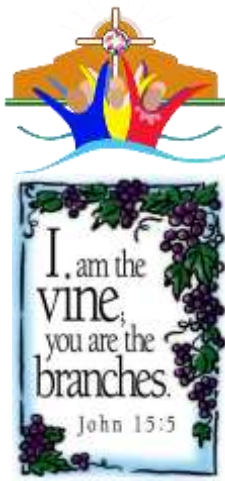


Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



BULLETIN

5th Sunday of Easter - 29th April 2018

“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

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

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.

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** visit with 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** after Mass, for any issues Parishioners may raise.

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SCHOOLS

Ss Michael & John Primary
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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

Parish and School SACRAMENT PROGRAM Sacrament of Reconciliation

**First Reconciliation times
in SMJ Church:
Monday May 7th 5p & 7pm**



**St Brigid's
College
Open Day
Wednesday
May 9th
2pm to 7pm**

Classes in action, Staff and Students to show visitors around.
All welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 30th April	9.30am	
Tuesday 1st May	9.30am	St Joseph the Worker
Wednesday 2nd May	9.30am	St Athanasius
Thursday 3rd May	9.30am	Sts Philip & James
Friday 4th May	10.00am	Anointing Mass
Saturday 5th May	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: Daryl Dreher (brother of Jenny Lloyd), Eileen Dooley (sister of Pat Craig and John Sharry)

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Veronica Carr, Terrence Keenan, Michael Reinsma, Fr Tom Brophy (Warr), Eman Hession, Mark Ellis

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Lorraine Holland, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Fleur Armstrong, Peter Kelly, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Maurice Brennan, Felicity Taylor, Una Bartlett, 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 6th Sunday of Easter 6th May

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

Sunday 13th May: The Ascension of the Lord
 Sunday 20th May: Pentecost Sunday
 Sunday 27th May: Trinity Sunday
 Sunday 3rd June: Body and Blood of Christ.

Friday 18th May: Catholic Education Week
 Schools Mass in SMJ Church at 11.30am

Friday 8th June: Feast of the Sacred Heart.
 Schools Mass for the Poor in SMJ Church 9.30am

Wimmera Filipino Club Installation of Office Bearers at SMJ Parish will take place on **Saturday May 12th at 1pm** in the Parish Centre. Guest speaker Mayor of Horsham. All welcome.

The Ballarat Diocese **MASS CENSUS** will be on the weekends May 12/13, 19/20, 26/27, June 2/3

ROSTERS

28/29 April	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
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	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy
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5/6 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
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Readers	John Parker	Kingsley Dalgleish
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Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Andrea Cox
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Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Bob Hayes John Parker Pat Glaubitz Cathy Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Sr Tirsia	Mary Dalgleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan
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Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
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Musicians	Filipino Choir	Full Choir
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Welcomers	Joan Whiley Pat Strachan	Mary Uebergang Beth Johnson
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Children's Liturgy	Cass	
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Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalgleish	
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Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	6th May Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hernon-Spasic	13th May Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley
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FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 40.00	Murtoa	\$ 92.00
Horsham	\$ 905.00	Dimboola	\$ 71.00
Total			\$ 1108.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 961.00	Loose	\$ 86.50
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1047.50

Making Connections: 'Cut off from me you can do nothing.' How are you connected to Christ? In what ways are you connected to all the other 'branches' who are the followers of Christ. **Exploring the Word:** The vine carries the idea of the life which flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine. Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life-giving presence is the Father. Jesus exists to make the Father known and so it must be with disciples of Jesus. **Living the Word:** 'Make your home in me'. Jesus invites his disciples to place complete trust in him and not be distracted by the cares of the world. Being 'at home' is a powerful image appealing to the desire of all people for acceptance, love and security. Even if our lives are troubled, in Jesus we can always be secure and at peace.

Marriage Tip: Always think loving thoughts. Never let the devil creep in with negative talk.

Daily Prayer: As a Vinegrower, O God, you have grafted us onto Christ, that we may abide as living branches joined to the true Vine. Bestow on us the comforting presence of your Holy Spirit, so that, loving one another with a love that is sincere, we may be the firstfruits of a humanity made new, and bear a rich harvest whose fruits are holiness and peace.

Pope's Prayer Intentions: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and betrayal.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

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.
 Sunday June 3: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.

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 appetisers 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 masterpiece! 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

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.

The role of the 2020 Plenary Council is to provide for the pastoral needs of the people of God of the Church in Australia and how we might fulfil our mission of sharing the good news of Christ today.

A website for the Plenary Council to help us understand it: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Fr. Patrick Corbett CSsR

I am retreat director with many years of experience both in Australia and Asia. Born in 1934, Fr Pat has been involved in ministry in both city and rural Australia. He has been part of for the Redemptorists formation program over many years

both as Novice Master and spiritual Director. He spent many years as the leader of the Redemptorist Retreat Centre in Galong, as parish priest and recently as Provincial.

Rev. Deacon Xuan Hieu Nguyen My baptismal name is Joseph, but I like to be called Hieu. My family lives in North



of Vietnam where my parents are farmers. I am the middle child of two brothers and two sisters. My family worked hard in the field of rice. All income is dependent on the harvest of rice. I entered the Redemptorists in Hanoi, a postulant for 6 years. I went to Saigon in 2005. I was professed a Redemptorist on the 27th of June 2007. After Philosophy in 2011, I

came to Australia for my theology in English. I graduated 3 years ago I became a deacon on Saturday 30 September, 2017. I felt so happy. I went on mission in China for 3 months

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Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



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

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:26-28. 30-

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! All the earth shall remember and

return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one

another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Acclamation: John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

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. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Gospel Reflection 5th of Easter Yr B -Veronica Lawson RSM

Again and again, life's experiences teach us that, we cannot make it on our own. We need one another, other living beings, the sun, the soil, the water and everything else that formed from exploding stars in the distant past. The gospel reading reminds us that as baptised Christians we are not just intimately interlinked but that the source of our unity is the Risen Christ. As limbs and leaves and sap of the same vine, we simply cannot survive in isolation. The vine image picks up one of the most potent biblical images for God's relationship to the people of Israel. It is an image of life and growth, of colour and vibrancy. It holds the promise of a life-sustaining grape harvest that is ultimately transformed into wine, the biblical symbol for joy. God brought Israel "the vine" out of Egypt (Psalm 80:9). For the prophet Isaiah, Israel is also a vineyard planted and

nurtured by God (5:1-7;). For Jeremiah, Israel is the choice vine "of fully tested stock" planted by God. The Johannine Jesus makes the claim: "I am the true vine/vineyard" and God is the "vinegrower". He goes further: "I am the vine/vineyard and you are the branches". The potency of this image resides in the fact that a vine without branches is inconceivable. It draws us into the mystery of the mutual interchange of life between us and the risen Christ, into the mystery of God. It also invites us to acknowledge our interconnection with the whole of the Earth community, to nurture the wonderful biodiversity of our planet, and to accept the inevitability of "pruning" if we are to "bear fruit" and "become disciples". "Pruning" can take various forms. A chance encounter, a sudden inspiration, a word from a friend, an unexpected illness, a confronting story: any such experience can bring us to our senses and serve as a "pruning"

device. The first reading recounts the story of Saul of Tarsus who is "pruned" quite dramatically through his encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. He is transformed from persecutor to defender of Christ and Christ's followers. Saul becomes a disciple and "bears much fruit". The Greek-speaking Christian Jews are suspicious, when he tries to preach the gospel among them. Peace ensues, however, and the Gospel takes hold in the regions where Jesus had first preached. It is worth reflecting on the cultural diversity that characterised earliest Christianity and the tensions that had to be resolved between different language groups or groups of different ethnic origin for the gospel to flourish and bear fruit. John's gospel is written against the backdrop of such "pruning" within the early communities. Sometimes the requisite "pruning" is hearing respectfully a point of view that differs from ours.

Next Week's Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I

shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

SMJ SCHOOL

- We pray for a safe, blessed and successful Year 6 Camp to Melbourne this coming week.
- Year 5's will attend the 9.30am Mass on Thursday.
- **Children's Liturgy.** We seek more adults to help with this Ministry at 10.30 Mass. If you can help please contact Letitia Dowling 0402915308