

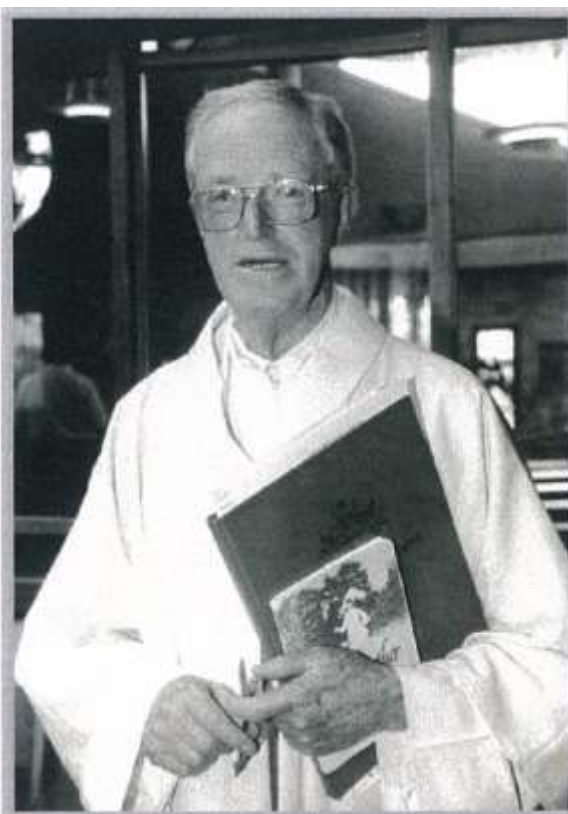


Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

The Ascension of our Lord - 28th May 2017



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We welcome family, friends and from other Churches, as they join us today for our Parish Memorial Mass for FR FRANK MADDEN

Parish Priest of Horsham 1982-1997

We welcome

Fr Kevin Arundell who will preach at our Mass.

Morning Tea in the Parish Centre after Mass.



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.

Fr Peter will be on the Diocesan Priests' In Service Days in Ballarat this Tuesday and Wednesday.

Home here for Mass on Wednesday at 5.30pm. Teachers and Pastoral workers will join the Priests to listen to Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

Funeral Prayers for Brian Dunn on Thursday in SMJ Church at 11am.

Funeral Mass for Anna Fachin on Thursday in SMJ Church at 1.30pm.

Funeral Prayers for Helen Logan on Friday in SMJ Church at 2pm.



CWL Mass Crusade.

Horsham's week for praying for intentions is this week:

Wednesday May 31st, 5.30 Mass
Thursday and Friday 9.30 Mass,
and Saturday at 10am Mass.

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Ema-Lee Rowe will be in the Office each day this week from 10am to 12.30pm. Fr Peter is home on Thursday. Anita returns to the Office on June 5th. I thank Ema-Lee for her help.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 30th May	AWC 9.30am	
Wednesday 31st May	5.30pm	Visitation of Mary
Thursday 1st June	9.30am	St Justin. Theo Buwalda anniv
Friday 2nd June	9.30am	Michael Kierce, Aaron O'Keefe ann
Saturday 3rd June	10.00am	St Charles Lwanga & companions

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: Brian Dunn, Anna Fachin, Helen Logan, Nancy Colasante (mother of Fr Marcello)

ANNIVERSARIES: Chris Starr, Theo Buwalda, Michael Kierce, Aaron O'Keefe, Patrick Clarke, Jack O'Neill

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, Kate O'Beirne.

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 - 1st Sunday of the Month
Pentecost Sunday - 4th June 2017

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Murtoa **Saturday 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

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.



The feast of the Ascension celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

ROSTERS

May 27/28	Vigil 7.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	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
3/4 June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Tess Hayes	Eileen McManus
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Michael Connellan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Ann Hermans	Mary Dalglesih Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Karen Hill
Projector	Gerard Natividad	Gabby Mills
Musicans	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Lorraine Clancy Pat Strachan	Helene Bush Marina Manserra
Prayers	Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	4th June Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush Mary Ward	11th June Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 102.00
Horsham	\$ 902.00	Dimboola \$ 41.00
Total		\$ 1044.00
2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)		
<i>Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals</i>		
Envelopes	\$ 1330.00	Loose \$ 85.80
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$
Total		\$ 1415.80

Making Connections: 'Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Memorise this verse to help you in times of doubt or distress. Did you Know?: Matthew shows Jesus as fulfilling and extending the teachings of Moses. Whereas the Law had been for the people of Israel, Jesus sends his disciples to all nations; whereas the Jewish people had faith in the name of God, YHWH, Jesus sends his disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, son and Spirit.

Marriage Tip: Always be ready to speak of your love! Speaking kindly of one's spouse strengthens the marriage bond. Look for opportunities to build each other up, both alone and in public.

Daily Prayer: Strengthen us in the power of the Spirit to go and make disciples of all nations, to obey everything that Jesus has commanded us, and to know that he is with us always until the end of the age.

A Vocation View: Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers. Pope's Pray

Country Mass Times

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 Mass 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.

**Week of Prayer
for
Christian Unity**

**28 May – 4
June 2017**

**"Reconciliation -
The Love of
Christ Compels
Us"** (cf. 2 Corinthians
5:14-20)

**Prayer sheets
are in the Foyers**

**for us to pray each day this week
up to Pentecost Sunday next
Sunday for Christian Unity.**

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**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY –
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017**

The Diocesan Ecological and Sustainability Group
invite all parishes of the diocese to celebrate
World Environment Day on Monday, June 5.
The theme for World Environment Day 2017 is
**Connecting People to Nature – in the city and on
the land, from the poles to the equator.**

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.



Next weekend June 3/4
we begin our Sacrament Masses
for Confirmation and
First Communion
at 6.30 & 10.30 Masses.



We pray for the children and their families .
The other weekend for the Sacraments is June 17/18.

May we be models of faith for these children.

We are reminded of the Commitment of Parents:

- to continue to nourish your own faith by hearing and reflecting on the Word of God, receiving his Body and Blood and living out the values of the Gospel
 - to endeavour to inspire your child to live the Christian life through word and example
 - to support and assist your child in the growth and practice of the faith

"Connecting People to Nature",

implores us to get outdoors and into nature, to appreciate its beauty and its importance, and to take forward the call to protect the Earth that we share. This year's theme invites us to think about how we are part of nature and how intimately we depend on it. It challenges us to find fun and exciting ways to experience and cherish this vital relationship.



Pope Francis: Excuse me if I always return to this, but I think that this is the enemy that destroys our communities: gossip. When you greet Our Lady, look downwards and see that tongue [of the snake] and say to Our Lady, "Our Lady, save me: I do not want to be like this. I want to conserve the Holy Spirit as you conserved Him". She conserved the Spirit, Who then came and made her Mother of the Son of God. May our attitude to all be one of gentleness and respect, so that the Holy Spirit may act in the same way with us...



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**

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 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.

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit. 'Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from

Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

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2nd Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us

believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Acclamation: Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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.'

Gospel Reflection - Ascension of our Lord—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Loss is an integral part of the human experience, and death is generally the most painful experience of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. As we come towards the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence of the Risen One even in his absence. While today's gospel recounts Matthew's story of Jesus' final encounter with his disciples, it does not provide an account of Jesus' "ascension" or return to God. For that, we must turn to the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles. The story presupposes a pre-scientific, three-

tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's presence. The Holy Spirit will 'descend' upon God's people and 'clothe' them with power to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth. The vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' family and followers who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: strengthened by his blessing, they are to stay in the city for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus, to be witnesses to his death and resurrection. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world.

The gospel reading for today has Jesus on a mountain top where he commissions his male disciples to make disciples of all nations. He has already commissioned the women on the open road to announce the good news of the resurrection (Matt 28:10). They are to be fearless in their mission. In Matthew's final chapter, then, both men and women are commissioned to proclaim the gospel. There are other dimensions to their mission, namely to baptize in the name of the Triune God and to teach what Jesus has taught or "commanded" them. The confidence that they need and that we all need to engage in this mission is the assurance that the risen Jesus is with us to the end of time. The gospel has come full circle. In the first chapter of Matthew, an angel announces that the child to be born will be called Emmanuel, God-with-us. The last verse of the gospel invites us once more to ponder the wonder of that truth.

Next Week's Gospel: John 7:37-39

On the last day and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood there and cried out: 'If any man is thirsty, let him come to me! Let the man come and drink who believes in me!' As scripture says: From his breast shall flow fountains of living water. He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Our Diocesan Church mourns with Fr Marcello Colasante on the death of his mother, Nancy. Requiem Mass for Mrs Colasante is 1pm on Tuesday 30th May at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East. Fr Marcello's address is 480a Gillies Street, P O Box 192 Wendouree 3350

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday

