

St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN



Trinity Sunday - 27th May 2018



In our scriptures today we get a taste of what loving relationship is like - a God who desires us, claims us, redeems us, and then calls us forth to the ends of the earth, promising to remain with us.

First, God desires us. God reaches into our lives and longs for our

relationship, too. In Deuteronomy we hear that God's desire for relationship with Israel is unrelenting. Moses asks: "Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation...?" God continued to be involved with the people and their history, interested in the details of their lives. This relationship also had an expectation - marked by a lived covenant.

Second, God offers us intimate relationship, as adopted daughters and sons. Led by the Spirit as daughters and sons of God, with Jesus we can call God "Abba." From the life of God's son Jesus we see what such a relationship of love looks like in the world. Yes, suffering as well as joy are part of the life of the sons and daughters of God. From the Son we know that such love for all and particularly for the vulnerable and those on society's margins can cost - everything. This is what it means to be part of God's family.

Third, our Trinitarian God shows us that relationship takes us out into the widest of worlds. The Gospel scene in Matthew is that of the Risen Christ commissioning his disciples. The movement is outward. Baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit brings others into the circle of relationship, to community and even communion. Preaching by our lives and witnessing this Good News of Jesus Christ is our call to the ends of the earth. We don't do this alone - God is with us always.

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.

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We welcome Fr John.

Autumn finishes this Thursday and Winter begins on Friday June 1. We pray for good health and care for all in the Winter months, safe travelling for those who go away to warmer climates, and blessings for rain for our crops and waterways.



We welcome in Baptism to the Family of God

Margaret Mae Delahunty
daughter of Benjamin and Joanne in Murtoa.

Andy Eric Both
son of Steven & Corrine
in Horsham

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 29th May	5.30pm	
Wednesday 30 May	9.30am	Eileen & Kitty Brownstein annivs.
Thursday 31st May	AWC 9.30	The Visitation of Mary.
Friday 1st June	AWC 9.30	St Justin
Saturday 2nd June	10.00am	Theo Bulwalda, Chris Starr annivs

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: John Cheney

ANNIVERSARIES: Max Robertson, Norma Hickey, Jack O'Neil, Michael Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Clarke, Pauline O'Connor, Ray Reinsma, Theo Bulwalda, Chris Starr, Michael Kierce

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ives 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, Carmel Hernon, Betty Fitzgerald, Bill McGrath

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 Body & Blood of Christ
1st Sunday of the Month 3rd June**

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 3rd June: Body and Blood of Christ.

Friday 8th June: Feast of the Sacred Heart.
Schools Giving Mass in SMJ Church at **11.30am**

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. Many of the prayers of the Church express our belief in a Triune God (three persons in one). One of the greatest prayers is the Sign of the Cross where we dedicate ourselves 'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'. St Augustine described the Trinity as the lover, beloved and the love between. Exploring the Word: Christ's salvation is for all people. He instructs on a new initiation rite — baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus replaces the old Law, the commandments given to Moses, with a new Law, the commandments given by Jesus. Where do you see the Spirit of God operating in our world today? How do you experience God's Spirit with you?

Sharing the Tradition: Our God is relational. Humans, created in the image of God, are relational beings also. We can only be truly all that we are created to be in relationship

ROSTERS

26/27 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	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
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Louise Kemp
2/3 June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Emelia Sudholz	Eileen McManus
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Kingsley Dagleish
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton John Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Micky Robarts Geoff Simpson Anthony Amor	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Alison Mckinnon
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Joan Whiley	Lyn Starr
Children's Liturgy		Jo
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	3rd June Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	10th June Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen Mclnerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 96.00
Horsham	\$ 943.00	Dimboola	\$ 36.00
Total			\$ 1075.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1032.00	Loose	\$ 74.55
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1106.55

Making Connections: At the end of each day spend some time reflecting on when and how Christ was with you during that day.

Living the Word: The symbolic gesture of the Sign of the Cross gathers our whole being into the mystery of the Trinity —our God who is three in one. Using three fingers of the right hand we trace the cross by touching our forehead, heart and shoulders. This encompasses our intellectual, emotional and working lives and gathers ourselves together in the name of God and of the cross which freed us.

Marriage Tip: Is your entertainment time ruled by "screens"? Take a break. Use screen-free time as a way to reignite romance and reunite your family the old fashioned way – with conversation, games, and creative fun.

Daily Prayer: Lord our God, whose voice we have heard in our midst, whose face we have seen in Christ Jesus, and whose Spirit dwells within us: Baptised in your name we embrace what Jesus has commanded us. Remembering that Jesus is with us always, we pray that our witness effective, in the power of the Spirit who makes us your children.

A Vocation View: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. When we go out to make disciples of all nations we have a lot to tell. God is Lord in heaven above and on earth below. Having received the Spirit that make's you God's own children, you are called to proclaim "Glory to the

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday June 3: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.
Sunday June 10: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.
Sunday June 17: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
Sunday June 24: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30.
Murtoa 10.30
Sunday July 1: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30



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.

Feast of the Sacred Heart Schools Mass Friday June 8th at 11.30am in SAMJ Church.

The Mass is called **Giving Mass**, as the students from SBC, SMJ, OLHC, and St Patrick's Nhill bring baskets of food that will be given by the St Vincent de Paul and to the Christian Food Emergency Centre, in support to needy families and individual persons in need over Winter.

Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

Parent Preparation Meeting for these Sacraments is on Tuesday June 5th at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Information Booklets will be given out, and details of Parent and Child Cluster Groups will be discussed.

We seek that your child's Confirmation Sponsor be their Baptism Godparent.

The children will also choose a Saint's name for their Confirmation.

Sacrament Mass Dates:

Saturday August 11th at 6.30 Mass
Sunday August 12th at 10.30 Mass
Saturday August 18th at 6.30 Mass
Sunday August 19th at 10.30 Mass
♦ Sacraments at Murtoa on Sunday Oct 14, 10.30

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...' ACT 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

The Parish Council Meeting on June 21st will discuss our Parish approach and invitation to all people to join in this process, and also prepare for Bishop Paul Bird's Visitation to our Parish from Friday August 24th to Monday August 27th.



National Reconciliation Week

These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We welcome this weekend Sr Melinda visiting Srs Manuela and Tirsia. Sr Melinda is working in New York. She stays with us until this Thursday. We have a Mass of Blessing for the Sisters home here this Wednesday at 5pm.

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: Deuteronomy 4:32-34.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-
Happy the people the Lord has

chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke: and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it

makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Acclamation: cf Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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.'

**Gospel Reflection Body & Blood
Yr B - Veronica Lawson RSM**

The Gospel for today reminds us that we are in a "covenant" relationship with our God. We renew that covenant in every celebration of the Eucharist. The Israelites of old sealed their covenant with God in animal sacrifice, a practice we may wish to critique, and in the celebration of a meal (Exodus 24:1-12). The blood of the slain animal was sprinkled on the altar and on the people. The people knew that blood signified life: if blood spilled out then life spilled out. The altar signified God. The sprinkling of the blood denoted their shared life with God. They were called to be holy as God is holy. The symbolism of the Jewish covenant ritual informs today's Gospel story of Jesus' final Passover meal with his disciples. Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. The sharing of the cup

of wine becomes their sharing in the life of Jesus "to be poured out for many". Bread and wine in this context have taken on a new meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by considering the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread. It is housed in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what Eureka stands for in Australian history and folklore, it carries the story that informs its creation as well as all the goodness of its fabric and thread. It has acquired multiple levels of meaning. Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread and wine of the Eucharist likewise signify something entirely new along with all the goodness of their materiality. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. We are called to bring that life to others, to give life for the sake of the many. Read-

ing the passage in the context of Mark's gospel provides some insight into how we might do this. The eleven preceding verses recount stories of contrasting responses to Jesus as he faces his final days: temple authorities plot to destroy him; an unnamed woman "breaks" an alabaster jar and "pours" the healing perfume on his head, thus anointing his body "for burial" through eucharistic action; Jesus declares that what she has done will be told "in remembrance of her"; a close friend seeks to betray him. Betrayal and rejection are ever present possibilities even in Eucharistic communities. We are all too aware of this as we endeavour to address the consequences of child sexual abuse in our communities. We need to learn from the other possibility presented to us in this context, namely that of pouring out the healing perfume of compassion and love on our fractured Earth communities.

Next Week's Gospel Mark 14:12-16.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and

prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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.

World Environment Day June 5th
Reconciliation week 27 May–3 June
Care for the homeless (10 June)
Refugee Week (17 – 23 June)

Fr Peter attends the Priests and Catholic Education Colloquium in Ballarat this Thursday and Friday