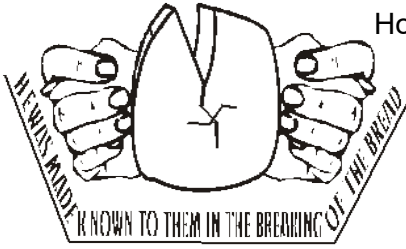


# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola–Murtoa–Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

## BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Easter - 26th April 2020



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### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**All public Masses and Liturgies are cancelled until further notice.**

**We are dispensed from our Sunday Mass Obligation (canon law no. 1248).**

We encourage you to participate in personal and family prayer, reflect on the Scriptures, make a spiritual communion.

**Participate in a Mass online. See the List of these on page 3 of our Bulletin.**

**As with the direction for Victoria all Church doors will be locked.**

**Fr Peter will celebrate Mass daily for all our intentions.**

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

**Our Parish Bulletin is online**

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**select Horsham Parish, click on the yellow magnifying glass symbol, open Horsham below.**

I will pray for you in Mass each day. If you wish to be part of our Mass each day, and you have Facebook, please link into Eucharistic Group to come online.

### ONLINE MASSES: (Eucharistic Group—Facebook page)

Saturday 25 April	6.30 pm	Saturday evening Vigil
Sunday 26 April	10.30 am	Sunday morning Mass
Tuesday 28 April	5.30 pm	St Peter Chanel, Radina Radollovi anniv.
Wednesday 29 April	9.30 am	St Catherine of Sienna, with <i>exposition</i> 10-11am.
Thursday 30 April	9.30 am	St Pius V.
Friday 1 May	10.00 am	St Joseph the Worker
Saturday 2 May	10.00 am	St Athanasius, Fr Tom Brophy—Fr Peter's cousin, anniv.

The rapidly changing situation of Covid-19, on the recommendation of health and safety, it is not advisable to have people come to the church or parish site even individually.

### TERM 2 of the SCHOOL YEAR

As per regulations, students are to stay home FOR THEIR SCHOOLING, unless they are in Out of Home Care, deemed by the school to be otherwise vulnerable, or their parents/carers are essential workers

We ask parents/carers to please ensure your child/children undertake required study each day.

SBC students study at home, with support for VCE students through ZOOM.

### **"It is the Lord!"**

"It is the Lord!" At the sea of Tiberias, the disciples spend a night fishing without success—fishing was their way of life before they followed Jesus. In the morning, the risen Jesus appears on the beach, but the disciples do not recognise him. Jesus then invites them to cast their nets to the other side. They catch many fish, and the disciple who Jesus loved announces to Peter 'it is the Lord!' Peter jumps into the sea because of his strong desire to be close to Jesus. Jesus cooks fish and bread on a charcoal fire and invites the disciples to breakfast. The beachside meal fellowship reminds us of the intimacy we share with Jesus in the Eucharist. He stays with us in the meals we share with friends and family; these too can be experiences of communion with God, one another, and the creation out of whose gifts we eat. (The Madonna)

**Anzac Day this weekend 25 April.**



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

**Recent Deaths:** Bernadette Willey, Our four Police Officers who died in the line of duty: Senior constable Lynette Taylor, Constable Glen Humphris, Senior constable Kevin King and Constable Josh Prestney

**Anniversaries:** Terry Turvey, Annie Gillard, Rosina Radollovi.

**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,

**Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 53821155**

### Livestreaming of Mass at SMJ Church:

For those on Facebook, and 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. Tap/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 and receive updates.



Eucharistic Group  
WHOLE IS MORE THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS

**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 it is open: Monday to Friday **8.30am to 12.30**

**Collection: Presbytery \$725.**

**Planned Giving:**

**Project Compassion: \$980 (excluding credit card)**

Our Parish BSB Account :

BSB: 083 680 Account: 515830337

REF: Your Envelope number/surname or put "Presbytery".

### CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN IN-DEED

**Making Connections:** The journey of the disciples to Emmaus recalls our own journey from doubt to faith. Informed by the Scriptures and nourished by the Eucharist, the disciples know that Jesus walks with them.

**Marriage Tip:** No couple is perfect, but in the best marriages, both partners are always working to make the relationship better. Don't give up!

**Daily Prayer:** As we hear the word that brings salvation, make our hearts burn within us. In the breaking of the bread, open our eyes to recognize the One whose feast it is. Through the presence of every friend and stranger, reveal to us the face of Christ who had first to suffer but who has entered now into glory.

**A Vocation View:** We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

### To help you pray Mass on 3rd Sunday Easter Yr A Prayers of Intercession

**Celebrant:** My sisters and brothers, the presence of Jesus with the discouraged disciples—walking with them, explaining the scriptures, and breaking the Bread at the table - reminds us that in these difficult days, he is with us also.

For Pope Francis who speaks hope to a frightened world, and who stands in prayerful solidarity with the sick and poor and vulnerable. Christ, hear us.  
For leaders in Australia and around the world, who must act for the common good of all, and bring integrity and wisdom to their decision making. Christ, hear us.  
For all who are sick with the coronavirus and other illnesses, who are fearful and in great need, who feel the added burden of isolation from family and friends.  
For those around the world who are fearful of the future for themselves and their families, who have become unemployed, who are not entitled to any government assistance, struggling to pay for food, medicines, schools and housing. Christ, hear us.

For those who generously live in the service of others, for staff in hospitals, nursing homes, detention centres and prisons, for police, emergency workers, military, for pharmacy, supermarket and food shop staffs and Suppliers, and our farmers cropping at this time.  
For peace throughout the world on this Anzac Day Weekend, for a ceasefire in every war and conflict, for our Australian Defense Forces, for all who continue to suffer the effects of war. Christ, hear us.

For all who have died protecting Australia and the cause of freedom, for the 4 police killed in their duty, for those who have died of the coronavirus, for Bernadette Willey who died recently, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Terry Turvey, Annie Gillard and Rosina Radollovi.

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you show us the path of life through this time of anxiety by giving us your Son, Jesus, to accompany us as friend and companion.

Sustain our hope and enable us to be generous in love.  
**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Collect:** May we your people rejoice for ever, O God, in renewed spirit, and restored to the glory of being your children, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

**Offertory:** Receive, O God, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given us cause for such great gladness, grant that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.

**Preface Easter 2:** It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Through him the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the faithful; for his Death is our ransom from death, and in his rising the life of all has risen. 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** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Look with kindness upon your people, O God, and grant, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen,

### Links to Mass online:

**St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne:** The 1.00pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available, with the 11.00am Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand. <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

**Pope Francis' daily Mass:** Pope Francis' daily Masses are available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. Watch here <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html> or [shalomworld.org/dailymass](http://shalomworld.org/dailymass)

**Mass for You at Home:** This program has been allowing the faithful to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html> or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily at 11.30am can be viewed on Patrick's Cathedral facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9>

*"Third Sunday of Easter Third Sunday of Easter He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread Luke 24:35 Lord, you will show us the path of life. Alleluia! At dinner this week, pray a prayer of blessing for each person, asking Jesus' help that you will all be beNer disciples of Jesus. God will always walk with us ... And this is our hope. We go on with this hope! Because He is beside us and walks with us, always! - Pope Francis 2017*

*"My garden beautifies my yard and adds fragrance to the air, but it is also my cathedral and my quiet place of prayer. So little do we realise that the glory and the power of God who made the universe is hidden in a flower. "*

### Next week's Gospel: Good Shepherd Sunday John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

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

*"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing: God alone suffices." - St Teresa of Avila.*

### Ballarat Diocese E-Newsletter and ODC

Staying connected to each other in our faith communities is now more important than ever. The latest edition of ODC and eNews are now online: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) under "News & Events"

A few of our fellow Parishioners are offering help with getting groceries, prescriptions/medications and other essential errands; to vulnerable members of our community, such as those who are sick and/or are elderly and homebound. If you require such assistance please feel free to contact our Parish Office at 5382 1155, or message **Courtney Ramsey at 0428 274 018.**

### From Uniting Wimmera - phone 0488669055

**For co-ordination of food and supplies for vulnerable members of the Community please contact** [jaimie.clarkson@vt.uniting.org](mailto:jaimie.clarkson@vt.uniting.org)

### 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, of hope in times of despair, woundedness, sorrow, 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 trust in your healing touch. Bless **caregivers**, as channels of your love, they are your hands on earth. Give them gentleness, give them respect for the sick in 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, to love and understand, 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 elderly, sick, in Homes or in Hospital.



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### 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 McGinnisken** 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 2:14, 22-33**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.' 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11**

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, and the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before

the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

**Gospel Acclamation: cf Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

**Gospel Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm:**

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on life's journey. That seems to be a key element in today's gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes. Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of

the bread they share with him. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, though in a new and transforming way. Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women's story. It is the appearance to Peter of the resurrected Jesus that is the ground of their new faith. As the story continues beyond today's reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery. Extraordinary things can happen to those hospitable enough to "break bread" with "strangers" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence.