



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk-Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

### Easter Sunday - March 27th



Christ is Risen!



**THANK YOU** to all involved in our Holy Week Liturgies and Easter Masses: Music, Readers, Computer, Servers Eucharist Ministers; Anita; Lorraine and Helen in the Sacristy and Sanctuary; Flowers, Bob for cleaning, welcomers, to those who filled water bottles, Collectors, Commentators. Thank you to parishioners and visitors

Happy, Holy, Blessed and a peacefilled Easter to all families and visitors

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY next Sunday April 3rd



10.30: **Mass** the blessing of Image of Divine Mercy

**Lunch (cuppa all afternoon)**

12.30: **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

1pm-2pm: **Reconciliation**

2pm: **Rosary**

2.30: **Litany of Divine Mercy**

3pm: **Chaplet**

3.10pm: **Benediction**

*All welcome. Prayers and readings available in Foyer.*

#### **Take home a Bottle of Blessed Easter Water, and pray this prayer as you bless your homes.**

Lord God, we rejoice this Easter with the hope of your saving life and love renewed in us. Bless our family and our home. May we live here in peace with you and with one another, with respect for all we say and do. May we come and go through the doors of our home with the light of your peace guiding our way, and show care and hospitality to all, family, and our friends, who come here.



Welcome home to family members and to visitors. To all travelling have a safe holiday and a safe return.

*Gospel - Easter Sunday Luke 24:1-12*  
In Luke's resurrection account, the "eleven and all the rest" react to the women's stories of a rolled-back stone, no body, and angels! The Pharisees believed in a general resurrection, but the idea that God would raise one person from the dead before the time of the general resurrection was quite unthinkable. Peter goes to confirm their testimony for himself, indicating that he suspects there is some truth in what they have to say. Their account checks out and he goes away in amazement (no apology). Luke's Gospel and the whole Easter celebration is about "the one who lives". Luke leaves no doubt about the death of Jesus: there are witnesses, there is evidence. The same goes for the burial. In the story of the empty tomb, Luke wants to assert that Jesus is alive. The women are confronted with the question: "Why are you seeking among the dead the one who lives?" They are entrusted with the message of resurrection: "He is not here, but has been raised." They are invited to remember the prophetic words of Jesus. They do indeed remember and they return to the Disciples to proclaim the good news. In line with countless prophetic figures before and since, their testimony is effective through the telling and retelling of the story. At Easter we remember, re-enact, retell these originating stories of our tradition, we celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate every Sunday at Mass, that the power and grace of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are present to us and to our world. Resurrection faith is a serious commitment to live life with hope and with all its challenges.

**Making Connections:** Symbols/Images The first day of the week, Sunday, has a significance for Christians because of the resurrection of Jesus. It is known as the Lord's Day and was set aside from earliest times as the day for the community of believers to gather for the Lord's Supper of Eucharist. Give witness like the women by telling your story to others Celebrate your new life in Christ.

**Marriage Tip:** What are some things that make you stressed? Are you prioritizing them too highly? Talk about them and seek whatever you need to change.

**Daily Prayer:** This night, O God, is different from all others, for in all other nights the daylight fades as dark descends. But on this night undying Light is kindled, the night turns to day, and the glory of the Lord dawns in the resurrection, and creation is born anew.

**A Vocation View:** We're no longer nobodies. Jesus rose from the dead. He promises to take us to heaven too. Our Ultimate Vocation: Union with God!

#### **The Easter Candle**



At the Easter Vigil, the Church represents the mystery of the light of Christ in the sign of the Paschal Candle, whose flame is both light and heat. The symbolism of light is connected with that of fire: radiance, heat, the transforming energy contained in the fire – truth and love go together. The Paschal candle burns, and is thereby consumed: Cross and resurrection are inseparable. From the Cross, from the Son's self-giving, light is born, true radiance comes into the world.

From the Paschal candle we all light our own candles as the light of Christ enters deeply into our hearts.

#### **WEEK-DAY MASSES:**

Tuesday 29th March	5.30pm	
Wednesday 30th March	9.30am	<b>Fran Leo funeral in Perth</b>
Thursday 31st March	9.30am	Dr Mark O'Brien anniv
Friday 1st April	9.30am	David Mills anniv
Saturday 2nd April	10.00am	Clarice Hogan anniv.



EASTER JOY AND PEACE TO US ALL

**Parish Hospital Ministry. Next Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11am** we will meet with Mark Enright, Human Resources Officer at the Hospital, **in his office in Arapiles building.** Please refer to the email Sr Jacinta sent to you.

Please Remember in Your Prayers
<b>RECENT DEATHS:</b> Fran Leo - WA (daughter of Leo & Clare Egan), Geoffrey Taylor (brother to Maureen Ballinger), Brussels bomb victims.
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Joan Rule, Pat Chalk, Beryl Reid, Kerry Hartigan, John Baviello, James & Hazel Cortesi, John Rule, Dr Mark O'Brien, Patrick O'Toole
<b>SICK:</b> Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Corey Panozzo, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Madeleine Cameron, Peter Kelly John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Lyn Cooper, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Joy Flynn, Peter Laskey, Fred Webb, Charles Moore.
<b>Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688</b>
<b>Confessions Saturday after Mass (10.25)</b>
<b>Saturday Morning Devotions:</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20</b> <b>Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church. 10am Mass</b>
<b>Next Sunday 1st Sunday of the Month</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday - 3rd April</b>
Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am Dimboola <b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b> Murtoa <b>Sunday Mass 10.30am</b>
<b>Parish Contacts:</b> PP - Fr Peter Hudson. Secretary - Anita Masiero. 10 Roberts Ave. Phone 53821155. Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

ROSTERS		
April 2/3	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Garry Heinrich	Emelia Sudholz
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Dianne Noy
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Peter Gutteridge Anthony Amor Joan Parker Ann Hermans Chris Velthuis	Kingsley Dalgleish Shirley Hoffmann Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Russell Reid
Projector	Anita Masiero	Julie Antonoff
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Mary Dowsley Mary Brown
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<b>3rd April</b> Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	<b>10th April</b> Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hernon-Spasic
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Pres Acct) \$1360</b>		
Dimboola \$87.00, Murtoa \$132.00, Horsham \$1141.00		
<b>2nd Collection - Envelopes/ Loose money. Green Bag</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 3857.00	Loose \$ 73.85
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3930.85</b>

**1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43**  
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-**  
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'  
The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.  
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**2nd Reading : Colossians 3:1-4**  
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8**  
Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast

with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!  
**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.

**CWL Raffle:** 1st - Maureen McInerney. 2nd - Garry Heinrich. 3rd - Alma Moore



Thank you!



Please return boxes, envelopes to Masses. Thank you