



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

### 3rd Sunday of Easter - 30th April 2017



**'Wasn't it like a fire burning within us**

**Next weekend, May 7th, our Parish assumes responsibility for the Parish of Nhill and Kaniva.**

**Mass Times will be from next Sunday:**

**1st and 3rd Sundays:**

**Horsham:** Saturday 6.30. Sunday 10.30

**Dimboola:** Sunday 8.30am

**Murtoa:** Sunday 8.30am

**Nhill:** Sunday 10.00am.

**2nd Sunday:**

**Horsham:** Saturday 6.30. Sunday 10.30

**Dimboola:** Sunday 8.30am

**Murtoa:** Sunday 10.30am

**4th Sunday:**

**Horsham:** Saturday 6.30. Sunday 10.30

**Natimuk:** Sunday 8.30am

**Dimboola:** Sunday 8.30am

**Murtoa:** Sunday 10.30am

**5th Sunday:**

**Horsham:** Saturday 6.30. Sunday 10.30

**Dimboola or Murtoa will alternate Sunday 8.30am Mass.**

*These arrangements are subject to change depending on Priest availability. We are very grateful to Fr John for his availability to help with this arrangement. On the 5th Sunday Fr John will have a break from coming here.*

*Please pray for the success of these arrangements.*

*Like our arrangement with Rupanyup, we will have a Home Mass in Kaniva once or more a month, depending on circumstances.*

**PRAYER for SICK and CARERS**

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source of all healing power. We pray for your blessings and care be upon all those in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort in times of pain, of hope in moments of despair, sorrow and woundedness, 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 love. Bless **caregivers**, to be channels of your tender love, for they are your hands on this earth. Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, to 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, in Homes and in the Hospital.

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Principal: Peter Gutteridge  
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Principal: Gary Typuszak  
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We welcome Fr John.

Fr Peter will attend the Northern Zone Priests and Primary Principals Meeting in Swan Hill this Thursday and Friday, May 4th and 5th. On Wednesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at the Little Desert Camp for SBC Year 9 Retreat. Fr Peter will visit Nhill Primary School on Wednesday.

**Rupanyup Home Mass this Tuesday May 2nd at 6.30pm at Weidemann's home.**

**Catholic Women's League this Tuesday May 2nd.**

**Meeting 1pm in the Meeting Room.**

**2pm - 3pm**

**Guest Speaker**

**Simone O'Brien**

**Simone will talk on Family Violence.**

**In the Parish Centre.**

**All Parishioners are welcome, cuppa after.**

**CWL members 2 plates please.**

**WEEK-DAY MASSES:**

Tuesday 2nd May 5.30pm St Athanasius. Fr Tom Brophy anniv  
Wednesday 3 May 9.30am Sts Philip & James. Sr Veronica Carr, Terrence Keenan, Michael Reinsma anniv.  
Thursday 4th May **AWC 9.30**  
Friday 5th May **AWC 9.30**  
Saturday 6th May 10.00am A Family Intentions. Walter Hudson 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



<b>Please Remember in Your Prayers</b>	
<b>RECENT DEATHS:</b>	
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Sr Veronica Carr, Michael Reinsma, Terrence Keenan, Michael Patrick Murphy, Fr Tom Brophy, Walter Hudson, Joanne van de Ven	
<b>SICK:</b> Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Joan Glen, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Lorrain Holland, Xavier Reicha, Joan White, Terry Turvey, Fr Damian Heath, Maureen Ryan	
<b>Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688</b>	
<b>Confessions Saturday 10.25</b>	
<b>Saturday Morning Devotions:</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20.</b> <b>Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.35. Mass 10.</b>	
<b>Next Sunday - 1st Sunday of the Month</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter - 7th May 2017</b>	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	<b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b>
Nhill	<b>Sunday Mass 10.00am</b>
Murtoa	<b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b>
<b>Rosary, Litany of Mary &amp; Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> <b>HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.</b>	
<b>Regular Activities in the Parish</b>	
<b>Mother's Prayer Group</b> Fortnightly Every Wednesday 2.00pm Church Meeting Room Contact Marina 5382 1047	
<b>Craft Group</b> Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room Mornings - 9.30am to 11.30am. Evening - 7pm to 9pm. BYO	
<b>Meditation Group</b> in Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm. Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807	
<b>CWL Meetings</b> 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. Meeting Room.	
<b>Men's Group</b> Meet 3rd Thursday of the month, breakfast 7.30am-8.30, Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428 847 455	
<b>St Vincent de Paul Conference.</b> Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm, for assistance. Phone 5381 2371	
<b>BAPTISM PREPARATION</b> held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Contact the Parish Office 53821155,	
<b>Piety Stall in the Church</b> has gifts for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, cards, medals etc., Peru crosses.	
<b>CHOIR PRACTICE</b> 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm.	
<b>Affordable Counselling</b> , by Centacare Ballarat, for families individuals, <b>Free call 1300 303 988</b> to make an appointment.	
<b>Next Week's Gospel: John 10:1-10</b> Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'	

<b>ROSTERS</b>			
<b>April 29/30</b>	<b>Vigil 7.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes Ann Hermans Silvana Foster Peter Gutteridge Anthony Amor	Mary Dagleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett	
<b>May 6/7</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>	
<b>Readers</b>	Micky Robarts	Kevin Dunn	
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Dianne Noy	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton	Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dagleish Faye Wills	
<b>Projector</b>	Gabby Mills	Alison McKinnon	
<b>Musicans</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir	
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judy Bryan Gary Coutts	Alistair Castle Sharon Creasey	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Jo Martin/Cassie Kelly	
<b>Prayers</b>	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero		
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>7th May</b> Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Kath Atkins	<b>14th May</b> Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)</b>			
Natimuk	\$ 22.00	Murtoa	\$ 123.00
Horsham	\$ 964.00	Dimboola	\$ 72.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1181.00</b>	
<b>2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)</b>			
<i>Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals</i>			
Envelopes	\$ 1033.00	Loose	\$
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 2436.67
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3469.67</b>	

**Making Connections:** The journey of the disciples to Emmaus recalls our own journey from doubt to faith. Informed by the Scriptures and nourished by the Eucharist, the disciples know that Jesus walks with them. Did you know: This gospel text reflects the structure of the Mass: Jesus first opened the Scriptures (the Liturgy of the Word) and then broke bread (the Liturgy of the Eucharist).

**Marriage Tip:** Where did all the flowers and magic go? Infatuation may get a couple together but eventually fades and romance alone will not keep you together over the long haul. Common values, commitment to each other, and shared experiences are the glue.

**Daily Prayer:** As we hear the word that brings salvation, make our hearts burn within us. In the breaking of the bread, open our eyes to recognize the One whose feast it is. Through the presence of every friend and stranger, reveal to us the face of Christ who had first to suffer but who has entered now into glory.

**A Vocation View:** We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

### Country Mass Times

May 7th: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Murtoa 8.30  
 May 14th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.  
 May 21st: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Murtoa 8.30  
 May 28th: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

O God, in Autumn, bless our lands with good seasonal rain

### SACRAMENT DATES for Children in 2017

#### Masses for Confirmation / First Communion:

Sunday May 28th 10.30am Mass  
 Saturday June 3rd 6.30 Mass.  
 Sunday June 4th 10.30 Mass  
 Saturday June 17th 6.30 Mass  
 Sunday June 18th 10.30 Mass.

**Confirmation and First Communion** Murtoa and Rupanyup Sunday **Oct 15th** 10.30 Mass at Murtoa. Reconciliation will be celebrated in September.

#### Dates for our Calendars:

**Sunday November 26th:** Bishop Paul Bird and the Diocesan Liturgical Committee will lead a Sacrament Formation Day in Horsham. **Topics:** Sacraments of Initiation; Let the Children Come; Funeral Ministry Workshop; Formation for Lectors.

DISCOVER WHAT  
**SETS US APART**  
 AT OUR 2017 OPEN DAY

**OPEN DAY**  
 Sunday  
 7th May 2017  
 12.00-2.00pm  
 www.stbc.vic.edu.au

**ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY**  
*Excelling in Life. Led by Faith*

Mass Count starts next weekend May 6th – 7th  
**The Annual Diocesan Mass Count** will take place over the 4 weekends of May at each of our Masses and AWC celebrated each weekend.

**Bishop Peter Connors 30th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination Mass** will be held on Sunday, May 21st 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30am. Morning Tea will follow in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. All welcome.

**Our Parish Catholic Education Week Mass is on Friday May 19th at 11.30am in SMJ Church**  
*The theme this year is **Strive for the Greater Gifts** (1 Corinthians 12: 31) which aligns with the CEOB key priority of Collaboration for School Improvement and the 2017 focus on learning improvement in all our Diocesan schools. This theme is based on St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians in which he goes on to attest that all that we do must be centered on love.*

Mother's Day on May 14th. SMJ School will lead the Ministries at 10.30am Mass.

#### From the Parish Council Meeting 7 att, 7 apol:

- \* **Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard from October 28th to November 1st.** More details later.
- \* The Baptistine Sisters Visas are still being processed.
- \* An updated diagram of the Memorial Wall will be with us over the next few weeks.
- \* Parish to update its Child Safe Practices resources and the requirements of the Code of Conduct upon us.
- \* The Parish Review is ongoing to be updated at our June Meeting.



Our Parish Memorial Mass for Fr Frank Madden will be on Sunday May 28th at 10.30am Mass. Fr Kevin Arundell, who preached at Frank's Funeral Mass, will come and preach at our

Memorial Mass.

There will be Morning Tea in the Parish Centre after Mass.

Please invite former Parishioners and other people you know who knew Fr Frank

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:** Chris Robarts, Mary Marshall, Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Gary Typuszack, Alison McKinnon, Lesley Price, Bob Pritchett, Fr Peter, Garry Heinrich, Joan Lane-Storey, Daryl Wren, Margaret Lingham, Gary Coutts, Anita Masiero (Secretary)

**Child Safety Standards.** St Michael & John Parish has appointed 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.



*Thank you to all who are involved in liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, who volunteer time and talents to these and to community organizations. U are important.*

You cannot spell Ch\_rch without u.  
 You cannot spell Ad\_It without u.  
 You cannot spell Yo\_th without u.  
 You cannot spell S\_ccess without u.  
 You cannot spell S\_nday Mass without u.  
 You cannot spell Comm\_nity without u.  
 The Community and Church needs u. **THANK U**

**1st Reading: Acts 2:14. 22-33**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.' 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-**  
Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.'

**Gospel Reflection - 3rd Sunday of Easter - Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger or "foreigner" on the road of life. That seems to be a key element in today's gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes. Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, and the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

**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 24:13-35**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you

experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread they share with him. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, but in a new and transforming way. They go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples. Now all the disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women's story; it is the appearance to Peter

discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

of the resurrected Jesus that is the ground of their new faith. As the story continues beyond today's reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery. Extraordinary things can happen to those who are hospitable enough to "break bread" with "foreigners" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence. If we open our hearts and our homes to those who seek a welcome on our shores, we might come to participate a little more deeply in the joy of the resurrection.