



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

### 6th Sunday of Easter - 21st May 2017



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We welcome Fr John.

Fr Peter will be in Adelaide this week, from Monday to **Friday, for St Brigid's** College Year 11 Social Justice Retreat. **We pray for God's blessings** and safety on this week.

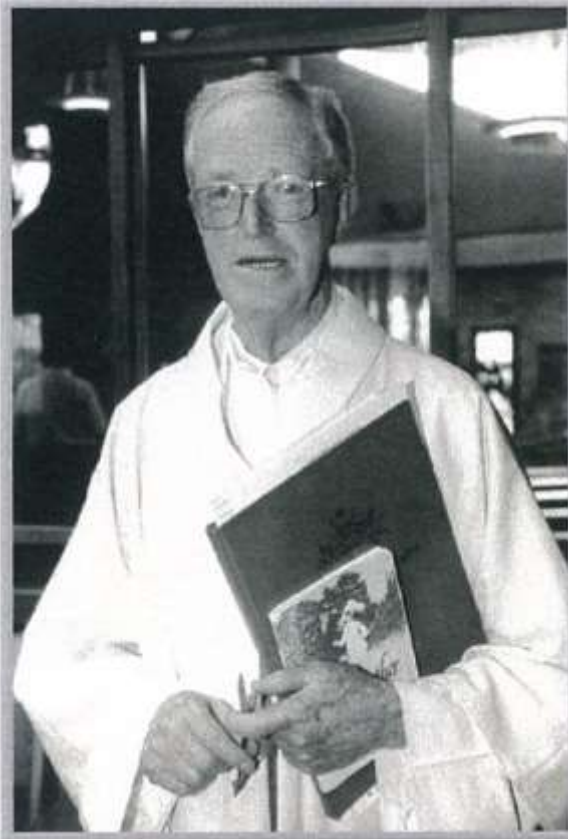
Fr John will live in the Presbytery this week for weekday Masses and pastoral care from Monday to Friday. I thank Fr John for this.

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**ANOINTING MASS at the Lutheran Home this Friday May 26th at 10.30am**

#### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 23rd May	5.30pm	
Wednesday 24th May	9.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians
Thursday 25th May	9.30am	
Friday 26th May	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Anointing Mass - Lutheran Home</b>
Saturday 27th May	10.00am	Sr Gabrielle Jackman anniv. John Parker anniv.



Our Parish Memorial Mass for Fr Frank Madden is next 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. Please invite former Parishioners and other people you know who knew Fr Frank.

#### 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.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism this Sunday

Charlotte Rita Hendy, daughter of Carla & Andrew.

We welcome the children and families for our Sacraments this year, as the children are presented to Parishioners at SMJ Masses this weekend.

The Sacrament Masses are on the weekends of June 3/4 and June 17/18.

#### 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:** Melva Kaine (Portland, mother of Robyn Typuszak), John Baldas (brother of Silvana Foster)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Murray Lloyd, Terry Vincent, Ray Ellis Max Shalders, Max Robertson, Sharon Aron, John Parker, Margaret Doyle, Sarah McInnes, Norma Hickey, Eddie & Kitty Brownstein. Sr Gabrielle Jackman PBVM, Jack Byrne

**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 - 4th Sunday of the Month  
The Ascension of our Lord - 28th May 2017**

Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm.	Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	<b>Sunday AWC 8.30am</b>	
Natimuk	<b>No Mass next Sunday</b>	
Murtoa	<b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b>	

**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.

**6th Sunday of Easter** Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

**Pope Francis:** We are all God's Children: "I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else - God is in this person's life. You can - you must - try to seek God in every human life."

**The coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost** gave the disciples the power and strength to go out and live like Jesus and tell others about Jesus: the Spirit called them into action. At our Baptism, we received the Holy Spirit.

**ROSTERS**

May 20/21	Vigil 7.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<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 Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Noreen O'Connor Julie Antonoff Karen Hill
May 27/28	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Kevin Dunn	Anthony Dowling
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Shayne Keenan
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce	Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Tim Lannen
<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Alison McKinnon
<b>Musicans</b>	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bill & Josie Phelan	Denise Vallance Mary Brown
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Emelia Sudholz
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl and Maree Wren	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>28th May</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	<b>4th June</b> Lynda Hutchinson Silvana Foster Helene Bush Mary Ward

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

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 148.45
Horsham	\$ 881.00	Dimboola	\$ 66.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1095.45</b>

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

Envelopes	\$ 1626.00	Loose	\$ 67.40
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1693.40</b>

**Making Connections:** Pray to the Holy Spirit this week: Come Holy Spirit, renew me with your gifts. Heal my brokenness, pour down your wisdom. Instill your peace within me, inspire my every need. Amen. Did you Know?: In John's Gospel, the Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus himself (14:17,26) recalling things the earthly Jesus taught or revealing things he was unable to convey. In John's view, this spiritual knowledge or insight, unavailable until after Jesus' death and resurrection, makes Christian faith and understanding fully possible.

**Marriage Tip:** A trip down memory lane: Recall the first full day of your marriage. Did you go on a honeymoon? Was it exhilarating or exhausting? Remember your first home as a married couple. What did you like best about it? Are you still in it? Reminisce together.

**Daily Prayer:** In answer to Christ's prayer, give us another Advocate to be with us always, the Spirit of truth, so that in the joy that comes from you, we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us.

**A Vocation View:** That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.

## Country Mass Times

**May 28th:** Natimuk - no Mass. Dimboola AWC 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 Calendars:

**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.

**SMJ School TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**this Friday**  
**May 26th at**  
**Coughlin Park**  
**Starts 7pm.**

**Book a table at**  
**the School**  
**53823000.**

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

We pray for **SBC Year 10 students in their Work Experience** in many local and away businesses this week.

**St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship** – applications now open The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships **to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity**, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry>

**CWL Mass Crusade.** Horsham's week for praying for CWL Australia intentions will be from Thursday June 1st to Saturday June 3rd.

**In today's Gospel,** Our Lord promises another advocate/helper/ Paraclete to dwell within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully, by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth, to live the way of love and hope and compassion.



*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**



**Celebrate**  
**100 years of**  
**the CWL -**  
**Catholic**  
**Women's**  
**League -**

**in the Ballarat Diocese.**

at the Birchip Leisure Centre this  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Morning tea at 9.30am.

Mass at 12 noon  
in St. Mary's Church.

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

*All welcome for all or part of the day.*



**Catholic Education Week.** Last Friday at St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat, Bishop Paul Bird celebrated Mass with many teachers from the Diocese. Among others, recognition was given to Kingsley Dalglish (SBC) on celebrating 30 years in Catholic Education.

Sr. Marion McDonald was recognized for her 18 years to Catholic Education in Merbein, and over 65 years as Teacher, Principal and Parish Leader.

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:** Chris Roberts, 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.



**1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20**

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.  
Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name. O  
render him glorious praise. Say to

God: 'How tremendous your deeds!  
'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.  
He turned the sea into dry land, they  
passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him; he rules  
for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God. I  
will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject  
my prayer nor withhold his love from  
me.  
Let all the earth cry out to God with  
joy.

**2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your  
hearts, always have your answer ready  
for people who ask you the reason for  
the hope that you all have. But give it  
with courtesy and respect and with a  
clear conscience, so that those who  
slander you when you are living a good  
life in Christ may be proved wrong in the  
accusations that they bring. And if it is  
the will of God that you should suffer, it  
is better to suffer for doing right than for

doing wrong. Why, Christ himself,  
innocent though he was, had died once  
for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to  
God. In the body he was put to death, in  
the spirit he was raised to life.

**Acclamation: John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we  
will come to them. Alleluia!

**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 your 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.'

**Gospel Reflection - 6th Sunday of  
Easter—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Those who defend themselves in court  
run the risk of being outsmarted by  
clever and sometimes unscrupulous  
adversaries. It is never a good idea to  
be too self-reliant even in a country with  
a basically sound legal system such as  
ours. Today's gospel implies that the  
disciples need a defense attorney or  
lawyer. Jesus has acted in that capacity  
for them in their struggles with the anti-  
gospel forces arrayed against them.  
Now he is close to death and he gives  
them instructions that begin and end  
with reference to loving him and keeping  
his commandments. Jesus has given  
them "a new commandment" (13:34-35):  
"...that you love one another. Just as I  
have loved you, you also should love  
one another." Later in this discourse  
(15:12-14) the reader of the gospel  
learns what the actors in the drama

already know about Jesus'  
commandments. "This is my  
commandment," says Jesus, "that you  
love one another as I have loved you.  
No one has greater love than this, to lay  
down one's life for one's friends. You  
are my friends if you do what I  
command you." This is no small  
demand, to be prepared to die for one  
another.

Given the opposition they are likely to  
face, the disciples cannot live out such a  
commitment on their own. Neither is  
Jesus leaving them "orphans" who have  
to fend for themselves. He will ask his  
Father to provide "another" defender or  
advocate who will act on their behalf, an  
advocate who will always be there. This  
new advocate is the "Spirit of truth". As  
we approach the end of the Easter  
season, the liturgy thus points us in the  
direction of Pentecost and the gift of  
God's Spirit.

It is good to know we are never on our  
own. It is also good to reflect on the  
capacity we have for love. Most of us  
will never find ourselves in a situation  
where our love is tested to the point that  
we have to die for another. On the other  
hand, we are constantly being called on  
to put the well-being of others, even  
their survival, before our own comfort.  
With global warming and the life-style  
changes that will inevitably come sooner  
rather than later, we may well find  
ourselves "laying down our lives" in  
various ways for the sake of our friends,  
humankind and other-kind, across the  
planet. Even now, we have countless  
opportunities to "lay down our lives" to  
mitigate the effects of climate change or  
to protect the rights of those displaced  
by war or persecution. With the help of  
the Spirit, our Advocate, we can surely  
rise to the challenge.

**Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 28:16-2**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee,  
to the mountain where Jesus had  
arranged to meet them. When they saw  
him they fell down before him, though  
some hesitated. Jesus came up and  
spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in  
heaven and on earth has been given to  
me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all  
the nations; baptise them in the name of  
the Father and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe  
all the commands I gave you. And know  
that I am with you always; yes, to the  
end of time.'

Feast of the Ascension of Our  
Lord into Heaven.

Next Sunday begins a Week of  
Prayer for Christian Unity, leading  
up to the Feast of Pentecost on  
June 4th. There will be Prayer  
sheets available next Sunday.

**Pope Francis:** Today, we need a  
Church capable of walking at

people's side, of doing more than  
simply listening to them; a Church  
which accompanies them on their  
journey. The whole journey of life is  
a journey of preparation...to see, to  
feel, to understand the beauty of  
what lies ahead, of the homeland  
towards which we walk. What is  
important is the whole journey by  
which we arrive at the mission the  
Lord entrusts to us.



Next Sunday May 28th is the

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Fr Peter and the 11 priests of his  
year, celebrate 46 years of  
Ordination this Monday May 22nd