



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup -

BULLETIN

5th Sunday of Easter – 19th May 2019



I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

John 13

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We welcome Fr Bill Melican with us this weekend.

The Diocesan Mass Count continues this weekend and next weekend.

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.

Kath Korth Funeral Mass this Monday at the Natimuk Uniting Church at 10am

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.



Catholic Education Week 2019 May 26th to 31st. The theme is Listen with the Ear of Your Heart.

St Benedict told his monks to "Listen by inclining the ear of your heart." His poetic language asks us to listen, not just with our ears, but with our hearts to all that comes our way. While we might hear the words with our actual ears, with our hearts we can deeply reflect, discern, and take action if necessary.

We will celebrate Catholic Education Week with Mass in SMJ Church on Monday May 27th at 11.30am. SBC, SMJ, OLHC, St Patrick's Nhill will attend. There will be lunch for the children and Staff in SMJ School grounds after Mass. **All families are welcome.**

The Parish Magazine **The Fisherman** will be printed for Pentecost. We welcome articles, photos, poetry from Parishioners. Please have these into Anita at the Office by Wednesday June 5th

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 will be with the SBC Year 11 Social Justice Retreat in Adelaide from Monday afternoon to Wednesday.

Mass on Thursday at 5.30pm.

Anointing Mass at Lutheran Home at 10.30 on Friday 24th.

Friday May 24th is the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia and CWL. All are welcome to Mass at the Lutheran Home at 10.30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 21st May	No Mass	
Wednesday 22nd	No Mass	
Thursday 23rd	5.30pm	Terry Vincent, Max Robertson, Murray Lloyd
Friday 24th May	10.30am	Anointing Mass, Lutheran Home. John Parker jr.
Saturday 25th May	10am	Max Shalders

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: Margaret Sherman (Fr Peter's Mother), Kath Korth, Evelyn Fowler, Allit Robinson

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Facchin, Helen Logan, Jack Byrne Murray Lloyd, Jessie Rabl, Helene Heinrich, John Parker Jnr, Max Robertson, Max Shalders, Terry Vincent, Elma Church, Sr Gabrielle Jackman

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Shilpa Joe Sr Geraldine Stapleton, John McNamara, Owen Duncan.

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

**Next Sunday 4th Sunday of the Month
6th Sunday of Easter 26th May 2019**

Horsham **Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am**
 Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
 Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
 Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**
 Dimboola **Sunday Mass 11.30am**

**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.

Tuesday 21st May – UN World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

In December 2002, the UN General Assembly, in its resolution 57/249, declared 21 May to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral and spiritual life. This is captured in the seven culture conventions, which provide a solid basis for the promotion of cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.

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Our Year 3 children and their families complete their Confirmation Belonging program this week. There are many groups to which we belong, one of the most important being our family. Belonging to the Church means that we are part of the community of believers in Jesus Christ. We become part of the community of believers through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

This Friday 24th May the children will receive their Eucharist Program . We pray for the children and their families in this time of preparation.

ROSTERS

18/19 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Andrea Cox
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Shayne Keenan
25/26 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Kevin Dunn	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Geoff Simpson Tess Hayes Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor John Parker	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Denise Vallance Zita Cannane
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	26th May Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	2nd June Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 195.00
Horsham	\$ 955.00	Dimboola	\$
Total			\$ 1150.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1292.00	Loose	\$ 54.20
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1346.20

Making Connections: Sometimes it is easy to love but at other times it becomes very difficult. Take up the challenge and act with love towards those you encounter this week?

Exploring the Word: The Gospel of John is often divided into two sections: the Book of Signs, detailing the public ministry of Jesus aimed at bringing people to belief, and the Book of Glory, which outlines events leading to his death and resurrection. Today Jesus is telling his disciples not just that they must love each other, but that they must love as he has loved. The love that Jesus showed was the total self-giving and selfless love that led to his death on the cross - his glorification.

Daily Prayer: In Christ you Son, O God of glory, you are making all things new. Make this new commandment of love the very foundation of our lives, so that, loving you and loving one another as Christ has loved us, we may show that we are Christ's disciples.

Marriage Tip: Thank your spouse for something she/he does for you, especially on a daily basis. A text mid-day or a welcome home "thank you" goes a long way.

Vocational View: Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

Do some gardening together gardening together gardening together this week. A simple lifestyle is good for us, helping us to be'er share with those in need.

Country Mass Times:

May 26: Natimuk 8.30, Murtoa 8.30, Nhill 10, Dimboola 11.30
June 2: Murtoa Mass 8.30am, Dimboola AWC 8.30.
June 9: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am

Thoughts on Today's Mass

When Judas had gone from the upper room, Jesus said: "Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. Those verses are the response of Jesus to the departure of Judas.

You may have difficulty interpreting the word **glorify** which occurs several times, a biblical term indicating the victory of God's power. It is significant that hallowed in the first petition of the Our Father means the same.



The Paschal Candle burning before us alerts us that on these Sundays after Easter we grasp the mystery of what it means to follow Jesus who has risen from death and who is sharing his new life with us. Jesus has called us out of darkness, he has renewed us in baptism, he calls us to give new life to the world, he beckons us to the glorious city beyond history where we shall be one with him in praising the Father.

We mourn with Fr Peter Sherman on the death of his mother Margaret Benedicta Sherman (nee Vagg) aged 92. Peter spoke beautifully about his mother at the Funeral in Colac on Friday. Peter's address is St Alipius Presbytery, 84 Victoria Street, Ballarat East, 3350

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

We have engaged the services of "Parent Engagement in Learning" consultant Tony Dalton who will facilitate a number of Parent forums regarding the work of our College in the education of your children. These forums will be an opportunity for parents to speak up about what we, as a school, are achieving but also areas which require improvement. **Dates:** Friday 31st May 2019 at either 9.00am, 1.45pm and 7.00pm. Tuesday 13th June 2019 at either 9.00am, 4.00pm and 7.00pm. I strongly encourage all parents to try and attend one of these forums as your input is most important for our College.

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PARENT FORUMS

Your opinion matters to us!



FRI 31 MAY 2019
THU 13 JUNE 2019

DAY & NIGHT FORUMS

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (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)

The reflection below was part of the CWL WUCWO Mass. It speaks to us all on how we can live with joy, hope and courage our faith in God in today's world.

In his apostolic exhortation, Gaudete et Exsultate, *Rejoice and be Glad*, Pope Francis says: "The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence."

Pope Francis gives us ten suggestions for living in holiness:

1. **Don't avoid the call** "We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church" § 14.
2. **Let yourself be guided by the beatitudes** "The Beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. We can only practise them if the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride"
3. **Give glory to God** "Those who really wish to give glory to God by their lives, who truly long to grow in holiness, are called to be single-minded and tenacious in their practice of the works of mercy" § 107.
4. **Cultivate humility** "Humility can only take root in the heart through humiliations. Without them, there is no humility or holiness. If you are unable to suffer and offer up a few humiliations, you are not humble and are not on the path to holiness"
5. **Live with joy and a sense of humor** "The saints are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. The Christian life is "joy in the Holy Spirit, the result of the love of charity is joy" § 122.
6. **Dare and Evangelise** "Holiness is also parrhesia: it is boldness, an impulse to evangelize and to leave a mark in this world. To allow us to do this, Jesus himself comes and tells us once more, serenely yet firmly: "Do not be afraid" (Mk 6:50)" § 129. "God is eternal newness. He impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond. He takes us to where humanity is most wounded, where men and women, beneath the appearance of a shallow conformity, continue to seek an answer to the question of life's meaning" § 135.
7. **Let the Lord come and rouse us up** "By force of habit we no longer stand up to evil. We "let things be", or as others have decided they ought to be. Yet let us allow the Lord to rouse us from our torpor, to free us from our inertia. Let us rethink our usual way of doing things; let us open our eyes and ears, and above all our hearts" § 137. "Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and to stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories" § 139.
8. **Pray often and know how to start over** "The saints are distinguished by a spirit of prayer and a need for communion with God. They find an exclusive concern with this world to be narrow and stifling, and, amid their own concerns and commitments, they long for God, losing themselves in praise and contemplation of the Lord. I do not believe in holiness without prayer. Prayer need not be lengthy or involve deep emotions"
9. **Prepare for the battle** "The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, we can rejoice when the Lord triumphs in our lives".
10. **Learning to discern** "How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must implore" § 166.

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

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne,

'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

Gospel Reflection – 5th Sunday of Easter - Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his foot-weary table companions, and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past six years. Jesus is troubled in spirit (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained good-

ness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship. The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another

just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other". This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the sick, weary, war-ravaged and displaced; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.

Next Week's Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this, before it happens, so when it does

happen you may believe.'



St Brigid's College
OPEN DAY
& PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Wednesday 5th June 2019
2.00pm - 7.00pm

ENROLMENTS for 2020 are being taken at SBC, SMJ, OLHC. For more information and bookings please ring the School you wish to enrol at. Thank you.

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SMJ 5382 3000
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Aid to the Church in Need is organising support for the rebuilding of Churches in Sri Lanka and healing their wounds after the suicide bombs causing 250 deaths. **An envelope marked 'Sri Lanka' can be placed on the collection plate.** "The global Catholic community is closely bound by our shared faith. We stand in solidarity beside our brothers and sisters from all backgrounds"