

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

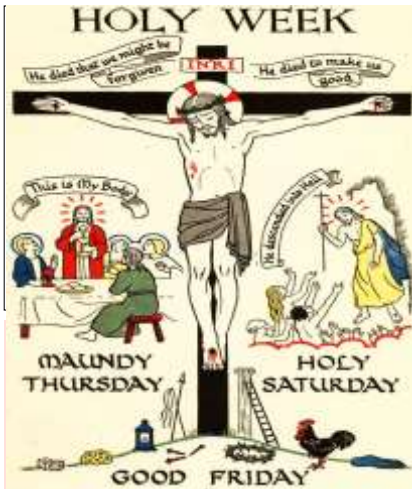
Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



## BULLETIN



### Palm Sunday - 25th March 2018



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#### 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



**Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes:** please return to any Mass over Easter or to Holy Thursday Mass.

**Good Friday Collection for Holy Places -** to help preserve Our Lord's sites in the Holy Land - envelopes are in the Foyers.

**Easter Dues Envelopes -** for retired Priests and needy Parishes - in the Foyer today.

For those going away for Easter have a safe and blessed time, we welcome home family and visitors

#### HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

#### Holy Week begins with Passion Sunday TODAY

We gather outside the Church for the Blessing and Procession of Palms

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

#### ANOINTING MASS Tuesday March 27th 2pm in SMJ Church.

Anointing with newly blessed Oil of the Sick. Cuppa in the Hall after.

#### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

#### Tuesday March 27th at 7pm in SMJ Church.

Hymns, Prayers, Scripture, Examination of Conscience, individual absolution of sins at the end with Fr Peter ministering

#### HOLY THURSDAY

#### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Thursday March 29th 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 30th at 3pm in SMJ Church.

The Passion of John is read, Intercessions prayed, Collection for the Holy Places, Holy Communion, the Altar is stripped.



#### EASTER VIGIL AND MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

#### Saturday March 31st at 7.30pm in SMJ Church.

We begin outside the Church with the Lighting of the Easter Fire. We Process the Easter Candle into the Church. The Exultet is sung. OT Readings. Mass of the Resurrection. Renewal of our Baptismal Promises. Blessing with Easter Water.

*At the end of Mass you are invited to take home a bottle of blessed Easter to bless your family and home.*

#### ♦ Easter Sunday Masses April 1st:

Horsham 10.30am.

Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 8.30am. Nhill 10am



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** Maria Schampers, Pam Downie, Alan Reyland

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jim and Maggie Dowling, Marie White, Pat O'Toole.

**SICK:** Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, 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

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Saturday Devotions: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am. Rosary 9.20. Morning Prayer of the Church. Mass 10am. CONFESSIONS 10.25am**

**Next Sunday 1st Sunday of the Month  
Easter Sunday 1st April 2018**

Horsham **Saturday - 7.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **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.

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

**Men's Group** Meeting will be at the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455

**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

**Making Connections:** What moments of utter abandonment have you experienced? Have you ever been jeered at by others? Share stories of occasions of desolation in your life. Reflect on how you respond to the abandonment which Jesus experienced. Can you make connections? Reflect on the Passion of Jesus, whose cross and resurrection you set us free.

**Living the Word:** The palms today symbolise Christ's triumph while the cross is the symbol of the death through which his triumph is achieved. Take the palms and place them in a position of prominence in their homes as a reminder of the passion Christ endured for us. Do you have a crucifix in your home? Use a cross and palm for a focus for prayer. Allow some quiet time for meditation on the events of the Passion. 'Jesus remember me.'

**Marriage Tip:** Typically couples divide up work around the house according to time, skill, and interest. For a change of pace, try switching up jobs for a day. The work might not get done as efficiently, but you'll learn a lot.

**Daily Prayer:** As we enter this Holy Week, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. Empty us of ourselves, and draw us close to the cross of Christ, that, looking on One forsaken, we may acknowledge Christ to be truly the Son of God

**A Vocation View:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their life united in the name of the Lord.

## ROSTERS

24/25 Mar	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Micky Robarts Joan Parker Tess Hayes Maree Plazzer Sr Tirsia Anthony Amor Simon Lynch	Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Michael Connellan
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>1st April</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	<b>8th April</b> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):</b>		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 82.00
Horsham	\$ 866.00	Dimboola \$ 67.00
		<b>Total \$ 1015.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection (Parish Account)</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 1659.00	Loose \$ 43.00
Credit Cards	\$	Direct Debit \$
		<b>Total \$ 1702.00</b>

## Ministries for Holy Week

### Holy Thursday:

**Reader** - Betty Heinrich **Commentator** - Sr Jacinta  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Tess & Bob Hayes, Maree Plazzer, Cath Taylor, Lorraine Clancy, Bob Pritchett, Anna Robertson **Projector** - Geoff Simpson

**Washing of Feet** - John Byrne, Helen Hunter, Les Butler, Michael Rowe, Sr Jacinta, Year 3 children  
**(other volunteers invited for washing of the feet)**

### Good Friday:

**Readers** - Micky & Chris Robarts, Bob Pritchett  
**Special Ministers** - Lorraine Clancy, Tim Lannen, Bob Pritchett

### Easter Vigil:

**OT Readers** - Peter & Tayla Gutteridge, Bob Pritchett  
**Special Ministers** - Cath Taylor, Joan Parker, Maree Plazzer, Lorraine Clancy + 3.

**NT Reader and Prayers of Intercession:** Anna Robertson.  
**Projector:** Geoff Simpson

### Easter Sunday:

**Reader** - Eileen McManus

**Commentator** -

**Projector** - Shayne Keenan

**Special Ministers** - Tim Lannen + 6

*Available Ministers please help where you can*



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Sunday April 8th

At 10.30 Mass the Divine Image picture is blessed.

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 during the afternoon.*

## Country Mass Times:

Sunday April 1: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Murtoa 8.30  
Sunday April 9: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10. Murtoa 8.30a  
Sunday April 15: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30  
Sunday Apr 22: Natimuk Mass 8.30am.  
Dimboola AWC 8.30 Murtoa AWC 9am.



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them, with plans to study a Master's degree.

**Please donate to Project Compassion and help improve the health and wellbeing of all the**

### ◆ Schools Easter Liturgies:

**SMJ:** Thursday March 29th in the SCHOOL at 11am  
**SBC:** Thursday March 29th at 11am in the College Gym. The students walk to the Weir and back for Project Compassion.

◆ **SHARED TABLE.** Forms for you to support the Shared Table Project in Lima are in the Foyers. Please fill these in and return with your money to the Office. Thank you. All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.

Our Parish magazine **The Fisherman** will be in all Foyers for Easter.

◆ **THANK YOU** to all who are able to help with Ministries in Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to our Flower Ladies and donors of flowers for Easter

**Mass of the Oils** will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm this Monday, March 26th. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God and Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. All are invited to this celebration.

**Thank you to our Monday Night Craft Group for making our Palm Sunday Crosses for us to take and keep as a symbol of Christ's peace.**

The new Easter fire that lights up the darkness on Holy Saturday night is a sign of the resurrection of Jesus, and the divine life that Christ won for us, and is our hope of glory to come.

**Blessed and happy Holy Week and Easter to you**

**Safe and blessed School holidays beginning on Thursday, schools resume on April 16th**

## LENTEN REGULATIONS – 2018

### Good Friday - A day of Fast and Abstinence from meat.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others, as the whole Church prepares for Easter

◆ Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, between Ash Wed and Trinity Sunday

### Coughlin Park Board of Management Meeting at 5pm this Wednesday at Coughlin Park

Bishop Paul Bird has appointed Fr Kevin Moloney, PP Redan, as the new Diocesan Vicar General, to replace Fr Justin Driscoll who has completed his five year term

## GREENERY FOR EASTER FLOWERS and Donations of Flowers for Easter

The ladies are looking for greenery to use for the Easter flowers, and donations of flowers. If you are able to help could you please bring it to the back of the church in a bucket of water by **this Wednesday 28th March.** Thanking you in anticipation



## CWL UP COMING DATES

- ◆ Anointing Mass 27th March - members 1 or 2 plates please
- ◆ Raffle tickets to be returned as raffle is drawn during the afternoon tea after the Anointing Mass
- ◆ Monthly meeting Tuesday 3rd April at 1.30pm
- ◆ Northern Zone Conference in Horsham on 18th April.



## Good Friday Way of The Cross

**Natimuk: April 14th at 9.30am**

start outside Lutheran Church.

**Dimboola: 10.00am**

**Rupanyup: 9.00am**

**Murtoa: 3pm in the Church**

**Nhill: 3pm with Fr John**

◆ Next Sunday April 1st Daylight Saving Ends. Turn Clocks **back One Hour** before bed on Saturday Night.

◆ ABC TV Tuesday 9.30pm, "Jesus Countdown to Calvary".

◆ **Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-2** This e-book, can be downloaded free of charge to a computer, e-reader/tablet/i-phone, offers the Gospel for every day of 2018, together with a reflection of each daily Gospel. [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

◆ Fr John McKinnon has written books of the Gospels, his website [johnmckinnon.org](http://johnmckinnon.org) is a vast Scripture resource with Commentaries, Sunday and Weekday Homilies.

◆ Our Schools welcome and thank you your Coles Vouchers

**Child Safety Standards.** Ss Michael & John Parish has Bob Pritchett as our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** for the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** exists for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish will always be child safe.

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Fr Peter, Andrea Cox, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Marg Kingham, Cathy Grace, Joan Lane-Storey, Anita Masiero (Sec)

**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: Mark 14:1 - 15:47**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Gospel Reflection - Passion Sunday  
Veronica Lawson rsm**

The gospel account of the suffering and death of Jesus opens with the story of an insightful but unnamed woman who pours out healing ointment on the head of Jesus. We might reflect on the Eucharistic character of her actions of breaking and pouring and of Jesus' assurance that what she has done will be told in memory of her. She did "what she could". The story of her support for Jesus is sandwiched between two stories of opposition: an assassination plot on the part of the religious authorities, and the foreshadowing of Jesus' betrayal at the hands of a close follower. Status does not guarantee goodness or insight. As the story unfolds, we hear that, despite his earlier instruction to "stay awake", Jesus' closest followers fall asleep when he most needs them. Worse than that, they betray, deny, and abandon him. Some Galilean women remain faithful. They have followed him and looked after him on the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. They become witnesses to his death and burial. These

women will also discover the empty tomb and take the message of the resurrection to the male disciples. A foreign passer-by, Simon, whose sons are known to the Markan community, shoulders part the burden. An ordinary Roman soldier realises and proclaims that Jesus is of God. The story has come full circle: the first verse of the gospel announced the beginning of the good news of Jesus, the Christ and the Son of God. The final chapter is to be celebrated next weekend. The mystery is to be lived every day of every week. As we enter into the holiest week of the liturgical year, we might consider our call to bring the power of Christ's redeeming love to those who suffer crucifixion in our own times.

For stories of hope in the face of despair, you may like to visit the Mercy Works website ([mercyworks.org.au](http://mercyworks.org.au)). It is all too easy to deny, betray, and abandon the suffering other. Like the woman who poured out the healing ointment on the head of Jesus, we also must do what we can.

**PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS**

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust the sick to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon those who care in their own homes, those who work in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care.

May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain, their source of hope in times of despair, sorrow, woundedness. Be their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with the courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and your healing love.

Bless **caregivers**, as channels of your love, they are your very hands on earth. Give them gentleness as they help the sick, to respect their dignity.

Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are in need of their care. Give them courage to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands and when they need your enduring help. Give them love and understanding to be a caring companion, to walk with the sick in pain and sadness.

Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.

**Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 16:1-7**

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone - which was very big - had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they

laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."

**Seder Meal  
this Wednesday 28th at  
7pm in the Parish Centre.**

*The Meal commemorates the  
Passover Meal that leads to the  
Institution of the Eucharist.*

\$8 a person, \$30 family.

If you haven't booked please let Anita know on Monday at the Office or ring 53821155.

Booklets provided for all to participate

**WEEKDAY MASSES this Week**

**Tuesday 27th:** 2pm Anointing Mass

**Wednesday 28th:** 9.30am



We welcome **Matthew Restall**, a 3rd year Seminarian, who will be with us for Holy Week and Easter. Please make your self known to Matthew as we pray for his study to be a Priest