



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

Pentecost Sunday - 31st May 2020



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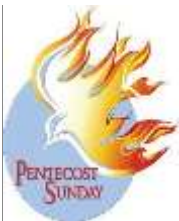
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Pope Francis Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never let me be separated from You."



Pentecost Sunday ends the Easter Season

The Paschal Candle is placed in the Baptistery.

Monday June 7th begins the Ordinary Time of the Church Year.

Sunday Readings Year A.
Weekday Readings Year 2.

Next Sunday June 7 is Trinity Sunday.

Sunday June 14 is the Feast of Corpus Christi.

From June 1st, 20 people can attend any Mass. 20 people can attend weekend Masses 6.30pm, 9am, 10.30am

For Saturday 6.30pm Mass and Sunday 9am and 10.30am Mass, you must still let us know you are coming. Please phone or leave a message at the Office 53821155, or on my mobile 0419323397.

We are still dispensed from our Sunday Mass Obligation (canon law 1248) if we can't make the 20 who can attend any Sunday Mass.

Next weekend June 6/7 with 20 people attending each of SMJ Masses

Saturday 6.30 Mass
Sunday 7th Mass at 9am and 10.30am. *This will allow 60 people to attend SMJ.*

Mass Dimboola Sunday 8.30
Mass Murtoa Sunday 10.30.

SMJ Church will be opened each day from 9am - 5pm for private prayer. Please enter and leave the Church, by the door near the Presbytery.

* **20 can attend daily Mass.** You must sign in at the side door of the Church: your name, address, phone number.

* use hand sanitizer at the door as you enter and use again as you leave the Church.

The "4-square-metre rule" of physical distancing applies - you must remain at least 1.5m from all directions of anyone not from your house.

The Church will be cleaned this week and lights repaired for our return.

ONLINE MASSES: (Eucharistic Group Facebook page)
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm. Sunday Mass 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament THURSDAY 10-11

Tuesday 2nd	5.30pm	Chris Starr anniv.
Wednesday 3	9.30am	Charles Lwanga & Companions. Ken Kennedy, Patrick Murphy
Thursday 4th	9.30am	
Friday 5th	9.30am	St Boniface. World Environment Day. Theo and Ann Buwalda
Saturday 6th	10am	St Marcellin. Terry Vincent, Joan Vincent



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity May 24-31st

Ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered, look kindly on the flock of your Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Today is Pentecost Sunday:

Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others, and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.
Holy Spirit fill us, renew us daily.

Our Parish Bulletin is online

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au select Horsham Parish, click on the yellow magnifying glass symbol, open Horsham below.

Anointing of the Sick and Individual Confession, on request to Fr Peter.

Funerals, 50 people can attend, we work with the Funeral homes

The Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 and SBC Yrs 7, 11 & 12 were welcomed back last Tuesday Yrs 3,4,5, 6 and SBC Yrs 8-10 will commence on June 9.

We pray for a safe, happy, faith-filled, enriching education for the rest of the school year.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Recent Deaths: Alan Chalkley (*Mildura*), Nellie Dix, Henry Koenig (*Singapore - Rita Metti's brother*) Brother Kevin Woodruff cfc, Clare Murfett (*Colac*),

Anniversaries: Terry Vincent, Joan Vincent, Ray Reinsma, Martin Ryan, Jack Byrne, Pauline O'Connor Theo Buwalda, Ann Buwalda, Chris Starr, Terrence John Keenan Sr, Ken Kennedy, Patrick Murphy, Sr Gabrielle Jackman

Sick: Debbie Nolen, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Pat Craig, John McNamara, Elsie Thomas Sr Tirsia Bale, Laurie Manserra, Doris McDonald

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 53821155

Livestreaming of Mass at SMJ Church:

For those on Facebook, who would like to watch Mass at SMJ Church online: A group page, set up by Sr Manuela, titled "Eucharistic Group", which Parishioners are free to join. Click on the magnifying glass symbol at the top of your Facebook home page, type in "Eucharistic Group" into the search bar, tap the magnifying glass symbol again to search, and in the results you shall find one with the image above, tap into it and once loaded click 'Join' to see posts, receive updates.



Eucharistic Group

Finances: Thank you for those who have dropped in envelopes or who have gone online to our BSB or CDF Accounts for Planned Giving Program, Presbytery, Project Compassion, and Easter Dues. In these difficult times, with so many not having an income, anything you can give to any of these Collections, is gratefully received. **You can drop Envelopes or money into the Parish Office anytime: open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 12.30**

THANK YOU

Collections
Presbytery - Plate: \$923.00
PG - Envelopes: \$1505.00
Project Compassion: \$48.20

If you wish to give via our Parish BSB Account :
BSB: 083 680 Account: 515830337
REF: Your Envelope number/surname or put "Presbytery" for the plate collection.

Daily Prayer: O God of the covenant, you revealed yourself on the holy mountain in fire and on Pentecost in the flame of the Holy Spirit. May your fire burn away pride, consume our hatreds, annihilate the armaments of death, kindle within the human family, your welcoming love

Making Connections: Red is the colour which is associated with the Spirit, it symbolises the intense love or 'fire' of the Holy Spirit, tongues of flame, wind and a dove. All have their origins in Scripture. Each conveys the mystery of the Spirit of God which is beyond human understanding.

Did you Know?: Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the Passover, a great 'pilgrimage' festival when people came to celebrate at the Temple. It was for this festival that pilgrims were present at Jerusalem on the day when the Spirit came into the disciples lives.

Marriage Tip: What lifts up your spirit? A funny story, a good meal, a hug, a compliment? Lift up each other today.

Daily Prayer: Pour forth your Holy Spirit on your church, gathered in prayer with the mother of Jesus, cause springs of living water to well up within it, to quench our thirst for justice and truth. **A Vocation View:** "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit, activated to build up the Church.

To help us pray Mass for Pentecost Sunday:

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and fills all peoples with understanding, alleluia.

Collect Let us pray.

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O God, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and lead us into all truth.

Preface (The Eucharistic Prayer)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. Bringing your Paschal Mystery to completion, you bestowed the Holy Spirit today on those you made your adopted children by uniting them to your Only Begotten Son. This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise, and the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant: Under the influence of the Holy Spirit we acknowledge that Jesus is Lord.
For Pope Francis that the Holy Spirit will sanctify, guide, and console him at all times as he leads us our Universal Church in faith, joy, hope, peace.
For Christians everywhere, that they may be united in one Church through the Holy Spirit.
For our parish community, that, while isolated physically from each other, we may, in the Spirit, use our gifts in the service of the community.
For the Church in Australia preparing for Plenary Council in 2021, that Bishops and people will listen to what the Spirit is saying to us, and listen to each other with respect, faith and hope.
For reconciliation in this land, that the Holy Spirit of our Great Southern Land will bring healing, hope and new opportunities to our First Nation people and to all living in Australia.
For those sick with the Covid 19 virus, other sick and vulnerable people, that, seeking the consoling balm of the Holy Spirit, healing and courage will be theirs, and hope for all severely affected by our changes in society.
For those who have passed through death, Alan Chalkley, Henry Koenig, Brother Kevin Woodruff cfc, Clare Murfett, Nellie Dix, for those anniversaries occurring at this time Terry Vincent, Joan Vincent, Ray Reinsma, Martin Ryan, Jack Byrne, Pauline O'Connor Theo Buwalda, Ann Buwalda, Chris Starr, Terrence John Keenan Sr, Ken Kennedy, Patrick Murphy, Sr Gabrielle Jackman, that the Holy Spirit will gather them into the joyful life of the Holy Trinity, where they will be

COUNTRY MASS TIMES

June 7th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

June 14th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30. **Nhill 5pm.**



Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June)

This year the theme is **'IN THIS TOGETHER'**.

We are asked what it means to say to our friends or fellow Australians, 'We are in this together'. Easy words, but not so easy to put into practice. In our time of isolation we have vivid images of what it looks like to be in it together in the selfless commitment of doctors, nurses and other medical staff, through the simple ways in which people look after others in need by buying for them, ringing them and in many similar ways. Reconciliation cannot be a papering over of past actions and injuries but the recognition and coming to terms of them. It means acknowledging that the history of our past relationships has been marked by dispossession, violence and discrimination. To read more go to <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/in-this-together>
In 2020 **Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years** of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation. **Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians** – as individuals, families, communities, organisations, as a nation, a journey of relationships between the Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as we strive towards a more just, equitable nation working for unity and mutual respect as we connect with each other.

Our Sacramental Program: Once School resumes for all classes on June 9th, we will inform Parents of the dates and Parent Meeting for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers as they prepare for this program. Dates too to complete First Reconciliation.

Appointment of new Director of CECV. I am pleased to advise that Fr Justin Driscoll has been appointed by the Members of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Limited (that is, the four Victorian bishops) as a Director of CECV, replacing Fr Peter Slater VC (Sale Diocese). Fr Justin's extensive experience as a diocesan priest, a school governing authority and former member of CECV Review Body Committee will have prepared him very well to be a company director and the CECV Board will be greatly enhanced by his wealth of wisdom and experience. (Audrey Brown)

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS: to take effect Monday June 1st.
Fr Matthew Thomas (from Swan Hill) to Mildura as PP.
Fr James Kerr (from Mildura assistant priest) to Swan Hill PP
Fr Anthony Nagothu (Western Border assistant) Robinvale Adm
Fr George Kuruvila Koorumullumpurayidam (newly arrived from India) to Western Border, to live in Edenhope as Adm.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our Parish rejoices as we prepare for Reception into the Fullness of the Church our RCIA Candidates:

Robert Fry, Maryann & Julia Kardogeros,
Maricel Mahmood, Vince, Lance & Lander Rosello.
Please pray for our candidates.

World Environment Day 2020



World Environment Day Friday June 5th

The theme **Biodiversity – Solutions Are In Nature**

The occasion's theme - *It's*

Time for Nature -highlights how nature delivers vital services to humanity and the urgent need to halt its destruction. It addresses the current coronavirus pandemic that we are protected against future global threats which requires sound management of hazardous medical and chemical waste; strong and global stewardship of nature and biodiversity; and a clear commitment to "building back better", create green jobs and facilitate the transition to carbon neutral economies. Humanity depends on action now for a resilient and sustainable future.

The importance of biodiversity according to Laudato Si':

"Extinction of plant and animal species caused by humanity changes the ecosystem, and future consequences cannot be predicted. "Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever". The diverse species are not just an exploitable "resource": they have a value in and of themselves, which is not in function of human beings. "Creatures are connected...for all of us, as living creatures, we are dependent on one another". *The care of richly biodiverse areas is necessary for ensuring the equilibrium of the ecosystem and therefore of life.*"

Prayer to the Holy Spirit Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



May 31st is the Feast of the Visitation

of Mary to Elizabeth The meeting of Mary and Elizabeth was also a meeting of the children they were carrying, the Saviour and His precursor. John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb. In Luke's account we see hints of Mary as the Ark of the Covenant, the one who bears God. Joy pervades this scene as Mary brings the hidden presence of Jesus to the home of her relatives. Today Mary presents Jesus to the world through her role as our spiritual mother.

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 & Tirsia.

Child Safety Standards. Ss Michael & John Parish has **Bob Pritchett and Jill McGennisken** are our Safeguarding Officers. 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 and vulnerable adults 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, 29-31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, 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, renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation: SeqAccl

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

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Gospel Reflection: Pentecost Veronica Lawson rsm:

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. The earth itself features powerfully in the imagery associated with this feast: harvest, mountain, earthquake, thunder, fire. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the opening of the harvest. 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. 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 in the upper room 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 God's Law in their own tongue. For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The resurrected Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting:

"Peace be with you," the greeting we have been in the practice of offering each other with a simple gesture at every Eucharistic celebration-until Covid-19 challenged us to find other ways of communicating the peace of Christ. Jesus sends his disciples 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 transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain". To seize hold of wrong-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, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of both church and civic leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence. The Holy Spirit is likewise the source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and our power to ensure restoration and healing. In our times, the earth itself cries out for forgiveness, for restoration and for healing. As we celebrate this feast of the Holy Spirit in a time of pandemic, we might consider engaging in a "values inventory" by looking at how much of our personal and collective resources we invest in the things that make for peace.

Next Week's Gospel Trinity Sunday: John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Blessing of the Holy Spirit. May God, the Father of lights, who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, grant you gladness by his blessing and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit. **Amen.** May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples, powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil and fill them with its purifying light. **Amen.** May God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues in the profession of one faith, give you perseverance in our faith and guide your journey of hope to clear vision. Amen.

Enrolments for 2021 are now open for SMJ, OLHC, SBC, St Patrick's Nhill. Information Packs are available from each of the Schools or online. Each School also has their own Facebook Page.