



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

### 5th Sunday of Easter - 14th May 2017



*I am the way,  
and the truth,  
and the life.*  
John 14:6



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We welcome Fr John.

The Diocesan Mass Count is taken at Masses in May. I ask the Collectors to take the count at each Mass and to add the number to the sheet for that week. *Thank you.*

Whilst Anita is away, Ema Lee Rowe will be in the Office some mornings. Fr Peter will be there when available.

Our Sacrament children will be presented at SMJ Masses next weekend.

#### Mass Times next Sunday May 20/21:

##### 3rd Sunday:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30. Sunday 10.30

Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am

Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am

Nhill: Sunday 10.00am.

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*Loving God, we thank you for our mothers, grandmothers, special friends. We thank you for their qualities - love, care, patience, kindness, understanding and concern. We thank you for all they mean to our families.*

*We pray for mums who have died, those who have lost their husband or a child, and for those mums who have no contact with their children or grand children, bless and comfort them. Ease worry from her mind and place peace in her heart. May the creative work of her hands be recognized and her thoughtfulness be met with gratitude. May times of pain and loss be made bearable by the love and care of those around her. And may she know that as much as she loves her children, she too is loved.*

We welcome the children and families from SMJ School as they lead us in our Ministries at 10.30 Mass today.



#### 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.



**Catholic Education Week Schools Mass**  
this Friday May 19th at 11.30am in SMJ Church.

*The theme this year is Strive for the Greater Gifts*

SBC Years 9-10, SMJ School and OLHC Murtoa will attend. The students will have lunch in SMJ School grounds after Mass. All Parishioners, families welcome

#### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 16th May	5.30pm	Joseph Murphy anniv
Wednesday 17 May	9.30am	Kerri Francisco anniv.
Thursday 18th May	9.30am	Megan O'Neill anniv.
Friday 19th May	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Schools Catholic Education Week Mass</b>
Saturday 20th May	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:** Emma Kate McGrath, Lou Richards, Peter Kelly (Warrnambool)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elisa Sartori, Joseph Murphy, Kerri Francisco

**SICK:** Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Lorrain Holland, Xavier Reicha, Eileen & Bob Arnott, Joan White, Terry Turvey, Joan Glen, Fr Damian Heath, Maureen Ryan

**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 - 3rd Sunday of the Month  
6th Sunday of Easter - 21st May 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Murtoa **Saturday Vigil 10.30am**

**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

**Craft Group** Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room Mornings - 9.30am to 11.30am. Evening - 7pm to 9pm. BYO

**Meditation Group** in Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm. Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

**CWL Meetings** 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. 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** held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Contact the Parish Office 53821155,

**Piety Stall in the Church** has gifts for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, cards, medals etc., Peru crosses.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

**Affordable Counselling**, by Centacare Ballarat, for families individuals, **Free call 1300 303 988** to make an appointment.



**Celebrate 100 years  
of the CWL in the  
Ballarat  
Diocese.**

At the Birchip Leisure  
Centre on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.  
Morning tea at 9.30am.

Mass at 12 noon in St. Mary's Church.  
Lunch is \$15. RSVP by 18<sup>th</sup> May to  
June Raeburn 53583506.

At 2pm Anna Krohn will speak on  
Dr.Sr.Mary Glowrey. All welcome



## ROSTERS

May 13/14	Vigil 7.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson
<b>May 20/21</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Michael Connellan
<b>Commentator</b>	Micky Robarts	Eileen McManus
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Ann Hermans Silvana Foster Sr Jacinta Rice Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor	Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Noreen O'Connor Julie Antonoff Karen Hill
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicans</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pat Williams Joan Whiley	Angela Stephens Lyn Starr
<b>Children's Lit</b>	Ange Stephens, Sharon Creasy	
<b>Prayers</b>	Lesley Price and Mary Dalglish	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>21st May</b> Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hernon-Spasic	<b>28th May</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

### FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 55.00
Horsham	\$ 818.00	Dimboola	\$ 127.
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1000.00</b>

### 2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)

*Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals*

Envelopes	\$ 1475.00	Loose	\$ 66.00
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1541.00</b>

**Making Connections:** The Father's house of which Jesus speaks here, refers to that spiritual state of being in which we will live knowing God as we are already known so intimately by Him. It is Jesus who grants access to this 'house' or state of being. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life for those who believe. In what ways do you feel 'at home' in the Father's house? Allow your own home and its various rooms to remind you of your Father's house this week. Be hospitable and open the doors of your home to someone in need of company.

**Marriage Tip:** Is the Internet robbing you of couple time? Sure, it saves time and answers a lot of questions, but it can also be an addiction. If your spouse complains about it, it's a problem. Decide on mutually agreeable limits.

**Daily Prayer:** Do not let our hearts be troubled but fill our lives in deeds of service. Make us follow Jesus with joy, the way, the truth, and the life. Then shall we come to you through the One who is our Passover and our peace.

**A Vocation View:** The ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today

## Country Mass Times

May 21st: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Murtoa 8.30

May 28th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30

June 4th: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Murtoa 8.30

June 11th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am

June 18th: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Murtoa 8.30

June 25th: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa 8.30

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

## SACRAMENT DATES for Children in 2017

### Masses for Confirmation / First Communion:

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 Calendar:

**October 28th to November 1st:**

**Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ.**

**Sunday November 12th:**

SMJ School Spring Festival Fete Day.

**Sunday November 19th:**

Parish Dinner for Sr Jacinta Rice.

**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.



Our Parish Memorial Mass for Fr Frank Madden is on Sunday May 28th at 10.30am Mass. Fr Kevin Arundell, who preached at Frank's Funeral Mass, will preach at our Memorial Mass. There will be Morning Tea in the Parish Centre after Mass.

*You are invited to bring a plate for Morning Tea. The Parish Centre will be open before Mass.*

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

# 90

Prayerful best wishes and congratulations to **JOY FLYNN** on her 90th birthday this Friday May 19th. You are welcome to afternoon tea at Joy's home Unit 5, 23 Johns Street, on Friday from 2pm.



**SMJ School TRIVIA NIGHT Friday May 26th at Coughlin Park Starts 7pm. Book a table at the School 53823000.**

*Great prizes, auctions, drinks at bar prizes, supper*

- \* Patricia Newth Funeral Prayers at St Patrick's Nhill today Sunday at 1.30pm.
- \* SBC Yr 7C Class Mass Tuesday 16th, 12.10pm
- \* St Patrick's School, Nhill, School Advisory Council Meeting Tuesday 16th at 7pm.
- \* SBC Yr 7A Class Mass Wednesday 17th at 1.50pm.
- \* SBC School Advisory Council Wednesday 17, 7pm
- \* NO MASS AT NATIMUK on Sunday May 28th.
- \* Fr Peter will be with SBC Year 11 Retreat in Adelaide from Monday May 22 to Friday 26th

Today's readings suggest that Jesus is most manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians participate in the mission of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers. The Gospel readings for the Sundays Pentecost are taken from Jesus' last Supper discourses.

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

**Child Safety Standards.** Ss Michael & John Parish has 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. Our Parish is committed to Child Safety.



*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.**

- Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small

**1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.  
Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.  
For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The

Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.  
The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.  
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**Acclamation: John 14:16**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?' 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

**Gospel Reflection - 5th Sunday of Easter—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

"Take from my heart all painful anxiety" is a gospel inspired prayer. It is the prayer of Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy. Like Jesus, Catherine knew in her being that a troubled heart is an ever present possibility: we deal with one problem and along comes another. When we don't have any serious worries in the present, we are often anxious about the future. There is a difference, of course, between having worries and having a troubled heart. The difference lies in how we deal with the inevitable problems and challenges that come our way. Freedom from anxiety is the constant message of the gospels. "Do not let your hearts be troubled" is Jesus' word to his friends in John's gospel. The verb, here in passive mood ("be troubled"), is used of Jesus' spirit when he finds his friend Mary and

her companions weeping over the death of Lazarus (11:33). It means literally to shake or to stir up. Jesus is really shaken by grief in that situation. As he faces his own death, he does not want his friends to be troubled of heart or spirit. He speaks here from his own experience. Jesus points out the path to an untroubled heart: "Believe in God, believe also in me." The faith of the disciples is to be grounded in his care for them both in the present and into the future: "I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also". In this context, Jesus makes three claims: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The prologue to the gospel, which functions as an overture to the whole work, has introduced the notion of the glorified Jesus as "full of grace and truth" and the bringer of "grace and truth"(1:14, 17).

He is the life that is the light of all (1:4). As the gospel unfolds, we learn that he is the bread of life, even the resurrection and the life. His claim to be "the way" is foreshadowed in the parable of the door or the gate: "I am the gate of the sheepfold." If the disciples know Jesus, then they also know the way to God whom Jesus images in tender parental terms as "Father". He speaks of their mutual indwelling. If Philip, his persistent questioner, does not believe this, then maybe he can believe on account of the "works" of Jesus, works that are also the works of God. Those who believe have the power to do these and even greater works. This seems extraordinary, but is really just a matter of believing with untroubled hearts that the power comes from God - as next Sunday's Gospel will tell us.

**Next Week's Gospel: John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to

you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**this Thursday 18th 7.30 to 8.30am**  
**in the Parish Centre. Fathers and sons, single men welcome for free breakfast, prayer and chat.**

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No Mass at Natimuk on Sunday May 28