



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Lent - 4th March 2018



We welcome the Staffs of our Parish Schools SMJ, SBC, OLHC, as they are Commissioned for the School Year at 10.30 Mass TODAY. There will be Morning Tea after Mass for us to meet the Staff.

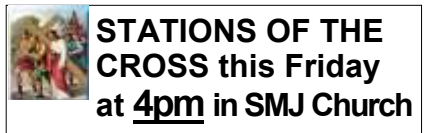
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS this Friday at **4pm** in SMJ Church

Parish Seder Meal

to commemorate the Passover of the Lord
Wednesday March 28th at 7pm in the Parish Centre.
The meal is \$8 a person.
 Please sign the sheet in the Foyer, we do seek more people to attend.

We welcome visitors for the Field Days this week, and pray for its safety and success

Parish and School SACRAMENT PROGRAM

For Year 3 Families and above

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Parent Information Meeting:

This Thursday March 8th in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

Children's First Reconciliation times in SMJ Church:

Thursday April 26th at 5pm and 7pm.
 Wednesday May 2nd at 5pm and 7pm

Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

Confirmation and Eucharist Parent Meeting:

Tuesday June 5th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Confirmation and Eucharist Mass Times:

Saturday August 11th at 6.30 Mass
 Sunday August 12th at 10.30 Mass
 Saturday August 18th at 6.30 Mass
 Sunday August 19th at 10.30 Mass

PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust all who are sick to your loving care.

We pray your blessings upon those who care in their own homes, and those who work in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care.

May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain, their source of hope in moments of despair, sorrow, 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 your healing love.

Bless **caregivers**, as channels of your love, they are your very hands on earth. Give them gentleness as they help the sick, to respect their dignity and their value 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. Give them love and understanding to be a caring companion, to 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 Hospital.



We welcome in Baptism to the Family of God:

Matilda Lury Goldson

daughter of Hugh and Nicole



Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Alexander McRae and Jacinta Scott married on March 3rd at Wallup

WEEKDAY MASSES: (A funeral Mass will replace a week-day Mass)

Tuesday 6th Mar	5.30pm	Damian Doyle, Vin Mugavin, Jim Moloney anns
Wednesday 7th	9.30am	Veronica Delahunty ann,
Thursday Mar 8th	9.30am	St John of God. International Women's Day
Friday Mar 9th	9.30am	
Saturday Mar 10th	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: Col, Bingham, Sue Tobin (Gladstone SA sister in law of Joan Parker)

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles Moore, Veronica Delahunty, Jim Moloney, Dan Carey, Paul Couch, Vin Mugavin, Alex Wren

SICK: Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen, Xavier Reicha, Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Maurice Brennan, Daryl Dreher, Chris Velthuis, Felicity Taylor, Una Bartlet

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 3rd Sunday of the Month
5th Sunday in Lent 18th March 2018

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.

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

Men's Group Meeting will be at the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455

St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

BAPTISM PREPARATION. 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155. **Please Note: there will be no preparation during the month of March**

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

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

• **Our Schools appreciate your collecting Coles coupons, please place them in the box in SMJ Church foyer.**

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Plenary Council - Towards 2020 A Plenary Council provides an occasion for the whole Church to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Church. The previous Plenary Council was held in Australia in 1937. **The official launch for Towards 2020 will be on Pentecost Sunday May 20th. From 21st April to 7th May, 12 Redemptorist Priests will lead a 'mini mission' throughout the Diocese - with 4 of them in the Northern Zone.** ALL Catholics, active, and disaffected in any way, are invited to help plan and have a say in the future of our Australian Church. An open consultation about 'everything about and in the Church'

ROSTERS

3/4 Mar	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Ann Hermans Anne Newton Bob Hayes Joan Parker Tess Hayes Geoff Simpson	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Sr Manuela Zita Canane
Commentator	John Parker	Alison McKinnon
10/11 Mar	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Anthony Amor	Michael Connellan
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Cathy Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Sr Tirsia	Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Filipino Choir	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Gary Coutts	Denise Vallance Mary Brown
Children's Liturgy		Robert
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	11th March Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	18th March Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 84.00
Horsham	\$ 876.00	Dimboola	\$
Total		\$ 960.00	

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 2129.00	Loose	\$ 32.20
Credit Cards	\$		
Total		\$ 2161.20	

Making Connections: This week's Psalm response offers great wisdom: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Sharing the Tradition: The gospel readings for the next three weeks are taken from the Gospel of John. reflects in some way on the paschal mystery; that is, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in his own time but also as it continues to be made present and powerful in the faith of the Church.

Living the Word: For the Jewish people, the Temple was the centre of worship of God. Jesus declares himself the new temple. True worship of God is now centred in Jesus himself, the embodiment of God, we are 'temples' of the Holy Spirit.

Marriage Tip: If one must choose the hardest stage of parenthood, it might be the teen years. They're too big to carry to their room but too young to always make good decisions. Assure your teen that you will always love them.

Daily Prayer: Holy is your name, O Lord our God. Incline our hearts to keep your commandments, and school us in the sublime wisdom of the cross, so that, free from sin, which imprisons us in our own self-centredness, we may open ourselves to the gift of your Spirit and become living temples of your love.

A Vocation View: Jesus cleaned out the temple He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his

servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Acclamation: John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king

of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

John 2, 13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Gospel Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Lent: Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel passage foreshadows the death of Jesus. As a devout Jew, Jesus goes up to Jerusalem at Passover. His final going-up will be the occasion of his death and resurrection. The Jerusalem Temple, Judaism's most holy place, is the site of a dramatic incident, an event that is recounted in all four gospels. John's Gospel places it at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The tension between Jesus and the temple authorities culminates in his death. Jesus acts decisively, even violently, to draw attention to the primary function of God's "house". He creates an effective weapon, a whip of cords, and clears the

temple precinct of merchants, sheep, and cattle. He overturns the tables of the moneychangers, orders the dove-sellers out and tells them all, in words that evoke the prophecy of Zechariah (14:21), to stop making God's house "a market-place". Zechariah had declared that, in the end times, there would no longer be traders in God's house. There was legitimate commercial activity associated with temple worship, such as the purchase of animals and doves for sacrifice, a practice we might now critique, and the conversion of money to pay the Temple tax. The traders seem to have forgotten that this activity was a means to an end and not an end in itself. In John's account, the disciples partially

understand: they interpret Jesus' actions in the light of Psalm 69:9: "It is zeal for your house that has consumed me". "The Jews" request a "sign for doing this". They ask Jesus to demonstrate the source of his authority for his actions. His response is a challenge: "Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up". "The Jews" misunderstand. The temple took forty-six years to build. It is his body that will be destroyed and raised up "in three days". The designation "the Jews" refers to those who reject Jesus as the Anointed One of God, the Christ. As we travel the journey to Jerusalem we are invited to keep everything in balance, to remember that God, not the opponents of Jesus, will have the final word in this

Next Sunday's Gospel: John 3,14-21.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in

him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. "And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that what may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."



CWL this Tuesday 6th in the Meeting Room. Sr Jacinta will lead a Reflection at 10am. Meeting at 10.30am. All welcome