

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

6th Sunday of Easter - 6th May 2018

SS. MICHAEL AND JOHN'S PRESENT:



love  
each other  
as I have  
loved you.  
John 15:12



# FAITH ON TAP

Come to Horsham's new 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**

**Begins this Monday 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**

**All over 18yo are welcome.**

### 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.

### PARISH CONTACTS

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### SCHOOLS

Ss Michael & John Primary

Principal: Andrea Cox

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St Brigid's College

Principal: Peter Gutteridge

Phone: 5382 3545

Our Lady Help of Christians

Acting Principal: Cathy Grace

*Thank you God for the lovely  
rain, may this be the begin-  
ning of a season of growth*

*Small School. Big Futures.*

## Open Day 2018



### Open Day & Information Evening

Principal's Address from 6:30pm followed by  
an information session concluding at 7:00pm

**Wed 9 May 2:00pm - 7:00pm**

### Discovery Tours

**Thu 10 May 9:00am - 3:00pm**

**Fri 11 May 9:00am - 3:00pm**

- Take a student guided tour
- Explore our teaching & learning programs in action
- Meet staff & speak with our Principal, Mr Gutteridge
- See our new STEAM Centre plans
- Discover our Teacher Advisor program for student mentoring



**St Brigid's College Horsham**

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**Parish and School  
SACRAMENT PROGRAM**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**First Reconciliation times in  
SMJ Church this Monday  
May 7th at 5pm & 7pm.**

Next Sunday May 13th is  
Mother's Day. SMJ School  
will lead us in our Ministries  
at 10.30am Mass.

Fr Peter will be with SBC Yr  
9 at their Ecology Retreat at  
Nhill on Wednesday.

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 8th May	5.30pm	Walter Hudson, Nick Brophy annivs
Wednesday 9th May	9.30am	
Thursday 10th May	<b>5.30pm</b>	With School Principals. All welcome
Friday 11th May	9.30am	
Saturday 12th 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:** Terry Turvey

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bartley Kane, Grace Kane, Gerard Ryan, Mary Dillon, Walter Hudson, Nicholas Brophy, Joanne van de Ven,

**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, Rosetta Caferella

**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**

**2nd Sunday of the Month Ascension Sunday 13th May**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday 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 - 9.30 - 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 in SMJ Parish Centre next Saturday May 12th at 1pm.** Guest speaker the 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 Collectors will do the count at each Mass beginning next Saturday and Sunday. Thank you

**ROSTERS**

5/6 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Peter Gutteridge Bob Hayes John Parker Pat Glaubitz Cathy Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Sr Tirsa	Mary Dalgleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan	
<b>Commentator</b>	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy	
12/13 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
<b>Readers</b>	Betty Heinrich	SMJ children	
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	SMJ Children	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sr Tirsa Micky Robarts Maree Plazzer Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton John Parker Lorraine Clancy	Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby	
<b>Projector</b>	Gerard Natividad	SMJ Children	
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Choir	
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	SMJ Children	
<b>No Children's Liturgy</b>			
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl & Maree Wren		
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>13th May</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley	<b>20th May</b> Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):</b>			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 99.00
Horsham	\$ 883.00	Dimboola	\$ 128.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1110.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection (Parish Account)</b>			
Envelopes	\$ 1595.00	Loose	\$ 131.60
Credit Card	\$ 1751.67	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 3478.27</b>

**Making Connections:** What does it mean to love one another as Christ loved us? In John's Gospel there is no account of the Last Supper; instead, John tells us of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, an act of absolute service to others, and a long discourse of instruction on how they must conduct themselves in the future. The heart of today's gospel lies in Jesus repeating himself: 'Love one another'.

**Living the Word:** Jesus emphasises the closeness and intimacy between himself and the disciples. He speaks of this relationship in a radical way when he names them friends, which implies equality, an openness and sharing of life and experience, a mutual concern and interest. How does this image of friendship and intimacy challenge you?

**Marriage Tip:** Make time to spend together talking, listening, praying, laughing, being playful and reconnecting. No matter how busy you are, make that time for each other.

**Daily Prayer:** Your love, O God, is revealed among us in the gift of your Son Jesus, who laid down his life and bestows on us the joy of abiding in your love. We pray that through the witness we bear you will bring forth fruit that will last, and teach us, God of love, how to love one another.

**A Vocation View:** God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you. The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you?"



### COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

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

### World Communication Day - Today 6th May

Pope Francis has given a radical 'antidote' for the 'virus' of fake news, namely purification by the truth. The Holy Father did so when denouncing 'fake news' in his message for the 52nd World Communications Day, titled **'The truth will set you free'** (Jn 8:32). In the message, the Pope reminds that human communication is an essential and beautiful part of life, but warns that distorted communications can cause much harm. Examining how to "recognize" such false news, the Pontiff reminds that when the truth is manipulated, it is not just 'the public' or 'an audience,' that is affected, but real people. 'How do we defend ourselves from this?' Francis responds "In today's fast-changing world of communications and digital systems, we are witnessing the spread of what has come to be known as "fake news." The Pope stressed his desire to contribute to "our shared commitment" to prevent the spread of fake news and to rediscovering the dignity of journalism and the personal responsibility of journalists to communicate the truth. Fake news is a sign of intolerant and hypersensitive attitudes, and leads only to the spread of arrogance and hatred, which he said, is the end result of untruth. "None of us can feel exempted from the duty of countering these falsehoods," he noted, while acknowledging that this is no easy task. "Yet preventing and identifying the way disinformation works," he went on to say, "also calls for a profound and careful process of discernment." "Constant contamination" by deceptive language, the Pope said, can end up darkening our interior life. "So how do we defend ourselves? The most radical antidote to the virus of falsehood is purification by the truth." The Holy Father encouraged communicators to realize that we discover and rediscover the truth when we experience it within ourselves in the loyalty and trustworthiness of the One who loves us. This alone, he said, can liberate us. To discern the truth, we need to discern everything that encourages communion and promotes goodness from whatever instead tends to isolate, divide, and oppose.

**Peace, the Pope said, is the true news. The best antidotes to falsehoods, are not strategies, but people, people who wish to listen and are interested in sincere dialogue to make the truth emerge.**

### 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.



## Plenary Council 2020

*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'* Mt 22

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

The Plenary Council website to help us understand it: [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



Fr Pat, thank you for opening up to our Parish the journey to the Plenary Council 2020. You have gently, wisely, humbly and prayerfully led us to take the first step in our preparation.

You have brought us to the Pool of Siloam with our hopes, fears and dreams, and embraced us with the tender love and mercy of our God. With Deacon Hieu you have given us the courage to go forth, to listen to each other, to pray and be guided by the Holy Spirit, to help us renew our Church.

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal** will begin again in our Parish to pray for the success of the Synod. All are welcome to come, to learn and to pray. The first Meeting is Monday May 21st at 7pm in the Church Meeting Room, and each Monday after. For inquiries contact Eileen McManus 53824745

### AUTUMN PRAYER

Oh easy-going, lovely natured thing  
Come gently to this troubled life and bring  
Good humour, sweet forgiveness, love and grace,  
Bring gratitude and peace upon this place.  
Feed our sorrows to the morning birds,  
May their songs bring truth into our words,  
In sadness let us feel each other's worth,  
Turn our lonely losses into earth.



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

From Ascension Sunday  
May 13 to Pentecost May 20.  
Theme: *Your right hand,  
O Lord, glorious in power.*

Booklets for daily prayer available next week

Our Parish welcomes the Principals of our Diocese and Northern Zone on Thursday & Friday. You are welcome to Mass Thursday at 5.30 with them.

**1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4**

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.  
Sing a new song to the Lord for he

has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10**

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**Acclamation: John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will

keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**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.'

**Gospel Reflection 6th of Easter Yr B -Veronica Lawson RSM**

The constitutions of my religious institute remind me that "the tender mercy of our God has given us one another". The implications of this profoundly beautiful truth are spelt out thus: "In our communities, we try to live in the friendship of Christ's disciples [Jn 15:15]. To so live calls forth relationships of equality, a real acceptance of ourselves and others, a forgetfulness of anything that does not make love its message." Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is at the heart of a gospel way of living. It is the commission at the heart of today's reading and seems to be exactly what Pope Francis wants to say to all believers in his new Apostolic Exhortation, Gaudete et Exultate (Rejoice and be Glad). As we listen to the proclamation of the gospel, we might attend to the repetition of "joy", the three-fold repetition of

"friends" and the nine-fold repetition of "love". We might attend to the way in which the pronouns I/my/me and you/your function in the passage. We may also notice the reference to "commands" and "commandments".

We tend not to associate "commands" with friendship and love because those we count as our friends are not usually in the habit of commanding or ordering us to do what they want. We derive little joy from being told what to do. And yet, there is no resiling from the juxtaposition of these terms. God, imaged in the gospel passage as "Father", loves Jesus. Jesus remains or abides in God's love so deeply that this love flows on to his friends. They are to love one another as Jesus has loved them. This is his commandment or commission to them, and by extension to us. It directs them/us to live for each other and put their lives/our lives on the line for one another. It

means being faithful to the teaching of Jesus as he has been faithful to God's commandments. Remaining in the love of God or of Jesus and doing what God or Jesus commands seem to be one and the same thing. In other words, love is not just an emotion: it is always expressed in action that is in tune with and for the sake of the other. The disciples need no further explanation. Jesus' whole life and his courage in the face of impending death have shown them what it means to love one another. Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is not some abstract goal. Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest. As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends, for their witness to holiness and for the joy that they bring to our lives.

**Next Week's Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his

place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

**• 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

• Funeral Mass for Terry Turvey at Murtoa Thursday at 1pm.



Wednesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm  
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click on *Bright Sparks* and enrol