



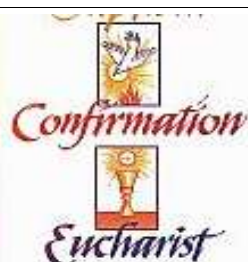
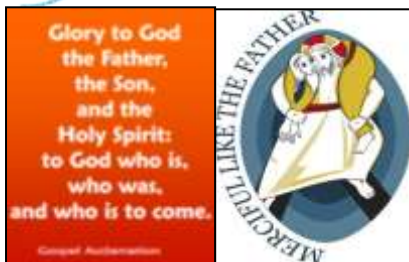
Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN



The Most Holy Trinity—22nd May 2016



At our SMJ Masses this weekend, we welcome, and present to the Parish, the children who will celebrate their Sacraments over the next few weeks.

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Catholic Education Week this week.

We congratulate St Brigid's College, Sts Michael and John School, Our Lady Help of Christians Murtoa on their witness to "The Face of Mercy" in our Communities.

We pray for OLHC Murtoa on their Feastday this Tuesday, Our Lady Help of Christians.

Thank you to all Staff and Parents for your witness and care.

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We welcome our **Men's Retreat** today Sunday from 9.30 to 4 in the Parish Centre

including Mass for participants.

The theme of the Retreat is MEN OF MERCY

in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Leader on the day is Paul White a qualified spiritual director

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.

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Fr Peter will be with St Brigid's College Year 11's for their Social Justice Retreat in Adelaide from Monday to Friday this week.
Please pray for the students in this important week.

** There will be LLA's in SMJ Church Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Fr Peter celebrates his 45th Ordination Anniversary of Priesthood today Sunday May 22nd.



We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Sunday:

Anarose Gabriella Richardson, daughter of Chery and Geoffrey

ANOINTING MASS Wednesday June 1st at 2pm in SMJ Church. Cuppa in Parish Centre after.

Please pray this Wednesday for the success of the Infant Viability Bill in the Victorian Parliaments, which seeks to protect life in the womb from 24 weeks

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 24th May	NO MASS	Our Lady Help of Christians
Wednesday 25th May	LLA 9.30am	
Thursday 26th May	LLA 9.30am	
Friday 27th May	LLA 9.30am	
Saturday 28th May	Mass 10.00am	

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: Jim Besselaar, Ria Op de Coul, Norma Hickey, Sr Gabrielle Jackman, Kitty & Eddy Brownstein, Martin Ryan, Patricia McNamara.

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, , Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Jill & 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 5th Sunday of the Month
Body & Blood of Christ - 29th 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

May 21/22	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Parker Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts	Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Kingsley Dalgleish	
May 28/29	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Readers	Micky Robarts	Anthony Dowling	
Commentator	Tess Hayes	Anna Robertson	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes	Shirley Hoffmann Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Russell Reid Mary Marshall	
Projector	Shayne Keenan	Alison McKinnon	
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir	
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Mary Dowsley Mary Brown	
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	29th May Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	5th June Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Barbara Gloury Kath Atkins	
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 151.70
Horsham	\$ 970.00	Dimboola	\$ 70.00
Total			\$ 1191.70
2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 27			
<i>Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals</i>			
Envelopes	\$ 2222.00	Loose	\$ 66.05
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 2288.05
Total			\$

Making Connections: Start and end each day with a Sign of the Cross this week. Contemplate the meaning of this action.

Daily Prayer: We glorify you, O God, and ponder the mystery of the wisdom by which you created the world in wondrous beauty and order. We, your church, your new creation, reconciled in your Son and sanctified by your Spirit, ask you to lead us through endurance into hope, and from hope to full knowledge of you, who are love itself, fullness of truth and undying life.

Vocational View: Human beings establish lasting loving bonds. But the Trinity shows us perfect love: you, God and neighbour. There's nothing more than love.

Marriage Tip: When you get frustrated, pray for understanding. Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God.

O God, give leaders hearts large enough to match the breadth of our own souls and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders' faith, vision, wisdom. Keep us safe, secure and sure in your love and mercy for you are our Leader God

Country Mass Times in May:

May 29th: Dimboola LLA 8.30 Murtoa Mass 8.30am
 June 5th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
 June 12th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
 June 19th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
 June 26th: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30



SMJ SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT
Next Friday May 27th at 7pm at Horsham Greyhound Club.
 Teams 8-10 (max), \$15 per person.
 Beer at bar prices. Nibbles **Book at the School.**
 Enquiries: Mel 0408655822

The Finance Committee thank you for the current response to our new Program since November, for your giving, and for those who give to the loose plate. Currently loose money: \$3,658.

New givers are always welcome - pledge cards are in the Church or at the Parish Office.

Pope Francis, 'On Love in the Family'

"I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems." [57]

"Just as a good wine begins to 'breathe' with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and 'body'." [231]

"The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union." [232]

"I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by mud of the street'." [308]

"We have been called to form consciences, not replace them." [37]

"Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort." [130]

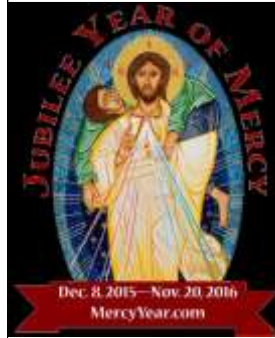
"I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly 'blocked'... We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye." [39] "Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope." [219]

"Here let me say a word to fiancées. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace.

You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else." [212]

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

SMJ Parish PROFIT & LOSS Statement Nov 15-April 2016

	Nov 15 - April 2016	Nov 14 - Apr 2015
Income		
Planned Giving	84,185.73	79,266.24
Hall Hire	0.00	920.00
Sacraments	695.00	695.60
Sundry Income	338.23	466.26
Total Income	85,219.56	86,348.10
Expenses		
Priest Stipend	4,597.84	1,295.40
Liturgical	2,443.58	4,193.30
Diocesan Levies	7,248.18	7,174.20
Administration	26,012.51	16,754.18
Capital	100.00	1,027.28
Property(rates,	8,592.67	8,767.17
Maintenance	3,778.47	4,260.41
Salaries & wages	35,198.35	33,408.46
Associated costs	3,435.64	3,139.87
School loan repy	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Expenses	94,407.24	81,100.27

PGP Giving Summary Nov 2015 - April 2016.

Amount pledged per week: \$3,739. (333 givers)

Period	Givers	Pledged	Given	Aver	%
Weekly	109	35,563	32,419	1,246.	91.16
Fortnhg	14	5,210	4,146	159.46	79.58
Month	94	30,721	28,014	1,077	91.99
Quarter	19	4,810	5,520	212.31	114.7
Half Yr	17	6,290	2,720	104.62	43.24
Year	80	29,991	11,020	423.85	36.74
Total	333	112,585	83,839	3,224	74.47

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries - and the waters will not invade the shore, when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 8:4-9

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters.

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

2nd Reading :Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These

sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Acclamation: cf Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Gospel Reflection - Trinity Yr C, Sr Veronica Lawson rsm .

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They will come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth".

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wise with the knowledge of hindsight. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dance of Trinitarian

life. Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to the whole of creation. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community.



HOLY TRINITY

Today, we celebrate Trinity Sunday. When we try to put our limited human minds around this idea of Three Persons in the One

True God – when we try to think of God as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we say WE JUST CAN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT the MYSTERY of the HOLY TRINITY. But a "mystery" is not something we can know nothing about; it is something which we know, but can NEVER ENTIRELY COMPREHEND. He is a mystery, because the depths of God are ultimately incomprehensible. Yet we do know something about God . . . He has revealed Himself to us in His word and through Jesus Christ. One thing God has revealed is that HE IS ONE GOD and there are THREE PERSONS IN THE GODHEAD: God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave His Great Commission, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". He emphasized one baptism into one God - Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Corpus Christi Gospel - Luke 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to

find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his

disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate