



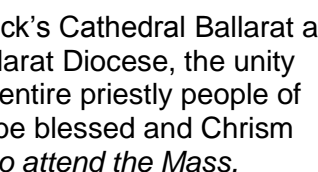
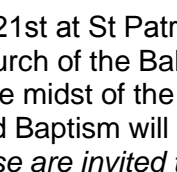
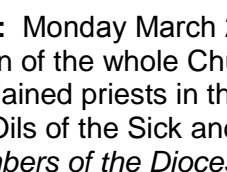
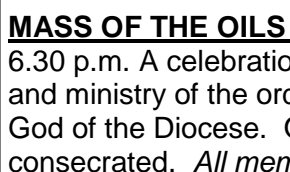
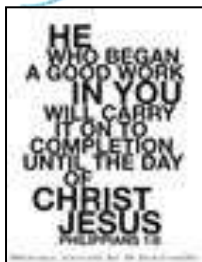
Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 20th 2016



PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Hudson
Parish Secretary: Anita Masiero
10 Roberts Ave Horsham 3400
PO Box 212, Horsham Vic 3402
Phone: 5382 1155.
Fax: 5382 3016
Email: horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

SCHOOLS

Ss Michael & John Primary
Principal: Andrea Cox
Phone: 5382 3000
St Brigid's College
Principal: Peter Gutteridge
Phone: 5382 3545
Our Lady Help of Christians
Principal: Gary Typuszak
Phone: 5385 2526

Please return Project Compassion boxes/envelopes to Holy Week Services or Easter Masses
Thank you.

We welcome Fr Damien for our Passion Sunday Masses. Fr John will assist us in Holy Week and at Easter Masses.
We thank them sincerely.

We welcome SMJ School as they lead the Ministries at 10.30 Mass today.

We pray for a safe and blessed School holidays for our Schools from Thursday returning to School April 11th.

Please return Passion Sunday and Good Friday books to the box in the Foyer

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Week begins with Passion Sunday today.

Branches are available at each Church. You are invited to take a blessed branch home as a symbol of God's peace abiding there.

MASS OF THE OILS: Monday March 21st at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30 p.m. A celebration of the whole Church of the Ballarat Diocese, the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. Oils of the Sick and Baptism will be blessed and Chrism consecrated. *All members of the Diocese are invited to attend the Mass.*

ANOINTING MASS Tuesday March 22nd at 2pm in SMJ Church.
We will be anointed with newly blessed Oil of the Sick. Cuppa in the Hall after.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE Tuesday March 22nd at 7pm in SMJ Church.
Hymns, prayers, scripture, examination of conscience, **individual absolution of sins at the end.**

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Thursday March 24th at 7.30pm in SMJ Church.
Reception of the New Oils, Washing of the Feet. Mass ends with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the Church at the Tabernacle
All are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament to 10pm
"Could you not pray one hour with Me" said Jesus.

Children for the Sacraments this year are invited to have their feet washed. Fr Peter will come to the children in their family seat for this washing.
Jesus washed his disciples' feet as a call to service of others.

GOOD FRIDAY CEREMONY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Friday March 25th at 3pm in SMJ Church.
The Passion of John is read, Intercessions prayed, Collection for the Holy Places, Holy Communion, and the Altar is stripped.

EASTER VIGIL AND MASS OF THE RESURRECTION Saturday 26th at 7.30pm in SMJ Church.
We begin outside the Church with the Lighting of the Easter Fire, and Process the Easter Candle into the Church. The Exultet is sung. Readings from the OT. Mass of the Resurrection. Renewal of our Baptismal Promises. Blessing of the people with Easter Water.
At the end of Mass you are invited to take home a bottle of blessed Easter Water, to bless your family and home.

+ Easter Mass on Holy Saturday March 26th at Murtoa at 7.30pm.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES March 27th : Horsham 10.30am.
Natimuk 8.30am. Dimboola 10.30am.

Weekday Masses this Week
Tuesday 2pm. Wednesday 9.30am

Ecumenical Way of the Cross on Good Friday:
Natimuk 10am. Rupanyup 9am. Dimboola 10am.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Dawn Buffham (Bendigo)

ANNIVERSARIES: Bunny O'Connor, Annie Elizabeth Ryan, Angelina Panozzo

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

Emergency Care: Contact Coordinator
Betty 5382 6688

Confessions next Saturday at 10am

NO EXPOSITION, MASS, ROSARY
ON HOLY SATURDAY

Next Sunday 4th Sunday of the Month
Easter Sunday- 27th March

Horsham Saturday - 7.30pm Sunday - 10.30am

Murtoa **Easter Saturday Vigil and Mass 7.30pm**

Dimboola **Easter Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Natimuk **Easter Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.

Regular Activities in the Parish

Mother's Prayer Group Fortnightly Every Wednesday
2.00pm Church Meeting Room Contact Marina 5382 1047

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
Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

CWL Meetings 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm in Meeting Room.

Men's Group Meet 3rd Thursday of the month, breakfast
7.30am-8.30, Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428 847 455

St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meets twice monthly. Available
Monday & Friday 11am-12pm, for assistance. Phone 5381 2371

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS 3rd Thursday of each
Month at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Forms to be filled in with
the Parish Office prior. Contact is the Parish Office 53821155.

Piety Stall in the Church has gifts for Baptism, Confirmation,
Eucharist, cards, medals etc., lovely Peru crosses.

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday 2nd Sunday of Easter April 3rd
Mass 10.30. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 12.30.
Confessions 12.45 – 2 Rosary 2. Litany 2.30. Chaplet 3.
Benediction 3.10. Lunch, cuppa provided. All welcome.

Free counselling, support offered by Centacare Ballarat
for families, individuals affected by the drought, other issues
Free call 130303988 to make an appointment. Centacare
can visit your home; they use our Parish Interview Room.
Totally confidential, there is much Government money
available, so don't hesitate to ring this number, times
arranged to suit you and your needs. Support open to all

ROSTERS

March 19/20	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Maureen Ervin John Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvana Foster	Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Lesley Lannen Karen Hill
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	27th March Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Barbara Gloury Kath Atkins	3rd April Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 110.00
Horsham	\$ 674.00 !!!!	Dimboola	\$ 71.00
Total			\$ 955.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 19

Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals

Envelopes	\$ 3540.00	Loose	\$ 56.75
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 3596.75

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES ROSTER

Holy Thursday:

Readers - Garry and Betty Heinrich.

Eucharistic Ministers - Maree Plazzer,
Lorraine Clancy, Bob Pritchett, Sr Jacinta + 3

Projector -

Washing of Feet - 6 needed

Good Friday:

Readers - Bob Pritchett + 3

Special Ministers - Eileen McManus + 2

Easter Vigil:

OT Readers - 3 needed

Special Ministers - Joan & John Parker,
Lorraine Clancy, Bob Pritchett + 3

NT Reader - Maree Plazzer.

Projector - Peter Gutteridge

Commentator - needed

Fire - needed

Lights - needed

Easter Sunday:

Reader - Eileen McManus

Commentator - needed

Projector - Shayne Keenan

Making Connections: Die with Christ a little this week. Fast

from food, TV or entertainment. Try to be less distracted as you prepare for Easter.

Marriage Tip: Love is humble, and humility acknowledges that we are not perfect. Take the time to ask for forgiveness from your spouse if you have hurt him or her.

Daily Prayer: As we begin the journey of Holy Week, take our sin away by Christ's glorious passion and strengthen us that our faith may not fail, so that when we proclaim the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend and every tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord.

A Vocation View: When Jesus comes into your life, grab something and wave it. Show your joy, your happiness; your

Country Mass Times in March/April:

Easter Saturday: Murtoa 7.30pm
Easter Sunday: Natimuk 8.30am. **Dimboola 10.30am**
April 3rd: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
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

Funeral Catering Group Ladies

Thank you to all the women who have agreed to help with the Teams at Funerals. If you did not receive an email from Betty Heinrich, please collect your envelope from the Church Foyer today.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - Easter edition 2016

Featuring the Year of Mercy: *Mercy in Relationships*
In the Foyers today.

FILLING OF EASTER WATER BOTTLES

If you are able to take a packet of the bottles and fill them, could you please come to the Parish Office any time during Office hours. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS - can you help with native flowers for use for Easter? If you are able to please contact Cheryl Howard on 0408 250 643. Cheryl will be preparing the flowers on Wednesday 23rd March.



MURTOA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL Easter Sunday Dawn Service Sunday, March 27th at 7.30 am.

at Rabi Park Hill (enter via Breen Street)

Bring your own chairs please. If weather is inclement, the service will be at St Mary's Catholic Church. Breakfast will be served at OLHC Multi-purpose room after the service **ALL WELCOME**



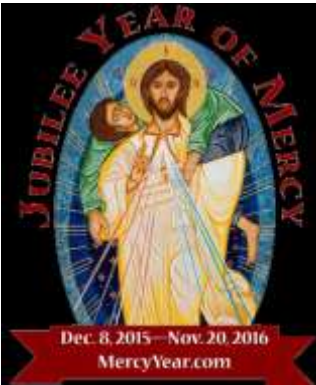
We offer our prayerful best wishes and congratulations to these Couples who celebrate their Weddings at this time: Nicholas Pekin and Sarah Hamilton at Moama

Ashleigh Gutteridge and Lewis Fulcher at Williamstown
Adam Oakley and Elenia Volvanic in Melbourne

HOLY TRIDUUM. Holy Thursday begins the holiest and most important time of the Church year - the Easter Triduum. It commemorates the heart of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Holy Thursday, which marks the end of the forty days of Lent, and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday teach us the meaning of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. The Triduum is one celebration. Even though we go home between each celebration we are asked to keep vigil. To leave the church and grounds in silence and continue to pray and fast as we are able. The richness of the rituals and symbols help us to experience the mysteries of Jesus' final hours, His passion, suffering -- and His rising from the dead. In a special way, during these three days, we come together as God's people to remember the saving act of Jesus, the miracle of His resurrection -- and to celebrate our faith and identity as Catholics. Because Christ was willing to die for our sins and was raised from the dead, death is no longer the end of life for us. It is the beginning of a new life in Him.

PRAYER FOR RAIN:

Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in You we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, bless our land with rain, to nurture crops sown, and to bring them to a head, and for rain to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve in times of trial and difficulty, and teach us to seek your help on our life journey.



Pope Francis' Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you see Him. Show us your face and we shall be saved. Send your Spirit, and consecrate every one of us with the Spirit's anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy, may be a year of grace from the Lord, and we your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor. Let your Church be your visible face in the world. We ask this of you, God of mercy and forgiveness, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy.
We pray this prayer at the end of the Intercessions



Sixth
Sunday
of Lent

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
PROJECT
COMPASSION



Until recently, people in Dhaniram's village were unaware of the Government's social security schemes that support India's most vulnerable communities. Since becoming involved in the Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, Dhaniram and his community have learnt about their rights and have been empowered to speak up for themselves. Now, real change is taking place. **Please donate to Project Compassion and help vulnerable communities in India learn more about their rights so they are empowered to speak up, ask for their rights and create lasting change.**

CWL Ladies please bring 2 plates for Afternoon Tea on Tuesday after the Anointing Mass. Thank you.

⇒ **SBC College Holy Week Liturgy on Thursday at 11am in the College Gymnasium**

⇒ **SMJ School Holy Week Liturgy on Thursday at 12 noon in SMJ Church**

Good Friday those who have turned 14 and up to 59, should not eat meat. If you have had your 18th birthday but not your 59th, Good Friday is a fast day -- no food or limited food between meals.

The Good Friday Collection - Holy Places Appeal

This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. 74 Churches, Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his

friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but

emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Reflection –Passion Sunday Year C, Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. A year after his execution, when his friends and family gather once more for Passover, they find new meaning in the celebration of the feast. Every Passover from now on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death in the Eucharist. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions. Every element of their Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present

to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither is it surprising that each of the canonical gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective. There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. Another is his capacity to reach out to others: to 'turn towards' the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning, to express his own concern for them. In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. The Lukan Jesus is

the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life. It is easy to let our own hurt find expression in criticism or mistreatment of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes more courage than most of us can muster to name unjust treatment for what it is, to truly forgive, to retain our peace of mind in such circumstances, and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence. Palestinians and Jews working for peace in their lands, have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into Holy Week, pray for the grace to act with the dignity of the Jesus and circumvent the cycles of violence in our own world.

Easter Sunday Gospel: Luke 24,1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he is risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothings else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.



INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday: 10am
Saturday: 10am

Helpers needed to prepare SMJ Church for the Easter Vigil and Mass next Saturday March 26th from 10.30am.

We need more Ministers for our Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Mass, and for Mass on Easter Sunday. Please contact Anita in the Office on Monday.

'The Fisherman' Parish Magazine will now be printed at Pentecost.