



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

Pentecost Sunday – 9th June 2019



On June 15/16, 22/23 we will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion for our Horsham based children.

Please pray for the children and their families. The children's photos are on the wall in the Church.

The children celebrating their Sacraments next weekend will have a Rehearsal in SMJ Church this Thursday at 10am.

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.

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We welcome back Fr Damian this weekend

We welcome this weekend for their Annual Golf Tournament, members of the Knights of the Southern Cross from Victoria and South Australia. We wish them a safe and pleasant weekend. **There will be Mass in SMJ Church tonight Sunday at 5pm**, concelebrated by Fr Tony Kerin from Melbourne, and Monsignor Frank Marriott from Bendigo.

Our Parish Magazine The Fisherman is in our Foyers today for you to take home.

Our Gifting Mass is on Thursday June 20th in SMJ Church at 11.30am.

SBc Yrs 7 to 9, SMJ School, OLHC Murtoa will attend.

The children bring to School items of non-perishable food and the baskets of these will be presented at the Mass and given to St Vincent de Paul and the Christian Emergency Food Centre to give to the needy.

Parishioners are welcome to bring to Church over these weeks items of non-perishable food that will be given with our Schools. Leave these in the Church.

Pentecost Sunday ends the Church's Season of Lent and Easter. We return to the Ordinary Time of the Church's Year from this Monday.

The Weekday Readings for Mass are from Year 1, and we read from the 10th week.

The Sunday Readings for Mass are from Year C.

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday. June 23rd is Corpus Christi.

Natimuk Nursing Home Mass this Thursday 13th at 4.15pm.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism today

Amelia Molly Jose daughter of Stuart and Majella

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 11 June	5.30pm	St Barnabas. Sarah Connellan anniv.
Wednesday 12 June	9.30am	Jack Giles anniv.
Thursday 13 June	9.30am	St Anthony of Padua
Friday 14 June	9.30am	Frances Rowe anniv.
Saturday 15 June	10am	Carmelo Baviello anniv

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: Tom Buwalda	
ANNIVERSARIES: Carmela Baviello, Jack O'Neill, Ethel Walsh, Elizabeth Kelly, Jack Giles, Sarah Connellan, Frances Rowe	
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 3rd Sunday of the Month Holy Trinity Sunday 16th June 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.	
Coughlan Park Board Meeting this Wednesday June 12th at 5pm.	



JUNE 12: WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR Childhood is a fairly modern invention. That does not mean, of course, that children only became children in recent times. But they have often been thought of as little adults and compelled to act like them. You can see this in family portraits well into the nineteenth century. In them children were dressed as adults and cajoled into adult expressions. They were prepared for their adult roles from birth. This corresponded to life among village peoples, too. In large families children are often allowed to play freely until they are five or so. Then they share the care of the younger children and are fully equipped for their adult work by the age of nine. In Central America girls will have carried water, sought out firewood, and learned to prepare the cactus for hemp or work in the rice fields. Girls could be betrothed at 12 and celebrate their initiation into adulthood at 15. The idea that childhood might have several stages arose in a period when adult roles in society required more education and formation. As a result children were dependent on their families for longer and were slower to accept adult responsibilities. Child labour needs to be seen in the light of the changing roles of children and demands of adulthood in different cultures. What might be reasonable in a poor rural society where the whole family is engaged in making a living would be totally out of place in an urban society where workers are contracted to businesses and children need a long education to thrive as adults. Debates about child labour began in the industrial revolution when enclosures and falling agricultural prices forced families into towns. Mills, mines and other industries sought the labour of children because they were more compliant, could work long hours in tightly enclosed spaces and could be paid less. In an age where businesses took no responsibility for safety, health and morale, children's welfare was gravely compromised by working practices and the need of families for the meagre income they could bring in. Charles Dickens represented these children in his novels and challenged the prevailing attitudes to their work. This opposition strengthened during the last century. Nevertheless, children are still at risk in many parts of the world. They are often seized and trained as soldiers for insurgencies and civil wars, particularly in Africa. They are also widely employed in dangerous mines and in factories where their health is put at risk by the spill in the industrial process. Their health is hostage to the callous focus by powerful people on amassing wealth at the expense of the disadvantaged people in their societies. We do not see these horrors in Australia But children have been held in Immigration detention centres and a shameful number of Indigenous children have been imprisoned. They may not be exploited in their work, but their treatment blights their hopes. To separate children routinely from their parents makes it more likely they will later find themselves in adult prisons. For society it is a confession of failure. The Gospel makes central the preciousness of each child, each human being in God's eyes. They have a preciousness and a destiny that makes it criminal to use them in a way that cripples their growth and puts out the light of hope in their eyes.

ROSTERS		
8/9th June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Tess Hayes	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Alison McKinnon
15/16 June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Garry Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	John Parker	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Roberts Cathy Taylor John Parker Geoff Simpson Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Filipino Choir	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Pat Strachan Joan Whaley	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	16th June Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan	23rd June Pauline Barber Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Kate Heron-Spasic
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Rupanyup	\$ 75.00	Murtoa \$ 102.00
Horsham	\$ 808.00	Dimboola \$ 60.00
Total		\$ 1054.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 1025.00	Loose \$ 83.60
Credit Card	\$ 3410.83	Direct Debit \$ 1489.67
Total		\$ 6009.10

Country Mass Times:

June 16: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30. Nhill 10am
June 23: Natimuk 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am. Dimboola AWC 8.30
June 30: Murtoa Mass 8.30.

Making Connections: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments.' What are the commandments that Jesus gave? How easy or difficult is it for you to keep them and live them? 'The Advocate...will teach you everything and remind you of all that I said to you.' How open are you to seeing the action of the Holy Spirit in the world around you? Recall someone you no longer see but who had a significant influence on shaping who you are; someone whose memory is alive for you and whose influence remains strong. Pentecost is fifty days after Easter and is the culmination of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle. The church teaches that the Holy Spirit brings both gifts and fruits to the faithful. Sharing the Tradition: The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgement), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety (reverence) and fear (awe) of the Lord. The church lists twelve fruits of the Spirit: charity (love), joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. How do you see them manifested in yourself and others?

Daily Prayer: Today, O God, you bring to fulfillment the paschal mystery of Jesus your Son. Pour forth your Holy Spirit on the church to be a living Pentecost throughout history and to the very ends of the earth. Gather all nations and peoples as one to believe, to hope and to love.

Marriage Tip: If your spouse does something thoughtful, reinforce your gratitude with a simple thank you or a thoughtful gesture in return.

Plenary Council 2020 – National Themes for Discernment

After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. **More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available next week.**

A New Diocesan Vision Statement

Parishioners, Groups and Committees are invited to be part of a process of consultation to find words to express a common vision for our Diocese. The consultative process has been initiated by Bishop Paul Bird and the Bishop's Advisory Council. Your response is due 15th July. Further information from Parish Office or www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

School Advisory Council Meetings this week

at Nhill on Tuesday, SMJ School on Tuesday, SBC on Wednesday, OLHC on Wednesday. With these clashes Fr Peter will attempt to attend some of these SACS.

Fr Peter attends the Northern Zone Priests' Meeting at Birchip on Tuesday 11th from 9.30am to 1.30pm.



SBC Students are asking you to save the BREAD TAGS from your plastic bread bags, please. You can leave these in the box in the Church marked "Bread Tags". These tags are recycled and made into seeding trays, the proceeds will help to provide wheelchairs for people in need in South Africa.

Our Faith on Tap has unfortunately been cancelled indefinitely due to the lack of access to guest speakers. We'd like to thank everyone who has supported us this past year, and please keep an eye on our Facebook page and the parish bulletin for any updates in the future.
James & Ema-Lee Rowe.

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

Planned Giving Program

June ends the financial year, so can you please ensure that your planned giving is up to date over the next month. We realise there can many pressures on family finances, so we do appreciate your support of our Parish financial responsibilities. Our Budget is \$150,000 together with other sundry income.

We have \$20,000 to receive in pledges to June 30. Thank you if you can meet your pledge at this time. The Diocesan Finance Office has done a review of our Parish Finances. Mark Bromley from the Office, will meet with our Parish Finance Committee in June to discuss this review and our future.

A copy of the Parish Profit and Loss Statement from July 1 2018 to May 18 2019, together with a summary of our Planned Giving Program, are in our Pentecost Parish Magazine *The Fisherman* in the Foyers today.



The St Vincent de Paul WINTER APPEAL is held in the Winter months

SBC, SMJ, OLHC welcome 2020 enrolments now.

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 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.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual

lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. 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 witness that we are children of God. 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.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: John 14:15-16,

Jesus said to his disciples 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. '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.'

**Gospel Reflection – Pentecost—
Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Pentecost Sunday is called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. When the Jerusalem temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. 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 (Acts 2:1-11), 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 tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed with this outpouring of God's Spirit. The disciples are filled with joy. 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 sins or transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain". To seize hold of evil-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, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. 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 power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with or "seize hold of" the sins of the perpetrators of violence and abuse in our Church and in our world. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide us in the way of truth and give us the courage to deal with evil-doing in our midst.

Next Week's Gospel: John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.'

Vocational View: Like sun through a stained glass window, the Spirit of God can shine in your life to rouse the best in another. Come, follow Him.

We rejoice at the Opening of the new Cancer Centre in Horsham this Wednesday. Welcome to visitors and family members here for the long weekend.

A National Week of Prayer and Action for the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) will be held from June 16 – 23. During this week, the CAPSA network (schools, parishes organisations join together across the country to pray, advocate and raise awareness for people seeking asylum in our communities. Activities are focussed on the recent cuts to basic material and case management support for people seeking asylum. For more information go to <https://capsa.org.au/>