



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

### Pentecost Sunday - 20th May 2018



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#### Happy Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday begins the Australian Church's journey to the Plenary Council in 2020. The motto for this journey is *"Everything is on the table"*.

It calls us the Church to have our say in how the Church will be in the future. What do we keep and preserve as treasures of our faith, what do we need to change to bring people back to the table of the Lord.



To help our prayer in this journey you are invited to the **Catholic Charismatic Renewal** which begins **this Monday May 21st at 7pm in the Church Meeting Room.**

Pentecost is not simply the birthday of the church. It is the Feast that calls us out from behind the locked doors where, like the disciples in the Gospel, we may be hiding for fear of any sort. It is the Feast which reminds us that we are indeed people filled with the Spirit, people with gifts that the world needs so desperately - wisdom for a world searching for meaning; knowledge for a world seeking insight; healing for a world torn apart by violence; prophecy for a world in need of direction; discernment of spirits for a world confronted by competing forces. The power of the Spirit worked wonders in and through the lives of the first disciples; the power of the Spirit has worked wonders in and through the lives of believers down through the ages. What wonders will the Spirit work in and through us today and everyday?

#### PRAYER : 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.

We welcome Fr John back with us this weekend.

Fr John will be here this week as Fr Peter will be with SBC Year 11 students on their Social Justice Retreat in Adelaide.

Fr Peter celebrates his 47th anniversary of Ordination this Tuesday May 22nd.

Fr Peter will join the Priests of the Diocese for their In-Service in Ballarat with Fr Thomas Groome this Friday 25th afternoon and Saturday 26th to lunchtime.

**SMJ School no classes this Monday** as Teachers attend an In-Service in Ballarat

*Celebrating 70 years of marriage*  
**Doris & Hugh McDonald**  
Our prayerful best wishes and congratulations on your 70th Wedding Anniversary *May God's blessings and good health be with you.*

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 22nd May	5.30pm	
Wednesday 23 May	9.30am	
Thursday 24th May	9.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians. John Parker ann
Friday 25th May	9.30am	Eileen Dooley, sister of Pat Craig, John Sharry
Saturday 26th May	<b>AWC 10</b>	St Philip Neri

#### 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:** Patricia Purcell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Murray Lloyd, Terry Vincent, Joe Maggio, Max Shalders, John Parker jr, Jack Byrne, Margaret Doyle, Sarah McInnes, Sr Gabrielle Jackman pbvm, Eddie & Kitty Brownstein, Anna Facchin

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Lorrain 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, Carmel Hernon, Betty Fitzgerald,

**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 Trinity Sunday  
4th Sunday of the Month Trinity Sunday 27th May**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Natimuk **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 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 **11.30am**



**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!**  
Acts 2.4

At 6.30pm Mass tonight we celebrate Sacraments with:  
Marianne Joseph - Confirmation and Eucharist.  
Zidane Heldt - Confirmation and Eucharist.  
Vanrika Heldt - Confirmation

*We pray for and congratulate them*

**ROSTERS**

19/20 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Anthony Amor Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Joan Parker	Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill
<b>Commentator</b>	John Parker	Alison McKinnon
26/27 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Anthony Amor	Bob Pritchett
<b>Commentator</b>	Micky Robarts	Louise Kemp
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Sr Tirsia Tess Hayes Maree Plazzer Bernadette Trounce	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon Faye Wills Bob Pritchett
<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bill and Josie Phelan	Mary Dowsley Nanette Freckleton
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		
<b>Prayers</b>	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>27th May 2018</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan	<b>3rd June</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

**FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):**

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 167.00
Horsham	\$ 1049.00	Dimboola	\$ 64.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1280.00</b>

**2nd Collection (Parish Account)**

Envelopes	\$ 2474.00	Loose	\$
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$</b>

**Making Connections:** In what ways have you been lead to the complete truth? How do you experience the Spirit present in your life? The first reading tells of the experience of the disciples receiving the Spirit, astounded by what had happened to them, changing them as people. The Spirit is bestowed at baptism and 'confirmed' for us. Galatians 5:22 lists the fruits of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Try to live these fruits this week. Today's gospel acclamation makes a wonderful prayer: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; And kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Exploring the Word:** The Holy Spirit is the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples in all ages who stands by in times of trial or difficulty, defending, guiding and instructing. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. How do you see the gifts and fruits of the Spirit made manifest in yourself and others?

**Marriage Tip:** Your spouse is not your competitor. Too often couples keep score on who cleaned more, took care of the kids last, or has the hardest job. Remember: you're both on the same team. **Daily Prayer:** In every generation, O God of Easter glory, you send forth your holy Creator Spirit, to breathe on the world your love and to make it come alive!



### COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

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.



### St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal

Commences at the beginning of June. Envelopes are available at the Piety Store in the Church for donations.

So far this year we have had 80 calls for assistance from people in distress - this takes many forms, eg: financial, homelessness, with requests for help with bills, medication and food.

We welcome donations of quality clean clothing, clean second-hand fridges, washing machines (in working order). Donations of above to be left at the Centre or call 5382 4003

Pat Strachan President

### Coughlin Park Bowls Club

Coughlin Park Bowls Club held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16th June with 40 people in attendance. **Mick Ellis and Graham Bryan** both received the Club's first Life Memberships. Congratu-

### Pentecost People

Come, Holy Spirit and make us Pentecost people.

Let your wisdom and right judgement guide our decisions and temper our impulses.

Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.

Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation.

Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed.

Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

**Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close,** celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement - we are that spark by the life we live.

**We return to the Ordinary Time of the Church's Year from this Monday .**

Our Weekday Readings are from Year 2, Week 7.  
Sunday Ordinary Time commences June 10.

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 12:27

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](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal** begins in our Parish this Monday to pray for the success of the Synod. All are welcome to come, to learn and to pray.

Contact Eileen McManus 53824745



### National Volunteers Week

to say thank you to the 6 million Australians who volunteer their time, talent, gifts to serve the needs of our Community

This week is also Cancer Council Big

Morning Tea, thank you to all holding this event.



Prayerful best wishes and a very happy 90th birthday to MARIE FOLEY who celebrated her 90th birthday on May 9th.

**How often do we stop to think about where the paper we use comes from?** There are some simple things you can do to reduce your paper usage. Ways you can reduce the impact of your paper consumption: 1. Use 100% recycled toilet paper. 2. Use 100% recycled paper for printing, instead of paper made from virgin forests. 3. Reuse gift bags and wrapping paper or wrap gifts in nice tea towels or cloth. 4. Find a substitute for paper towel use. Reuse old towels, sheets or clothes, cut them into squares, have them ready to go. They can then be thrown in to the washing machine to reuse again! 5. Use real dinnerware for picnics and parties, not paper (or plastic) plates and bowls. 6. Use a reusable coffee cup for takeaway. 7. When printing, use both sides of the paper. 8. Say 'No' to junk mail - put a sign on your letter

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (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 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-**  
Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25**

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not

inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

**Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

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.'

**Gospel Reflection Pentecost Sunday Yr B - Veronica Lawson RSM**

Pentecost Sunday is called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the beginning of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that God had made with Israel on Mt Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people. In today's first reading, Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of

the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue. For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain". To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal

with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence, and of the strength we need to refrain from vengeance. Sadly, the desire for vengeance often inhibits healing in those who have suffered violence or abuse, and even in those who endeavour to support them, so that the cycle of transgression continues. We must work ceaselessly as a global community to address the causes of violence and abuse and search together for lasting solutions. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us pray with greater urgency than ever: "Come Holy Spirit,

**Next Week's Gospel Matthew 28:16-2**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

**DIOCESAN MASS COUNT**

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

We will have a **Defibrillator** for SMJ Church in the next few weeks.

