



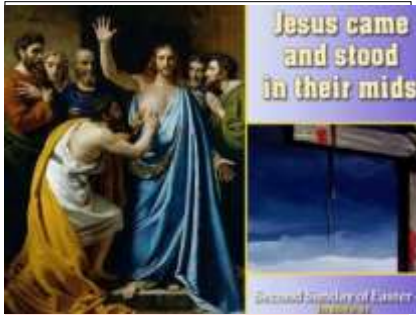
Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN



2nd Sunday of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday - 8th April 2018



Jesus came and stood in their midst

Second Sunday of Easter



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

12.30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
1 - 2pm: Confessions.
2.30: Rosary
2.45: Litany of Divine Mercy
3pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3.10: Benediction.

Lunch and a cuppa in the Foyer after Mass and in the afternoon

Gospel Reflection 2nd of Easter Yr B

-Veronica Lawson RSM 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, to create communities who listen to one another and who love one another into life. 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 fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection our priority. The second and third scenes today focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears. Thomas seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience, 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, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. We who do believe and trust need time and encouragement to take the gospel to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. Today's first reading Acts (2:32-35) Luke presents a picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. How do we respond with love and generosity in times of crisis?

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Hudson
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We welcome Fr Damian.

Fr John will be here this week until after Mass Thursday as Fr Peter has appointments.

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From April 28th to May 6th two Redemptorist Priests will be in our Parish and Nhill to conduct a

MISSION

to help our Parish and Diocese to prepare for the Church Synod in 2020. The format of the Mission will be known to us next weekend .

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Parish and School SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Children's First Reconciliation times in SMJ Church:

Thursday April 26th at 5pm and 7pm.

Monday April 30th at 5pm and 7pm

(please note change of date from May 2 to April 30)

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

Marriage Tip: Many married couples' lives are hectic. Take a rest break today. Yes, you may have responsibilities, but if you can't find time to rest today, commit to doing it some day this week. Rest in each other's arms for a moment, or an hour.

Daily Prayer: By the grace of your Spirit, help us to recognise the Lord who comes into our assembly and stands among us, so that as a community of believers, one in mind and heart, we may give our joyful testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Vocation View: Easter: Resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb; the meaning of life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you"

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CWL Meeting this Friday 13th at 1.30pm in Meeting Room to finalise Conference Matters.

Horsham CWL will host the Northern Zone CWL

Conference on Wednesday April 18th. Delegates meet from 9.30 to 11 in Parish Centre.

Anna Krohn will speak on Mary Glowrey at 10.30

Mass in the Church at 11.30.

Sr Jacinta will give a Reflection at 1.20

Simone O'Brien will speak at 1.45

All welcome to talks, Mass, Reflection

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 10th April	5.30pm	
Wednesday 11th April	9.30am	
Thursday 12th April	9.30am	
Friday 13th April	9.30am	Tom Brophy anniv
Saturday 14th April	10.00am	

Child Safety Standards. Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** for the safety and well-being of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** exists for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish always is child safe.

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	ROSTERS														
RECENT DEATHS:	7/8 April	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am												
ANNIVERSARIES: Phillip Williams, Tom Brophy, David Owens, Pat Dillon, Bruno Haenel, Audrey Bottoms, Rosaria Zarlenga	Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Bernadette Trounce Ann Hermans Anne Newton Bob Hayes Joan Parker	Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson												
SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Lorraine Holland, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Maurice Brennan, Daryl Dreher, Felicity Taylor, Una Bartlett, Eileen Dooley		Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Eileen McManus											
Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688	14/15. Readers	Garry Heinrich	Anna Robertson												
Saturday Devotions: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am. Rosary 9.20. Morning Prayer of the Church. Mass 10am. CONFESSIONS 10.25am	Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Bob Pritchett												
Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month. 3rd of Easter .15th April	Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Ann Hermans Anne Newton John Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Peter Gutteridge	Mary Dalgleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan												
Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am		Projector	Gerard Natividad	Alison McKinnon											
Dimboola Sunday Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass Sunday 8.30	Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir												
Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.	Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Angela Stephens Lyn Starr												
Regular Activities in the Parish	Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson													
Mother's Prayer Group Fortnightly Every Wednesday 2.00pm Church Meeting Room Contact Marina 5382 1047	Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	15th April Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	22nd April Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan												
Craft Group Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room. Mornings - 9.30 - 11.30 Evening - 7-9. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation.		FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):													
Meditation Group: Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Natimuk</td> <td>\$</td> <td>Murtoa</td> <td>\$ 177.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Horsham</td> <td>\$ 1808.00</td> <td>Dimboola</td> <td>\$ 102.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Total</td> <td>\$ 2087.00</td> </tr> </table>			Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 177.00	Horsham	\$ 1808.00	Dimboola	\$ 102.00	Total			\$ 2087.00
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Men's Group Meeting will be at the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Envelopes</td> <td>\$ 1823.00</td> <td>Loose</td> <td>\$ 113.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Total</td> <td>\$ 1936.10</td> </tr> </table>			Envelopes	\$ 1823.00	Loose	\$ 113.10	Total			\$ 1936.10				
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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.															
CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church															
Project Compassion (to date): \$1074.70. Thank you															

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is—keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world—our

faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness—since the Spirit is the truth.

Acclamation: John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are 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 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 that believing this you may have life through his name.

Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24,35-48