

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Easter - 22nd April 2018



My Sheep Hear My Voice I Know Them

MARY, PAUL, JOHN, BILL
 TERESA, DONALD, BEN
 MEGAN, RYAN, JUAN, FRED
 GEORGE, TYLER, JILLIAN
 SOPHIA, MIGUEL, ELIZABETH
 PEARL, MICHELLE, TONY, LOUIS

“Everything is on the Table” - Plenary Council 2020

The Mission: time for prayer, discussion, your questions and issues as we discern our faith and our Church in these times. We pray the Synod 2020 Prayer at the end of Prayers of Intercessions

Mission Timetable from April 28/29 to May 6

April 28/29: Fr Pat Corbett and Deacon Joseph Hieu celebrates Horsham 6.30pm Saturday and Sunday 10.30 and Murtoa 8.30am Masses.

Fr Pat Corbett and Deacon Joseph Hieu will be in our Parish for the week.

Monday April 30th: Mass 9.30 with a talk and cuppa after Mass. Visit SMJ School that day.
Rupanyup Home Mass and Tea at 6.30pm.

Tuesday May 1st: Mass at 9.30 with a talk and cuppa after Mass. Visit SBC during the day.
 Talk at 7pm in the Parish Centre with Supper.

Wednesday May 2nd: Mass at 9.30 with a talk and cuppa after Mass. Visit the sick.
 Mass, Talk, Shared Tea at **Murtoa School Centre** at 6pm.

Thursday May 3rd: Mass at 9.30 with talk and Cuppa after Mass. Visit OLHC School Murtoa
 Mass, Talk and Shared Tea at **Dimboola** at 6pm.

Friday May 4th: Anointing Mass at 10am with a Talk and Cuppa after Mass.
Nhill Mass and talk at 4pm.

Saturday May 5th: Mass at 10am with Confessions after. Meet Indian and Filipino families over lunch in Parish Centre.

Sunday May 6th: Fr Pat Corbett for Horsham Masses. Lunch and question time and discussion in the **Parish Centre.**

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SCHOOLS

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 Phone: 5382 3000

St Brigid's College
 Principal: Peter Gutteridge
 Phone: 5382 3545

Our Lady Help of Christians
 Acting Principal: Cathy Grace
 Phone: 5385 2526

We welcome Fr John.

Parish and School SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Reconciliation times in SMJ Church this week:

This Thursday 26th 5 & 7p

Monday May 7th 5p & 7pm

(Please note the change of date from May 2 to Monday May 7th)

The Parish will purchase a Difibulator for SMJ Church.

The Memorial Wall is still on the Agenda.

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

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| Tuesday 24th April | 5.30pm | Pat Carey anniv. |
| Wednesday 25th April | 9am | ANZAC DAY |
| Thursday 26th April | 9.30am | St Mark |
| Friday 27th April | 10.30am | Lutheran Home Anointing Mass. |
| Saturday 28th April | 10.00am | St Peter Chanel |



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: Sr Dominic Foley rsj, Bro Peter Cole, Roger Brennan (Donald, father of Fiona Jasper)

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Carey, Edward Walsh, Walter Deseo, Angela Hutchinson, Pat Morris, Ed Byrne

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Lorraine Holland, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Maurice Brennan, Daryl Dreher, Felicity Taylor, Una Bartlett, Eileen Dooley, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Saturday Devotions: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am. Rosary 9.20. Morning Prayer of the Church. Mass 10am. CONFESSIONS 10.25am

Next Sunday

1st Sunday of the Month 5th Sunday of Easter 29th April

Horsham **Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

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 - 9.30 -11.30 Evening - 7- 9. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

ROSTERS

| 21/22 April | Vigil 6.30pm | Sunday 10.30am |
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| Eucharistic Ministers | Geoff Simpson Anthony Amor Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Joan Parker Tess Hayes | Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox, Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen |
| Commentator | Peter Gutteridge | Bob Pritchett |
| 28/29 April | Vigil 6.30pm | Sunday 10.30am |
| Readers | Micky Robarts | Alison McKinnon |
| Commentator | Betty Heinrich | Dianne Noy |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Geoff Simpson Anthony Amor Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Joan Parker Tess Hayes | Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen |
| Projector | Peter Gutteridge | Shayne Keenan |
| Musicians | Chris Robarts | Combined Choir |
| Welcomers | Bob & Tess Hayes | Helene Bush Marina Manserra |
| Prayers | John and Joan Parker | |
| Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging | 29th April Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry | 6th May Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Heron-Spasic |


FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

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| Natimuk | \$ | Murtoa | \$ 93.00 |
| Horsham | \$ 1010.00 | Dimboola | \$ 57.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 1160.00 |

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

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| Envelopes | \$ 940.00 | Loose | \$ 104.50 |
| Credit Card | \$ | Direct Debit | \$ 480.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 1524.50 |

Project Compassion (to date): \$2395.95. Thank you.
Good Friday Holy Places: \$771. Thank you.



ANZAC DAY Mass Wednesday at 9am

They shall grow not old, As we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them, Nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun And in the morning We will remember them. LEST WE FORGET.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis Message for 2018 Day of Vocations *'It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today!*

Making Connections: Who are the people who rely on your care? Extend that care in special ways this week
Exploring the Word: Jesus' life is freely given for his flock. It is sometimes thought that Jesus died to satisfy the will of the Father imposed on the Son. This is not so. Jesus' gift was a free gift because he responded at all times to that which was most profound in him: the Father's love which he wished to make known to the world. It is a generous, self-giving love for others. In what ways are we his livelihood? In what ways does our community become the body of Christ present in the world?
Marriage Tip: Remember your first date? Can you recreate it in some way this week – go to the same place? Watch the same movie? At the least, reminisce together.
Daily Prayer: What love you have bestowed on us, O God, that we should be called your children, born again in Christ by water and the Spirit. What love you have lavished that we should be gathered into the fold of a Shepherd whose life is given freely for us. Keep us safe, make us one, **A Vocation View:** This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. Please, pray for Vocations.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday April 29: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.
Sunday May 6th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.
Sunday May 13: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30.
Sunday May 20: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.
Sunday May 27: Dimboola 8.30. Natimuk 8.30
Murtoa 10.30.

Wimmera Filipino Australian Club

The installation of officers of Wimmera Filipino Australian Club at SMJ Parish will take place on **Saturday May 12th at 1pm** in the Parish Centre. Invited guest speaker Mayor of Horsham. All welcome.

WYD 2019 Pilgrimage to Panama – call for pilgrims! Are you interested in being part of the Ballarat Diocese World Youth Day Pilgrimage (18-35 yo) to Panama in January 2019? Send an email expressing your interest to youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au Up to date Pilgrimage information is on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

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

We pray your blessings upon those who care in their own homes, 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 times of despair, sorrow, woundedness. Be 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.

Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are in need 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 with the sick in pain and sadness.

Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.

ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE
Bright Sparks
PROGRAM

Are you **gifted, talented or highly interested** in a particular area? Check out the free workshops below to see if you can be extended and challenged in an area of interest to you.

- JUNIOR CHEFS**
Based around menu planning and food preparation, you will cook (and eat or take home) a range of dishes from a different part of the menu - from appetizers to desserts.
- BUDDING ACTORS**
In this workshop you will learn the basics of drama, performance and develop your improvisation and storytelling skills.
- FUN WITH FILM**
Become familiar with the use of a 'green screen' and create your own short film. *magical!* There's plenty of fun to be had with film!
- CREATIVE WRITING**
Develop your creative writing skills, diving into the wonderful world of words. Have you got a way with words? You will have by the end of this workshop!
- SPORTING SUPERSTARS**
Challenge your endurance and sporting skills in a team environment through a variety of exciting sporting activities.
- IROBOT**
Investigate the world of robotics and programming by challenging your critical and creative thinking.
- THE GREAT OUTDOORS**
Learn about the great outdoors through a series of activities such as orienteering, camp cooking and creating shelters 'Bear Grylls' style!
- WEIRD SCIENCE**
Explore the weird and wacky world of science! Be prepared to have your mind blown by the wonderful things that the science world can offer.
- ARTISTIC FLAIR**
Hone your creativity skills through the creation of a collagraph print. Using textured materials you will create a self-portrait, construct a collagraph and learn print making techniques.

The Bright Sparks Program is open to all Wimmera students in Grade 5/6 and Year 7 and will run on Wednesday afternoons, 3.45pm - 5.00pm, from 2nd - 30th May 2018. Students will be provided with drinks and a fruit snack prior to each workshop.

To take part in these **exciting free workshops**, please go to www.stbc.vic.edu.au, click on the Bright Sparks button and complete the expression of interest form online. Apply now as spaces are limited.

St Brigid's College, Horsham Ph. (03) 5382 3545 www.stbc.vic.edu.au

SS. MICHAEL AND JOHN'S PRESENT:

FAITH ON TAP

Come along to Horsham's newest event!

Good speakers - good food - great company

We're talking all things faith, theology and living as a Christian in today's society

**1st Monday of the Month, starting
May 7th, at the Vic Hotel Beer Garden,
7pm to 9pm**

**Order a meal and drink,
Speaker starts at 7.30.**

**Contact James and Ema-Lee Rowe
0431053345**

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Fr Peter, Andrea Cox, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Marg Lingham, Cathy Grace, Joan Lane-Storey, Anita Masiero (Sec)

Child Safety Standards. Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** for the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** exists for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish is always child safe.

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The

stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

2nd Reading: John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Acclamation: John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my

sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Gospel Reflection 4th of Easter Yr B -Veronica Lawson RSM

This year we celebrate World Earth Day on Good Shepherd Sunday. The liturgy invites us to reflect on Jesus as the noble or good shepherd of the believing community. "Shepherd" in its literal sense is not really part of our 21st century vocabulary, and yet we use it metaphorically, as a verb or as a noun. Its verbal form connotes care and compassion, protection, guidance and tender relationship. In John's gospel, Jesus rightly claims for himself the title "good shepherd". He contrasts the good shepherd or leader with the leader that fails to care for the flock. Knowing one's sheep, staying with them in the face of mortal danger and being prepared to die for them are marks of the good shepherd. There are echoes here of the Hebrew Scriptures, particularly of Ezekiel 34 where the "shepherd/sheep" metaphor describes the leaders of Israel in their relationships with the people. There

are likewise echoes of an early second century description of the Emperor Tiberius in whose reign Jesus of Nazareth was executed, precisely because he did not abandon his "flock". The Roman historian Suetonius has this to say of Tiberius: "To the governors who recommended burdensome taxes for his provinces, he wrote in answer that it was the part of a good shepherd to shear his flock, not skin it" (Suetonius, Life of Tiberius 32.2). In the pre-industrial biblical world and early centuries of the Common Era, the "shepherd/sheep" metaphor was heard by an audience that enjoyed a much closer relationship with sheep and their human carers than do most people today. Australia has 71 million sheep and almost 25 million people; sheep outnumber the human by almost three to one. Yet most of our highly urbanised human population knows its sheep only in their disembodied forms. The human-ovine relationship is, for the most part, reduced to that of consumer and con-

sumed. Sheep are valued, not for their intrinsic goodness as creations of a loving God, but rather as commodities that provide food and clothing for the human population. We now know that modern domesticated sheep evolved from creatures that pre-date modern humans. We might take time to consider the implications of this for our relationship with the other-than-human inhabitants of our planetary home. Celebrating World Earth Day on Good Shepherd Sunday provides us with an opportunity to move beyond our human-centred views of the world and our human-centred interpretations of our sacred texts. We might hear a call to value the realities that underpin gospel images such as the Good Shepherd/sheep metaphor. We might also hear a call to expand our appreciation of all the inhabitants of our planet. To be good shepherds in our time is to embrace the whole Earth Community with reverence and compassion

Next Week's Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Job or Ministry

Some people have a JOB in the Church.

Others involve themselves in a MINISTRY. What's the difference?

If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a JOB.

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a MINISTRY.

If you quit because somebody criticised you, it was a JOB.

If you keep on serving, it's a MINISTRY.

If you quit because no one praised you

or thanked you, it was a JOB.

If you stay with it even though nobody recognizes your efforts, it is a MINISTRY.

If our concern is success, it's a JOB. It's almost impossible not to be excited about a MINISTRY.

A great and growing church is filled with people involved in MINISTRY.

Where do we fit in? What about us?

If God calls you to a MINISTRY, don't treat it like a JOB.

God does not want us feeling stuck with a JOB, but excited and faithful to Him in a MINISTRY.

Be joyful always; Pray continually; Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**Today is Vocations / Ministry
Good Shepherd / Sunday**