

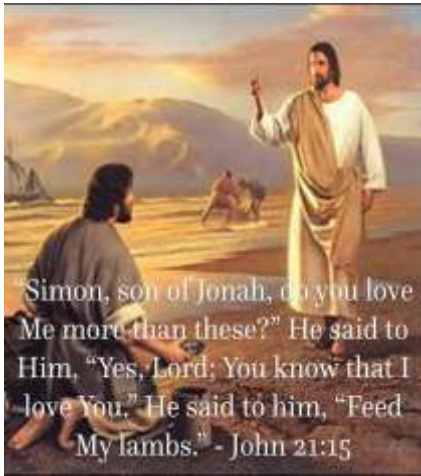


Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup -

BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Easter– 5th May 2019



Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord: You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." - John 21:15

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We welcome Fr Tom Brophy with us this weekend.

The Diocesan Mass Count begins this weekend and continues each weekend of May.

Collectors please take the count at each Mass or AWC and please fill out the sheets in the Sacristy, with numbers at Mass or AWC.

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion Mass Times:

Saturday June 15th: 6.30pm Mass.

Sunday June 16th: 10.30am Mass.

Saturday June 22nd: 6.30pm Mass.

Sunday June 23rd: 10.30am Mass.

Ss Michael and John Parish FAITH ON TAP this Monday May 6th in the Beer Garden at the Vic Hotel.

Come for a meal at 7pm,
then the talk.

We talk things faith and theology, to help us live as a Christian in our society.

Contact James & Ema-Lee Rowe
0431053345

All over 18yo are welcome



Parish Mums and Grandmothers and Special Friends are welcome. To register please ring the School on 5382300 or ring Anita. This Friday Breakfast from 8am in the Parish Centre and Liturgy in the Church at 9am

PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick to your loving care.

We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort in pain, their source of hope in times of despair, sorrow, woundedness, their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and 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 and value to You.

Give them patience and courage as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care, 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, on the path of pain and sadness with the sick.

Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.

Fr Peter has some skin cancer surgery in Geelong this Wednesday and Thursday. No weekday Masses this week, after 9.30am on Tuesday.

Fr John McKinnon will celebrate Horsham Masses and Murtoa 8.30 Mass next Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 10.30 Mass, Mother's Day. There will be no School led 10.30 Mass next Sunday May 12th.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 6th May **10am Funeral Mass for Anne Carracher**

Tuesday 7th May **9.30am Mass** Sr Veronica Carr, Michael Reinsma, Walter Hudson, Mark Ellis, Nicholas Brophy

Wednesday 8th **AWC 9.30**

Thursday 9th: **AWC 9.30**

Friday 10th **9am SMJ School Mother's Day Liturgy in the Church**

Saturday 11th **AWC 9.30**

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: Anne Carracher, Desmond Johnston

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Veronica Carr, Michael Reinsma, Terrence Keenan, Walter Hudson, Nicholas Brophy, Joanne van de Ven, Mark Ellis, Carolyn Claridge

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, Owen Duncan, Shilpa Joe, Evelyn Fowler,

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

**Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month
4th Sunday of Easter 12th May 2019**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

**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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday May 16th at 5.30pm.

Men's Breakfast Thursday May 16th 7.30am to 8.30am in the Parish Centre. All men are welcome

Children's Liturgy at Sunday 10.30 Mass:

Letiesha Dowling was co-ordinator. We are looking for helpers to help with this important help to our children at Mass.

Materials are provided, no teaching experience needed, just a willingness to share your faith with our children on each Sunday's Gospel. You need a current Working With Children Check, and we will assist you with this.

Please contact Anita at the Parish Office.



ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE

St Brigid's College

**OPEN DAY
& PARENT INFORMATION
EVENING**

Wednesday 5th June 2019
2.00pm - 7.00pm

**PARENT
FORUMS**

Your opinion matters to us!



FRI 31 MAY 2019
THU 13 JUNE 2019

DAY & NIGHT
FORUMS

ROSTERS

4/5 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Geoff Simpson	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Andrea Cox
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Kingsley Dalglish
11/12 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Michael Connellan
Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Micky Roberts Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Choir
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	12th May Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	19th May Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 37.00	Murtoa	\$ 80.00
Horsham	\$ 913.00	Dimboola	\$ 55.00
Total		\$ 1085.00	

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1150.00	Loose	\$ 241.50
Credit Card	\$ 2610.83	Direct Debit	\$ 380.00
Total		\$ 4382.33	

Did You Know?: The Sea of Galilee is also known as the Sea of Tiberias. Jesus' triple repetition of his question to Peter, 'Do you love me?' echoes the three denials of Jesus by Peter on the morning of his execution. The Greek word for fish, ichtus, is an acronym of the Greek words for 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour'. The fish was an early symbol used by Christians to denote Christ.

Daily Prayer: With a canticle of praise, O God enthroned in glory, we join every creature in worshipping Jesus who is alive among us and who invites us to this meal. Open our eyes to recognise your risen Son as he continues to show himself to his disciples through the worship and witness of the church. Loosen our tongues by the gift of your Holy Spirit that we may proclaim before all the world that Jesus is Lord.

Marriage Tip: What helps you calm down when you are upset? Are there trigger words that cause situations to escalate? Identify these and work with your spouse to adjust your conversations accordingly. **Vocational View.** Let people know that Jesus has the solution. Cast your net on the other side of life. Listen to God's Son. Tell the world what you hear.

Exploring the Word: The great haul of fish of so many varieties indicates that the Good News of the Gospel will take root in many nations and bring many converts. Jesus nourishes his disciples and the Eucharist continues to nourish those who follow the risen Lord. Jesus' dialogue with Peter establishes that love is the basis from which Christian service springs, showing the role given to Peter as the future leader.

Country Mass Times:

May 12: Dimboola AWC 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30am.
May 19: Murtoa 8.30am, Dimboola 8.30am, Nhill 10am.
May 26: Natimuk 8.30, Murtoa 8.30, Nhill 10, Dimboola 11.30
June 2: Murtoa 8.30, Dimboola AWC 8.30.

CWL MEETING this Tuesday 7th May at 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome.

Aid to the Church in Need is organising support for the rebuilding of Churches in Sri Lanka and healing wounds after the suicide bombs causing 250 deaths.

An envelope marked 'Sri Lanka' can be placed on the Collection plate.

"For what is one of the world's largest networks, the global Catholic community is closely bound by our shared faith. We stand in solidarity beside our brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka - from all backgrounds - with this tragedy and begin what must seem an unthinkable healing process."



MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES 2019

CONFERENCE MAY 13-15 for those who are inspired to strive creatively for justice, peace, reconciliation and God's mission of love. As we journey together towards Plenary Council 2020, the conference is a unique opportunity to listen, converse and experience the many and diverse voices that are an expression of the one heart of mission. The conference will explore the complexity and issues surrounding leadership, formation, theology and the practice of mission. Those who are passionate about mission and in leadership roles in parishes, communities, organisations and agencies are invited to come together and join a conversation that may enable us all to live the joy of the Gospel and lead mission.

Just received this. If you are interested please see Anita in the Office. The Conference is in Sydney May 13 to 15.

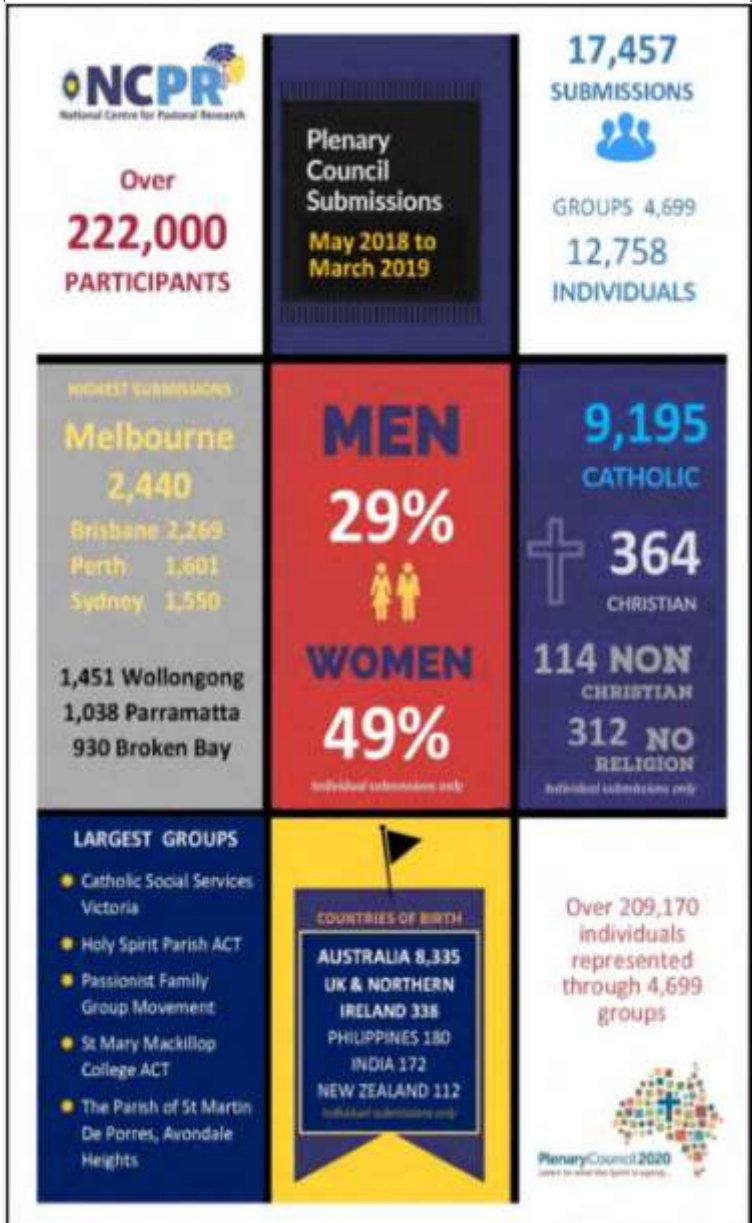
Registration is needed, forms in the Office.

Australian Bishops Federal Election Statement. The Bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace" statement is below and can be found at www.catholic.org.au

"Election campaigns can be fractious; there will be claims and counter-claims; emotions will run high. But despite difficult and sometimes hostile debates, Australia is blessed to have peaceful contests, free of the physical violence known in other countries. We all have a role in promoting peace – which means speaking to our fellow Australians with love not hate, with respect not contempt, with understanding not indifference. We all need to be more open, interested and engaged in order to combat the crude tribalism that is infecting Australia and other nations at this time." The statement, which includes a prayer for Catholics – and others – to use during the lead-up to the May 18 election, speaks of the importance of prayer and discernment in the electoral context. Among the policy issues the bishops' statement addresses are economic fairness, support for the vulnerable and marginalised, including the unborn and older people, just treatment of those seeking asylum, action on climate change and the unacceptable differences in health, education and employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Significant attention is given to key areas in which the Church is a major service provider, including education, social services and health and aged care.

Below is a graph presented by the Plenary Council Co-Ordinators on the submissions given to March 6th



National Themes for Discernment are to be announced on June 9. These will become the focus for the Listening and Discernment phase and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda. Resources to help people participate in that phase will ensure that the process continues to involve as many people as possible.

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: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment;

his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 21:1-14

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from

Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

Gospel Reflection – 3rd Sunday of Easter - Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

March 25 this year saw the publication of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. The Pope addresses his words to "young people and to the entire people of God". Quite early in the document, there is a call for the church to be a "living church", a church that is "attentive to the legitimate claims of those women who seek greater justice and equality" (par. 42). For Johannine scholar, Elizabeth Dowling RSM, this would entail a return to the spirit of the early chapters of John's gospel. John's final chapter marks an unfortunate shift in the portrayal of gender roles, a shift that would seem to reflect struggles in the early church to accept women in leadership roles. The focus is clearly on Peter, on his role as leader and his relationship with Jesus. In John 20, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resur-

rection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is she who receives the first resurrection appearance and she who is commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection to the other disciples. In today's Gospel, Peter goes fishing and other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see the figure of Jesus on the shore. His disciples, with the exception of the "beloved disciple", do not recognise him immediately. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At the invitation of Jesus, they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter, already foreshadowed in his decision to clothe his naked body. In the wake of his three-fold denial, Peter makes a three-fold profession of love of Jesus. This brings with it the responsibility of tending not only his "sheep" but also his "lambs" - a particular

resonance for a church that has failed so many of its children. The passage is filled with symbolism: Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) denotes the universality of the mission. The 30% decline in large fish species in my country provides a sober reminder that the mission must include the natural world as never before. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb "to draw" has several layers of meaning: the disciples were not able "to draw in the net....so Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore". These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, "And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw all to myself" (12:32). The "all" allows for the whole community, to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One, despite the failures of the past.

Next Week's Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

ENROLMENTS for 2020 are being taken at SBC, SMJ, OLHC. For information please ring **SBC 53823545**
SMJ 53823000
OLHC 53852526



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