

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk -  
Rupanyup - Nhill



## BULLETIN

### Passion Sunday – 14th April 2019

#### HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

#### **Holy Week begins today Passion Sunday**

We gather outside the Church for the Blessing and Procession of Palms

*Branches are available at each Church. You are invited to take a blessed branch home as a symbol of God's peace abiding there.*

#### **ANOINTING MASS Tuesday April 16th 2pm**

Anointing with newly blessed Oil of the Sick. Cuppa in the Hall after.

#### **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

#### **Tuesday April 16th at 7pm in SMJ Church.**

Hymns, Prayers, Scripture, Examination of Conscience, **individual absolution of sins at the end** with Frs Peter and John



#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

#### **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### **Thursday April 18th at 7.30pm.**

Reception of the New Oils, Washing of the Feet.

Mass ends with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the Church at the Tabernacle

**All are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament to 10pm**

*"Could you not pray one hour with Me" said Jesus.*

**Children for the Sacraments this year are invited to have their feet washed. Fr Peter will come to the children in their family seat for this washing. Jesus washed his disciples' feet as a call to service of others.**

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

#### **CEREMONY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

#### **Friday April 19th at 3pm in SMJ Church.**

The Passion of John is read, Intercessions prayed, Collection for the Holy Places, Holy Communion, the Altar is

stripped.



#### **EASTER VIGIL AND**

#### **MASS of the RESURRECTION**

#### **Saturday April 20th at 7.30pm**

We begin outside the Church with the Lighting of the Easter Fire.

We Process the Easter Candle into the Church.

The Exultet is sung. OT Readings. Mass of the Resurrection.

Renewal of our Baptismal Promises. Blessing with Easter Water.

*At the end of Mass you are invited to take home a bottle of blessed Easter Water to bless your family and home.*



#### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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We welcome Fr John



#### **PassionSunday**

Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.



#### **Easter Sunday Masses April 21**

**Horsham 10.30am.**

**Murtoa 8.30am.**

**Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am**



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** Peter Heenan, Patrick McLennan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Frank Madden April 20th,  
Laurie Liston, Rosina Radolovi,

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, John McNamara,

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month**  
**Easter Sunday 21st April 2019**

Horsham **Saturday - 7.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10am**

**Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.**

### Regular Activities in the Parish

**Craft Group** Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room  
Mornings - 9.30am to 11.30am. Evening - 7pm to 9pm. BYO  
Craft - Gold Coin Donation. Contact Anita at Parish Office

**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.

## Morning Prayer and Reflection on Holy Saturday morning in SMJ Church at 9am

**\* Confessions Saturday 9.30am**

- ◆ **THANK YOU** for your Ministries in Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to our Flower Ladies and donors of flowers for Easter, Lorraine & Sr Tirsa.
- ◆ Thank you to our Choir and Chris for singing.

**Mass of the Oils** will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm this Monday, April 15th. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God and Diocese. Bishop Paul blesses the oils for use in 2019, the sick, those to be baptized and consecrates Chrism for confirmations and ordinations. All are invited to this celebration.

**Thank you to our Monday Night Craft Group for making our Palm Sunday Crosses for us to take home and keep as a symbol of Christ's peace.**

The new Easter fire that lights up the darkness on Holy Saturday night is a sign of the resurrection of Jesus, and the divine life Christ won for us, our hope of glory.

**Blessed and happy Holy Week and Easter to you.**

Safety and rest to those travelling away.

**Welcome to visitors and family members home for, and visiting here for, Easter.**

## ROSTERS FOR HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY

**HOLY THURSDAY: Altar Server:** Tom Luke, Alan  
**Special Ministers:** Maree Plazzer, Micky Robarts, Bob Pritchett, Anna Robertson, Sr Jacinta, Lorraine Clancy, Mary and Kingsley Dalglish, **Readers:** Anna Robertson, Kingsley Dalglish. **Commentator for Oils:** Eileen McManus, **Feet Washing:** Rob, Joel, Hannah, Stephanie Plazzer, Sr Jacinta, Les Butler, Dalglishs, Sr Florentina.  
**Projector Operator:** Geoff Simpson

**GOOD FRIDAY—Altar Server:** Tom Luke, Alan **Special Ministers:** Lorraine Clancy, Micky Robarts, Bob Pritchett, **Readers:** Micky and Chris Robarts, Bob Pritchett

**EASTER VIGIL—Altar Server:** Tom Luke,  
**Special Ministers:** Bob Pritchett, Maree Plazzer, Sr Manuela, Peter Gutteridge, Alison McKinnon, Mary & Kingsley Dalglish. **Readers:** Alison McKinnon, Peter Gutteridge, Kingsley Dalglish, Les Butler.  
**Commentator:** Louise Kemp, **Gifts:** Butler Family,  
**Projector Operator:** Geoff Simpson

**EASTER SUNDAY—Special Ministers:** Tim Lannen, Sr Tirsa, **Reader:** Eileen McManus, **Commentator:** Sr Tirsa,  
**Projector Operator:** Shayne Keenan  
*Need Special Ministers x 5*

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

Rupanyup	\$ 55	Murtoa	\$ 112.00
Horsham	\$ 763.00	Dimboola	\$ 84.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1014.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 975.00	Loose	\$ 73.00
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1048.00</b>

**Making Connections:** 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' Are you ready for this commitment? What will it mean for your life in the future? In our society, the idea of being 'selfless' is constantly challenged. Our culture of individualism emphasises the 'I' rather than the 'other'. But it is in self-giving and self-emptying that we find life. Die with Christ a little this week. Fast from food, TV or entertainment. Try to be less distracted as you prepare for Easter.

**Exploring the Word:** The institution of the Lord's Supper: 'This is my body which will be given up for you; do this in memorial of me. This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you'. It is in the Eucharist that we find the source and summit of our faith. The ministry of service: 'I am among you as one who serves'. The church and all its members are at the service of the world.

**Sharing the Tradition:** Passion (Palm) Sunday, was celebrated in Jerusalem before the year 400. Processions with Palms followed the path of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. In following this custom today, we celebrate that victory over death and sin and share his suffering so that we may also share his resurrection and the new life it won. Take a small piece of palm home and place it near a cross. The palms and cross symbolise Christ's triumph and victory.

**Daily Prayer:** Your Servant, Lord God, speaks the word that all the weary long to hear. Your Son humbles himself to carry the cross that your people long to embrace. As we enter this holy week, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. Empty us of ourselves, and draw us close to his cross, that, comforted by his word of forgiveness and gladdened by his promise of Paradise, into your hands we may commend our spirits.

**Marriage Tip:** "A day without laughter is a day wasted." Keep conversation light by laughing at your spouse's jokes. And say some too! **Vocational View:** When Jesus comes into your life, grab something and wave it. Show your joy, your happiness; your dream is fulfilled. Tell others: Jesus is here!

### Country Mass Times:

April 21: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.  
April 28: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30.  
Murtoa AWC 9am  
May 5: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10. Kaniva 11.30  
May 12: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence from meat for all 14yo to 59yo**

### Greenery for Easter and Donations of Flowers for Easter

The ladies are looking for greenery to use for the Easter flowers, and donations of flowers. If you are able to help could you please bring greenery and flowers to the Church by **Wednesday 17th April**.

*Thanking you in anticipation*

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Sunday April 28th

12.30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.  
12pm - 12.30pm: Confessions.  
1pm: Rosary, Litany of Divine Mercy, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.  
*Fr Peter has a family baptism away from Horsham. Fr John will hear Confessions. Ian Marshall will place the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar*

### 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

Jesus tells us he comes among us as our servant, and symbolises this by washing the feet of his disciples. Peter is so shocked he recoils "No way". Jesus insists, "If you are with me, this is how it is".

So the image of Jesus washing and drying the manky feet of Peter is the image of how it is in our Church, especially how it is for those all-too-easy considered the Big Ones. Traditionally, the Pope washes the feet of sundry people at the Holy Thursday Vigil, likewise bishops and priests; their challenge is to keep the spirit of it throughout the year. Because true service is not a one-day wonder, it's an everyday wonder. - *Fr Andrew Bullen SJ*

### Parent Information Night for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Tuesday April 30th at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**Schools** begin Term 2 on Tuesday week April 23  
**SMJ School** will have their Easter Liturgy on Wednesday April 24th at 9am, all families are welcome.

GOD BLESS YOU ON



OF PRIESTHOOD

Fr John Pothiyittel celebrates the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination this Tuesday April 16th. We pray for John, our congratulations and our thanks to John for his Ministry. We will have a celebration of his anniversary at a later date.

### Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes:

please return to any Mass over Easter or to Holy Thursday Mass.

**Good Friday Collection for Holy Places** - to help preserve Our Lord's sites in the Holy Land and the peoples in Palestine - **envelopes in Foyers**.

**Easter Dues Envelopes** - for retired Priests and needy Parishes - **in the Foyer today**.

**Easter Ecumenical Service at Rabi Park Murtoa on Easter Sunday April 21st at 7am.** All welcome  
This Service will lead into the 8.30 Mass at Murtoa.

*We are a week from Easter. We are being taken towards our core story. If we only have a few moments to declare what we believe, we say "Jesus the Christ, in the power of the Spirit, reveals the fulness of the love of God the Father by his passion, death and resurrection". God was revealed as never before in a few days of historical events in that place; this changed everything everywhere, the core of our faith*

**The Parish Phones have been out of order since Monday.** A cable was cut. Still no contact from Telstra to tell us this or when the line will be restored. For any messages phone Fr Peter 0419323397

### Anzac Day Mass Thursday April 25th 9am SMJ

**Seder Meal this Wednesday April 17th at 7pm in the Parish Centre.** 27 booked already  
*The Meal commemorates the Passover Meal that leads to the Institution of the Eucharist.* \$8 a person, \$30 family.  
Let Anita know by Tuesday or come on Wednesday

The Triduum is central to our faith, when we celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This celebration begins with Holy Thursday Mass and continues on Good Friday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. At the end of Thursday's Mass and Friday's liturgy, we leave the church in silence, waiting to celebrate the glory of our Lord's resurrection. On Saturday the Church re-gathers to celebrate the final, and most grand moment of the Triduum: Christ's Resurrection.

### EASTER TRIDUUM

Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

**Fr Richard Leonard SJ** will lead our Parish in a Mission from November 23rd to 27th this year.

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Cathy Grace, Margaret Lingham, Joan Lane-Storey, Srs Manuela & Tirsa, Anita Masiero (Sec)

**Child Safety Standards.** Ss Michael & John Parish has Bob Pritchett as our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20,**  
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and

being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:** - The Passion of Luke

**Gospel Reflection – Passion Sunday**  
*Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. Every Passover from now on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions. Every element of the Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither

is it surprising that each of the canonical gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective. There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. Another is his capacity to reach out to others: to "turn towards" the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning, and to express his own concern for them. In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. In Luke's gospel, Jesus is the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life. It is easy to let

our own hurt find expression in criticism or mistreatment of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes more courage than most of us can muster to name unjust treatment for what it is, to truly forgive, to retain our peace of mind in such circumstances, and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence. Palestinian activist Lucy Nusseibeh, founder of Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND) and the members of the Israeli Coalition of Women for a Just Peace have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, we pray for the grace to act, like these Palestinian and Israeli women, with the dignity of the

**Easter Sunday Gospel: Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he is risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them

also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothings else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

**Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday:**

**Natimuk:** 10am gather at Lutheran Church, conclude at Nursing Home.

**Rupanyup:** Ecumenical Service in UC at 3pm

**Dimboola:** Lloyd Street at 3pm

**Murtoa:** St Mary's Church 3pm

**Holy Week Weekday Masses**

Tuesday 16 **2pm Anointing Mass**

Tuesday 16 **10.30 Pat McLennan Funeral**

Wednesday 17 **10.30 Peter Heenan Funeral Mass**

