

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



## BULLETIN

### Pentecost Sunday - 4th June 2017



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Pentecost Sunday today concludes the Church's Liturgical Season of Easter.

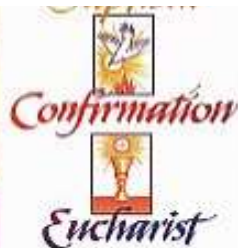
The Paschal Candle is now placed over in the Baptistry.

- We return to the **Ordinary Time of the Church Year** of the Church's Year from this Monday.

Sunday Readings come from Year A.  
 Weekday Readings from Year 1.

- This week is the 9th Week in Ordinary Time
- Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday.

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We welcome the children, their families and Sponsors, as the children celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and

First Communion at SMJ Church Masses this weekend.

We pray for the children to be guided by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to be filled with the life and love of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The children celebrating their Sacraments this weekend:

**Saturday:** James Burton, Tyson Merlin, Conor Stephens.

**Sunday:** Archie Elliott, Ella Dowling Maddison Bethune



'Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others, and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.'  
*Pope Francis*

*Holy Spirit fill us and renew us daily.*

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power.

We entrust our sick brothers and sisters to your loving care.

We pray that your blessings be upon all those in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care.

May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain. May You be their source of hope in moments of despair, woundedness and sorrow.

May You be their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer.

Bless them all with the courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and your healing love.

Bless those who are **caregivers**, as channels of your tender love, for they are your very hands on this earth.

Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, that they respect the dignity and value of the sick to You

Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful 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 and 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, and those in Homes and in the Hospital.



We welcome in Baptism tonight, Saturday, to the Family of God :

Jax Dylan Merlin  
 son of Rebecca and Brendan

In the Foyers today is the Winter edition of **Australian Catholics**, featuring extraordinary women who inspire our faith and love.

We welcome Fr John.

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**Natimuk Nursing Home Mass** this Thursday June 8th at 4.15pm. All welcome.

**Rupanyup Home Mass** this Tuesday June 6th at Ric and Helen Davison's home at 6.30pm. All welcome.

**St Brigid's College Year 10** will attend the 9.30am Mass in SMJ Church this Friday 9th.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday June 15th at 5.30pm.**

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 6th June	5.30pm	St Marcellin
Wednesday 7th June	<b>11am</b>	Funeral Mass for Pauline O'Connor
Thursday 8th June	9.30am	Theo, Anne, Julie Buwalda annivs
Friday 9th June	9.30am	Ken Kennedy anniv.
Saturday 10th June	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:** Pauline O'Connor

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Panozzo, Terry Bottoms, Betty Faux, Terrence Keenan; Theo, Ann and Julie Buwalda; Sarah Connellan, Vern Jobe, Alan Knott, Kath McKay, Anne Wilson, Noel Buckle, Rita Mugavin, Timothy Grant, Ken Kennedy

**SICK:** Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Madeleine Cameron, Carmela Baviello, Joan Glen, Lynn Cooper, Francis Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Lorrain Holland, Joan White, Terry Turvey, Maureen Ryan, Kate O'Beirne,

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass (10.25)**

**Each Saturday Morning:**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20  
Rosary 9.30. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am**

**Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month - Trinity Sunday  
11th June 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 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  
Craft - Gold Coin Donation. Contact Anita at Parish Office

**Meditation Group**  
Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm. All Welcome

**CWL Meetings** 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. Meeting Room.

**Men's Group** Breakfast meetings 3rd Thursday of month  
at 7.30am in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455

**St Vincent de Paul Conference.** Meets twice monthly. Available  
Monday & Friday 11am-2pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

**BAPTISM PREPARATION.** 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For  
appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

**Church Piety Stall.** Gifts for all Sacraments, cards, medals

**Affordable Counselling** from Centacare Ballarat, for  
families, individuals. **Free Call** 1300 303 988 for appointment

**The Baptistine Sisters from the Philippines:** Bishop Paul told me all the processes for the Sisters' Visas have gone through Catholic Immigration, and we are waiting for a response from the Immigration people.

*We welcome Anita back this Monday after her holiday.  
I thank Ema-Lee Rowe for her help in the Office.*

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission Sacrament Day due on November 26th, is now transferred to Sunday February 25th 2018, with Bishop Paul and others on Funeral Ministry, Sacraments, Formation of Readers etc

## ROSTERS

3/4 June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Ann Hermans	Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Karen Hill
10/11th June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Garry Heinrich	Angela Murphy
<b>Commentator</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Anthony Dowling
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Anne Newton Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Joan Parker	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon Faye Wills Cate Rigby
<b>Projector</b>	Gerard Natividad	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Betty & Garry Heinrich	Helene Bush Mary Brown
<b>Prayers</b>	Mary Brown, Anita Masiero	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>11th June</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan	<b>18th June</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

### FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 87.00
Horsham	\$ 1003.00	Dimboola	\$ 120.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1210.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1360.00	Loose	\$ 70.30
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1430.30</b>

**Daily Prayer:** O God of the covenant, you revealed yourself on the holy mountain in fire and on Pentecost in the flame of the Holy Spirit. Let your mighty fire burn away pride, consume our hatreds, annihilate the armaments of death, and kindle, within the human family, the welcome fire of your love  
**Making Connections:** Red is the colour which is associated with the Spirit. Red symbolises the intense love or 'fire' of the Holy Spirit. Other symbols of the Spirit are tongues of flame, wind and a white dove. All have their origins in Scripture. Each of these conveys something of the mystery of the Spirit of God which is beyond human understanding.

**Did you Know?:** Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival which was celebrated fifty days after the Passover. It was one of the great 'pilgrimage' festivals when people came to celebrate this feast at the Temple. It was for this festival that so many pilgrims were present at Jerusalem on the day when the Spirit was manifested in the lives of the disciples.

**Marriage Tip:** What lifts up your spirit? A funny story, a good meal, a hug, a compliment? Lift up each other today.  
**Daily Prayer:** Pour forth your Holy Spirit on your church, gathered in prayer with the mother of Jesus, and cause springs of living water to well up within it, so that all may quench their thirst for justice and truth

**A Vocation View:** "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit, activated to build up of the Church.

## COUNTRY MASS TIMES in JUNE

Sunday June 10: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30am  
Sunday June 19: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am  
**Sunday June 25: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30.  
Murtoa 8.30**  
Sunday July 2: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Murtoa 8.30



## World Environment Day June 5th

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.**

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' Prayer for our earth**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.



## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal **Together We Can Do Heroic Things**

The Society's members and Volunteers provide practical support, advocacy and friendship to the vulnerable in our community, assistance to Migrants and Refugees seeking to rebuild their lives in our country, as well as supporting individuals and Communities in developing Countries.

### **How Can You Help?**

**Make a financial donation. Envelopes available in the Narthex.** (Donations are Tax deductible)

### **Donation of Goods**

Donations of clean quality clothing, furniture, blankets, doonas, household goods can be left at the Vinnies Centre.

**Contact the Centre for furniture etc to be picked up**

### **Volunteer**

Volunteers in the Centre or in the Conference are always welcome - call in anytime. Without your generosity we could never continue our Mission.

**You can bring non-perishable food to Mass**

*Pat Strachan will speak at SMJ Masses next weekend on the Winter Appeal*

**LEAVING COLLECTION next weekend for SVP**



## June 18th to June 24th

On Friday June 23rd, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, our Parish Schools - SMJ, SBC, OLHC and St Patrick's Nhill - will come together to celebrate the annual Mass for the Poor in SMJ Church at 11.30am.

Students bring to their school before then an item of non-perishable food, which will be brought up in baskets at the Offertory Procession at Mass, and given to St Vincent de Paul and the Christian Emergency Food Centre.

### **Lessons from the Long Paddock - Tuesday June 6th**

For many people, experience of Catholic faith and life is challenging. The situation of the Church in Australia today points to a great need to return to the experience of God, to the reality of Christ in the ordinariness of life.

Many Catholics and other Christians are aware that they have a spiritual tradition but are unaware of what it actually means for their faith. People know what it is they are taught to believe in terms of Catholic teaching and doctrine, but few people know what the Church teaches about where the heart of the tradition finds its inspiration. **Lessons from the Long Paddock is an online experience opening the conversation for many people who are curious about what the experience of faith actually feels like in ordinary life.**

This online experience has two keynote speakers: Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ who will discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality. This event will be broadcast in the Parish Centre this Tuesday from 9.00 am – all welcome.

## Young People

Pope Francis wants to hear from you! An online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on 2 July 2017. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) For more information: [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5337 7125. Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is in December in Sydney

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:** Chris Robarts (Chair), 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. Our Parish is committed to be a child safe community



**1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-** No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is

given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**Reflection on Gospel - Pentecost Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. The earth itself features powerfully in the imagery associated with this feast: harvest, mountain, earthquake, thunder, fire. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the opening of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people. In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just

as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant in the upper room appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received God's Law in their own tongue. For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or

transgressions they "retain". To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of both church and civic leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence. The Holy Spirit is likewise the source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and our power to ensure restoration and healing. In our times, the earth itself cries out for forgiveness, for restoration and for healing. On this feast of the Holy Spirit, we might consider engaging in a "values inventory" by looking at how much of our personal and collective resources we invest in the things that make for peace.

**Next Sundays Gospel: John 3:16-18 Trinity Sunday**

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

===== *What we are celebrating, today, Pentecost Sunday, is the birth of the church - the birth of Christ in you and me - and in all who call on his name. It is a significant day - the day on which the first believers came alive in their faith, the day when the Rock upon which Christ planted his Church began to support and uphold an incredible new life - a life that has existed since the world began, but which was poured out in a special*

*fashion and took on flesh in you and me, as it took life in Jesus, the Son of Mary, the Son of God. Pentecost is what the world has long been promised and which the people of God have long awaited. It is the gifting of God to make us one - and to make us one in the way he is one. The story of the birth of the church, of that day some fifty days after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - tells us that this is what God has done - and is yet doing.*