

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

The Ascension of our Lord - 13th May 2018



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 Acting Principal: Cathy Grace

We welcome Fr Damian

MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday May 17th in the Parish Centre 7.30am to 8.30. All men and sons are welcome. Prayer, chat, eat

Natimuk Nursing Home Mass this Thursday May 17th at 4.15pm.

DIOCESAN MASS COUNT

This will be at all Masses from this weekend until June 2/3. I ask the Collectors will take the count at each Mass and to write the total on the sheet provided. Thank you.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

From Ascension Sunday today May 13 to Pentecost May 20.

Theme:

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power.

Booklets for daily prayer are in the Foyers

Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter..



A Prayer for Mothers

All loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old, for the gift of time mums give for their children, for the flexibility of mums, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion. We pray you give each mum strength, to be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of broken relationships, war, poverty, or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

We welcome SMJ School as they lead us in our Ministries at 10.30 Mass today on Mother's Day. The children will have a flower for mums, Grandma's, all ladies

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.



Catholic Education Week Schools' Mass

this Friday May 18th at 11.30am in SMJ Church. The them is *Come and See* as our Schools journey in faith and joy in all areas of learning. SMJ, SBC, OLHC and St Patrick's Nhill will attend Mass, have lunch, and continue the Journey. All welcome to Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 15th May	5.30pm	Joseph Murphy anniv
Wednesday 16 May	9.30am	Ray Ellis anniv CWL WUCWO MASS
Thursday 17th May	9.30am	
Friday 18th May	11.30am	C.E Week School Mass. John Baldas 1st anniv
Saturday 19th 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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Murphy, Ray Ellis, John Baldas, Elisa Sartori

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, Maurice Brennan, Felicity Taylor, Una Bartlett, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Rosetta Cafarella, Betty Fitzgerald, Carmel Heron

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

3rd Sunday of the Month Pentecost Sunday 20th May

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

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 20th May: Pentecost Sunday
 Sunday 27th May: Trinity Sunday
 Sunday 3rd June: Body and Blood of Christ.

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

ROSTERS

12/13 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Tirsia Micky Roberts Maree Plazzer Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton John Parker Lorraine Clancy	Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon Faye Willis Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby
Commentator	Anthony Amor	SMJ Children
19/20 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Angela Murphy
Commentator	John Parker	Alison McKinnon
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Anthony Amor Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Joan Parker	Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar Gavin Hynam	Alistair Castle Sharon Creasey
No Children's Liturgy		Teash
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	20th May Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	27th May 2018 Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 69.00
Horsham	\$ 840.00	Dimboola	\$ 112.00
Total			\$ 1021.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1751.00	Loose	\$ 137.00
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1888.00

Making Connections: Make a special effort this week to be good news for others or for Earth. Plant a tree, refuse plastic bags at the supermarket, recycle, conserve water and reduce waste, may all Christians be bringers of good news to creation. We must be stewards of Earth and all its resources to ensure that future generations inherit an environment which God gifted to all humanity.

Marriage Tip: A good argument can be a labor of love. Have something sensitive or difficult to talk about with your spouse? Try holding hands and maintaining direct eye contact when you are discussing a disagreement.

Daily Prayer: God of all creation, be present to this community of disciples gathered in one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Maintain us in the unity of the Spirit, and keep us bound in peace.

A Vocation View: Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.' There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people the Good News, and remember I am with you always, until the end of time.' St Augustine said, 'Our lives are restless until they find rest in God'. Jesus sends out the disciples to continue his work of bringing good news.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

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.

The most radical antidote to the virus of falsehood is purification by the truth. Pope Francis encourages 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 tends to isolate, divide, oppose, hurt or cause hate. **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.**



WUCWO DAY, World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations is today Sunday May 13th, the Ascension of our Lord Jesus. A wonderful day to pray, reflect and enhance all our women to respond to our call to holiness united. For this commitment "we need a spirit of holiness capable of filling both our solitude and our service, our personal life and our evangelizing efforts, so that every moment can be an expression of self-sacrificing love in the Lord's eyes. In this way, every minute of our lives can be a step along the path to growth in holiness." This year's Mass has been prepared by WUCWO Asia Pacific Region, with contributions from Australia, Lebanon and Philippines. **We celebrate our WUCWO Mass this Wednesday May 16th at 9.30am. All welcome.**

- ◆ **Coughlin Park Board of Management Meeting** this Wednesday 16th at 5pm
- ◆ **SBC School Advisory Council** this Wednesday 16th at 7pm.
- ◆ **OLHC SAC Meeting** Wednesday 16th at 7pm

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)

The Australian Bishops say to us **EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE** as we discern and pray for the needs of our Church, what we keep, what we need to change or adapt



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' Mt 27

The role of the 2020 Plenary Council is to provide for the pastoral needs of us and our Church in Australia and how we can fulfil our mission of sharing the good news of Christ with all ages, backgrounds etc.

The Plenary Council website to help us understand it: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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 will be on each Monday after that.

Contact Eileen McManus 53824745

Fundraising Committee of St John's Anglican Church will host a viewing of the movie

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

at Centre Cinema, Pynsent Street

Sunday 20th May at 3.00pm

Tickets \$20 Adults \$12 students (includes nibbles and a drink) Bookings are essential prior to May 10th 2018.

Contact Noreen Roiter on 53825100/0437 583 126

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.

Wednesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm. Enrol with www.stbc.vic.edu.au click on *Bright Sparks* and enrol

We pray for good follow up rain



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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, *Theophilus*, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

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2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men. When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all

the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Acclamation: Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel; I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

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.

Gospel Reflection The Ascension Yr B - Veronica Lawson RSM

The feast of the Ascension invites us to face the universal experience of the loss of a loved one, and to face it in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. The liturgy now draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of the One who has been raised. The physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence. Like the early Christians, we need time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's gospel passage receives little attention in commentaries and classes because, along with the immediately preceding

passage (Mark 16:9-14), it is a late addition to the original text of Mark's gospel. In Mark 16:15, the command is to go "into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (ktisis)." It is a more inclusive vision than Matthew's and opens a space for an ecological reading of the text, an extension from the human to the other-than and more-than-human elements of the Earth community. The command to proclaim the good news, the gospel, recalls the first words of the Mark and Jesus, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent [expand your horizons], and believe in the good "news". If we were to accept that our mission in the "in-between times" is to bring the gospel to all creation, then we might take more seriously God's command in Genesis 2 to reverence and protect the

earth (usually translated as "to till and to keep"). We might stop polluting the air that all creatures need for life. We might also read the affirmations of Genesis 1 through the lens of Mark 16 and respect once more the intrinsic goodness of all creation as a gospel imperative. The "Ascension" recounted towards the end of the passage presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the cosmos. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and Jesus is caught up into God's realm. The vertical movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' return to "the right hand of God" ensures a different kind of presence in the church despite his seeming absence, one that enables the believer to continue the healing and re-creative ministry of Jesus "to all creation".

Next Week's Gospel John 15:26-27; 1

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. 'I still have many

things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken

from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'