday 30th April	10.00am	

Please Remember in Your Prayers
RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Long-Stawell (Sister of Carmel O'Connor), Neville Galpin, Jean Hood
ANNIVERSARIES: Cor Schampers, Gerard Ryan, Ron Preuss, Ted Walsh
SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Corey Panozzo, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, , Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Jill and Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Joy Flynn, Peter Kelly, Fred Webb, Frances Mitchell
Emergency Care: Contact Coordinator Betty 5382 6688
Confessions Saturday after Mass (10.25)
Saturday Morning Devotions: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20 Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church. 10am Mass
Next Sunday 1st Sunday of the Month 6th Sunday of Easter—1st May 2016
Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am Dimboola Sunday LLA 8.30am Murtoa Sunday Mass 8.30am
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
Ss Michael & John's Playgroup Tuesday's in school terms 10am to 12 noon - Parish Hall. Contact 0428 119 234
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 Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807
CWL Meetings 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm in Meeting Room.
Men's Group Meet 3rd Thursday of the month, breakfast 7.30am-8.30, Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428 847 455
St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm, for assistance. Phone 5381 2371
BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS 3rd Thursday of each Month at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Forms to be filled in with the Parish Office prior. Contact is the Parish Office 53821155.
Piety Stall in the Church has gifts for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, cards, medals etc., lovely Peru crosses.
CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

Free counselling, support offered by Centacare Ballarat for families, individuals affected by the drought and other issues **Free call 1300 303 988** to make an appointment. Centacare can visit your home; they use our Parish Interview Room. Totally confidential, there is much Government money available, so don't hesitate to ring this number, times arranged to suit you and your needs. Support open to any family member.

ROSTERS		
April 23/24	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce	Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Russell Reid Mary Marshall Tim Lannen
April 30/May 1	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	John Parker	Kingsley Dagleish
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Eileen McManus
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton	Mary Dagleish Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Julie Antonoff
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Nanette Freckleton Denise Vallance
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Children's Liturgy		Angela Stephens
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	1st May Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush Mary Ward	8th May Josie Phelan Claire Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 106.00
Horsham	\$ 1062.00	Dimboola	\$ 138.00
Total			\$ 1306.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 23
Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals

Envelopes	\$ 1437.00	Loose	\$ 383.15
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1820.15

Making Connections: Can you take up the challenge and act with love towards all people you encounter this week?

Marriage Tip: When things are really busy, take fifteen minutes for each other, even if it's only once a week. Make this time together a top priority.

Daily Prayer: As Jesus loved us, so we would love, that in the love we have for one another a new heaven and a new earth may dawn. Make this new commandment of love the very foundation of our lives, so that, loving you and loving one another as Christ has loved us, we may show that we are Christ's disciples brought to a new birth by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A Vocation View: Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

Country Mass Times in April:

May 1st: Dimboola LLA 8.30 Murtoa Mass 8.30

FAITH CIRCLES Free weekly small group resource

Faith Circles is a free weekly small group resource based on Pope Francis' Weekly Catechesis, with reflection questions and prayer points on a double-sided A4 sheet. It will be available to download via email subscription or from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong website faithcircles.dow.org.au. Faith Circles is free, no strings attached - we just want Catholics to be nurtured by doing life and faith in groups, not on your own! You can print as many copies as you like.

Important Local Year of Mercy Event

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Wednesday 27th April 2016

7-9pm in the Parish Centre

For all Ministers of the Sick in Hospital and Homes

(and anyone else interested-all welcome)

It is time to review, update and reflect!

Facilitator-Sr Jacinta csb

FR DAMIEN HEATH CELEBRATES 60TH JUBILEE

Fr Damien will be celebrating his 60th Jubilee of his ordination in July and he had agreed to celebrate with our Parish on **Sunday July 17th** when he is here for Masses.

The Parish Council are calling for people who are willing to help with the organisation of this event, no matter how small you think your role could be.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact the office so that we can get your details. *Many hands make light work!*

God of love and liberty,
we bring our thanks this day
for the peace and security we enjoy,
which was won for us
through the courage and devotion
of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice
may not be in vain,
but that their spirit may live on in us
and in generations to come.

That the liberty, truth and justice
which they sought to preserve
may be seen and known
in all the nations upon earth.

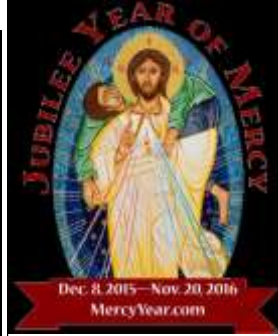
This we pray in the name of the one
who gave his life for the sake of the world,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR RAIN:

Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in You we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, bless our land with rain.



Pope Francis' Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you see Him. Show us your face and we shall be saved. Send your Spirit, and consecrate every one of us with the Spirit's anointing, so that the

Jubilee of Mercy, may be a year of grace from the Lord, and we your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor. Let your Church be your visible face in the world. We ask this of you, God of mercy and forgiveness, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy.

We pray this prayer at the end of the Intercessions

When was the last time you felt **really alive**?

God to glorified when men are fully alive

MEN'S WEEKEND

The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organized by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

30th - 31st July 2016

St Mary's Parish Hamilton

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The weekend commences Saturday at 8:30am and concludes at 1:30pm on Sunday.

Billed accommodation will be available. More information can be found at www.stmaryshamilton.org.au
Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com.au/KWH

menALIVE men's weekend

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

www.menalive.org.au

"Mercy is not a virtue that you choose to put on one day. Mercy has to be your deepest way of seeing, a generosity of spirit that draws from your identity, your deepest dignity, which is love. It is basically a worldview of abundance, wherein I do not have to withhold, protect, or hoard myself."

- Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation, Everything Is Grace, 5 February 2016



1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding

in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will

wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

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'.

Gospel Reflection—5th Easter Yr C, Sr Veronica Lawson rsm .

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his foot-weary table companions, and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past three years. Jesus is troubled in spirit (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who

has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship. The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his

disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other". This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival – these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.

Next Week's Gospel - John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things

to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me

say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'