



St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

Easter Sunday - 16th April 2017



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Take home a Bottle of Blessed Easter Water, and pray this prayer as you bless your homes.

Lord God, we rejoice this Easter with the hope of your saving life and love renewed in us. Bless our family and our home. May we live here in peace with you and with one another, with respect for all we say and do. May we come and go through the doors of our home with your peace guiding our way. May we show care and hospitality to family, friends, and others who come here, and go forth as witnesses of your love and peace to all we meet. Keep us free from all harm or hurt in our daily life, work, sharing.

Easter Sunday Gospel Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

After death, Jesus is cared for by a faith-filled man in the presence of two faith-filled women. These three people are fearless in the face of possible reprisals for their support of a "political criminal". Joseph, who comes from Arimathea, a little village just north of Jerusalem, cares for Jesus out of his personal wealth, providing a clean linen cloth and his own newly carved tomb. With his own hands, he performs the burial ritual, lays Jesus' body in the tomb, and rolls the stone into place. The women disciples who witness the closing of the tomb are Mary from Magdala, a fish-salting industry by the Sea of Galilee, and the other is the mother of two male disciples. These women have contributed their goods and services to Jesus over the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. The two women set out at dawn 'to see the tomb', again functioning as witnesses, this time to the dramatic opening of the tomb and the appearance of God's interpretive messenger. 'Seeing' becomes a metaphor for insight. In the earthquake and the allusion to lightning, there are echoes of other great moments of God's appearing to Israel - the encounter with Moses and the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai. The two Marys are the first to learn the news of Jesus' resurrection. They are also the first to be commissioned to proclaim it. The women "see" the place where he was laid. They hear the angel not to be afraid, and go quickly to the scattered disciples and inform them that the risen Jesus has gone before them to Galilee, the place of mission, where they too will "see" him. Resurrection life energises these faith-filled women disciples/apostles and negates the death-dealing power of the Roman Empire. As the women hurry away from the tomb, Jesus comes to meet them. He addresses them with the familiar greeting, Chairete, a greeting of joy. This is the first appearance of the resurrected One and it draws from the women a profoundly reverential response: taking hold of him, they fall down in worship, an action foreshadowed by the courageous but marginalised Canaanite woman (15:25). Jesus reiterates the commission already delivered by the angel: not to be afraid and to let the men know what has happened, who will later be commissioned on the mountain top (28:16-20). Often, the temptation is to stay on the mountain top instead of recognising the Resurrected One on the open road of life and getting on with the mission.

Men's Breakfast this Thursday April 20th 7.30 to 8.30 in the Parish Centre.



Please return Project Compassion boxes/envelopes, and Easter Dues, and Good Friday envelopes to any Mass. **Thank you for your generosity**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY next Sunday April 23rd



10.30: **Mass** and blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy

Lunch available and cuppa all afternoon

12.30: **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

1pm- 2pm: **Reconciliation**
2pm: **Rosary**

2.30: **Litany of Divine Mercy**
3pm: **Chaplet and Benediction**
All welcome. Prayers and readings available in Foyer.

Parent and Child Meeting for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, this Thursday April 20th from 5.30 to 6.30 in the Parish Centre.

Information booklets and cluster groups discussed.

Fr Elio Capra will speak to us on the meaning of these Sacraments in our lives.

All Parishioners are invited to hear Fr Elio Capra speak to us on Pope Francis' vision and approach for the 21st cent. at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th in the Parish Centre.

Making Connections: The cross and the paschal candle are the central symbols of these three days. Death is conquered in new life. The darkness of the tomb is conquered by the light of Christ.

Daily Prayer: Your Word, brings salvation, makes our hearts burn within us. In the breaking of the bread, open our eyes to recognize the One whose feast it is. May we reveal to all the face of Christ who had first to suffer but who has entered now into glory: your Son, our Saviour Jesus

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 18th	1.30pm	Zarlenga Funeral
Wednesday 19	9.30am	Annie Gillard anniv.
Thursday 20th	9.30am	Margaret Long anniv
Friday 21st	9.30am	Edward 'Ted' Walsh, Ron Preuss anniv
Saturday 22nd	10.00	Rosina Radolovi anni.

We pray for Gods blessing on Term 2 of the School Year. SBC, SMJ, OLHC all start on Tuesday 18th

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: Rosaria Zarlenga, Dulcie Kennedy, Fr Frank Pidgeon CsSr	
ANNIVERSARIES: Laurie Liston, Rodney Simpson, Ron Preuss, Edward "Ted" Walsh, Rosina Radolovi, Danny Byrne, Margaret Long, Annie Gillard	
Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688	
Confessions Saturday 10.25	
Saturday Morning Devotions: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20. Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.35. Mass 10.	
Next Sunday - 4th Sunday of the Month 2nd Sunday of Easter - 23rd April 2017	
Horsham Saturday - 7.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am	
Natimuk Sunday Mass 8.30am	<i>St Brigid's College Open Day, Sunday May 7th, 11am- 2pm.</i>
Dimboola Sunday Mass 8.30am	
Murtoa Saturday Vigil 7.30am	
Rosary, Litany of Mary & Chaplet Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.	Parish Council Meeting Thursday April 27

THANK YOU to all involved in our Holy Week Liturgies and Easter Masses: Music, Readers, Computer, Servers, Eucharist Ministers; Anita; Helen - Sacristy and Sanctuary; Therese and helpers with Flowers, flower donors; Bob for cleaning, welcomers, to those who filled water bottles, Collectors, Commentators, to all who attended.

A happy and blessed and peace-filled
Easter to you all. Welcome to family members
home for Easter, and to all our visitors

ROSTERS		
April 22/23	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	John Foster	Louise Kemp
Ministers of Holy Communion	Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Tim Lannen
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Alison McKinnon
Musicans	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar Gavin Hynam	Mary Uebergang Beth Johnson
Children's Liturgy		Kelly Trebicki
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	30th April Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	7th May Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Kath Atkins
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 130.00
Horsham	\$ 807.00	Dimboola \$ 73.00
	Total	\$ 1110.00
Envelopes	\$ 1140.30	Loose \$ 50.40
	Total	\$ 1190.70

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

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2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Acclamation: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8
Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

