



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk-Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

3rd April 2016

### 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

10.30 Mass: Blessing the Image of Divine Mercy.

12.30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

*Lunch and cuppa in the Foyer during the afternoon.*

1pm-2pm: Confessions. Rosary 2p

2.30: Litany of Divine Mercy.

3pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

3.10pm: Benediction.



## Jesus, I Trust In You!

**Making Connections:** Look for ways in which a simple gesture of touch can convey friendship, compassion or support this week.

**Marriage Tip:** This Easter season, focus on good habits, such as going to Mass during the week, laughing more, and finding ways to be charitable. There is always room to grow.

**Daily Prayer:** Open our hearts to the Spirit Jesus breathes on us. Help us, who have not seen, to believe; send us, as you have sent Jesus, to the world with the Easter word/peace to share the Spirit's new life of forgiveness.

**A Vocation View:** You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!

**"Mercy Has A Face"** Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. We are the face of Christ the face of mercy in our part of the world and beyond. May each of us be the ME in MERCY.

*"Easter is the transformation that we carry forward into our daily lives."*

#### Country Mass Times in April/ May 1:

April 10th: Dimboola LLA 8.30.

Murtoa Mass 8.30am

April 17th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

April 24th: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30.

Murtoa 10.30.

May 1st: Dimboola LLA 8.30. Murtoa **8.30**

*Gospel Reflection - 2nd Easter Yr C*  
*Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

We now speak of the Sundays "of Easter". The liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit.

The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves, and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in our pursuit of justice and peace. It also invites us to ponder the consequences of forgiving on the one hand and of not forgiving on the other. To forgive another is to release that person from the burden of guilt and shame.

Forgiveness opens up the possibility of healing for all concerned. To refuse forgiveness or to "retain" the sins of another is to leave that person unforgiven and so unhealed. We might also consider the consequences of refusing to open ourselves to forgiveness. More often than not, those who refuse to forgive others have failed to forgive themselves for their own failures.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that those who hear from the outset are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days later! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled their fears. Even those who do believe and trust may need a time to take the gospel message on board.

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#### Daylight Saving Ends

**Tonight, Saturday, before**

**you go to bed turn your**

**clocks BACK one hour.**

*Enjoy the extra hour sleep*

*and early morning sunrises.*

Fr Peter has a family wedding in America and will be away 4th to 23rd April. Fr John will reside in the Presbytery at this time.

Fr Damien will be here April 16/17 I'm home for April 23/24.

\* Fr John is on holidays in India from April 26th to June 3rd

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday April 21st at 5.30pm.**

**Anzac Day Mass Monday April 25th 9am SMJ Church.**

**Parent Meeting for Year 3 Children for Confirmation and First Communion on Tuesday April 26th at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Booklets, Cluster Groups, details given.**

#### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 5th April 5.30pm

Wednesday 6th April 9.30am

Thursday 7th April 9.30am

Friday 8th April 9.30am

Saturday 9th April 10.00am

Project Compassion boxes/envelopes, Good Friday and Easter Dues envelopes can be placed on the collection or leave at the Office. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**Blessed Easter Water** bottles in the Foyers. You can refill bottles anytime from the white containers in the Church

#### 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

**Deaths:** Doreen Stowe, Kevin Krelle, Mother Evangelica, Brian Jongebloed

**Anniversaries:** Peg Feery, Maureen O'Connor, David Owens

**Sick:** Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Brian Rice, Corey Panozzo, Renee Kerr, Susan Finnigan, Peter Kelly, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Lyn Cooper, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Peter Laskey, Fred Webb

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Confessions Saturday after Mass (10.25)**

**Saturday Morning: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20. Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church. 10am Mass**

**Next Sunday 2nd Sunday. 3rd of Easter - 10th April 2016**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am  
Dimboola **Sunday LLA 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30am**

**Good Friday: (to date) \$1206.15 Easter Dues \$1400**  
**Project Compassion: \$2984.00 Thank you**

**CWL Meeting this Tuesday 5th 1.30 in Meeting Room**

**Meditation Group** each Tuesday 2pm in Church Meeting Rm

"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed" Jesus

**Christ is Risen, Alleluia! We give thanks for God's mercy**

**1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16**  
The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.  
**Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 22-27**  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.  
O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
**2nd Reading: Revelation 1:9-13. 17-19**  
My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'  
**Acclamation: John 20:29**  
Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!  
**Gospel: John 20:19-31**  
In the evening of that same day, 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.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing this you may have life through his name.

**ROSTERS**

<b>April 9/10</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Taylor Butler	Eileen McManus
<b>Commentator</b>	John Foster	Angela Murphy
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin	Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Zita Cannane Judy Reid Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Alison McKinnon
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carolyn Boseley Marie McMillan	Helene Bush Marina Manserra
<b>Prayers</b>	John and Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>10th April</b> Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hemon-Spasic	<b>17th April</b> Shirley Hoffmann Marie McMillan Margo Hogan

**FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Pres Acct) Total: \$2457**  
Dimboola \$255. Murtoa \$99. Horsham \$2023. Natimuk \$80.  
**2nd Collection - Envelopes/Loose money. Green Bag. Envelopes \$1672. Loose \$316.55. Total: \$1988.55**