



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Easter - 7th May 2017



Mass Times from today Sunday:

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30. Sunday 10.30

Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am

Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am

Nhill: Sunday 10.00am.

2nd Sunday:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30. Sunday 10.30

Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am

Murtoa: Sunday 10.30am

4th Sunday:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30. Sunday 10.30

Natimuk: Sunday 8.30am

Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am

Murtoa: Sunday 10.30am

5th Sunday:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30. Sunday 10.30

Dimboola or Murtoa will alternate Sunday 8.30am Mass.

These arrangements are subject to change depending on Priest availability. We are very grateful to Fr John for his availability to help with this arrangement. On the 5th Sunday Fr John will have a break from coming here.

Like our arrangement with Rupanyup, we hope to have a Home Mass in Kaniva once a month, depending on circumstances.

The Diocesan Mass Count will be taken at the Masses in May. I ask the Collectors to take the count at each Mass and to add the number to the sheet for that week. *Thank you.*

Anita will be on holidays from May 8th to June 4th. We have not been able to get someone to be in the Office, so Fr Peter will check the phone for messages, and will be in and out of the Office in this time. Please leave written messages under the Office door

PRAYER for SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source of all healing power. We pray for your blessings and care be upon all those in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort in times of pain, of hope in moments of despair, sorrow and woundedness, 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 love. Bless **caregivers**, to be channels of your tender love, for they are your hands on this earth. Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, to respect the dignity and value of the sick to You. Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those in need of their care. Give them courage to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands, and when they need your enduring help and strength Give them love, understanding to be a caring companion, as they walk the path of pain and sadness with the sick. Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, in Homes and in the Hospital.

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest." Today is called Good Shepherd Sunday, when we focus on the intimate relationship between Christ and his flock, not only as shepherd but also as sheepfold – the way to safety. Pope Francis, in his trip to Egypt, demonstrated this aspect of his Pontifical role when he joined with Catholics, Copts, and Muslims, to call for peace and an end to violence. 'As religious leaders, we are called, to unmask violence that masquerades as purported sanctity', the Pope said at a peace conference.

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We welcome Fr John.

The **CWL WUCWO Mass** is this Friday May 12th at 9.30. WUCWO is the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, and this Year's Mass has been prepared by the women of Latin America and the Caribbean. Morning Tea after Mass in the Foyer.

Natimuk Nursing Home Mass this Thursday May 11 at 4.15pm. All welcome.

Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary next Saturday May 13th. Our 10.00 am Mass will commemorate this anniversary.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 9th May	9.30am	
Wednesday 10 May	5.30pm	Emily McGrath tragic death
Thursday 11th May	9.30am	Nicholas Brophy anniv
Friday 12th May	9.30am	CWL WUCWO Mass
Saturday 13th May	10.00am	Our Lady of Fatima

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

RECENT DEATHS: Jean Haines - Preston (sister of Marion Sharry), Emily McGrath - Ballarat (Bill McGrath's great niece)

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Cortesi, Carolyn Claridge, Nicholas Brophy, Bartly Kane, Grace Kane, Mark Ellis

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Lorrain Holland, Xavier Reicha, Eileen & Bob Arnott, Joan White, Terry Turvey, Joan Glen, Fr Damian Heath, Maureen Ryan, Braxton Elson

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Confessions Saturday 10.25

**Saturday Morning Devotions:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20.
Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.35. Mass 10.**

**Next Sunday - 2nd Sunday of the Month
5th Sunday of Easter - 14th May 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Saturday Vigil 10.30am**

**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

Meditation Group in Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm. Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

CWL Meetings 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. 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 held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Contact the Parish Office 53821155,

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

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

Affordable Counselling, by Centacare Ballarat, for families individuals, **Free call 1300 303 988** to make an appointment.

A Report on Pledging November 13-April 30. Thank you. Your pledges are the source of our Income.

Pledge Period	Giver Count	Pledge Amount	Giving Amount	Giving per Week	Giving %
Week	106	\$33,700.00	\$29,077.50	\$1,163.10	86.28%
Fortnight	14	\$5,180.00	\$3,610.00	\$144.40	69.69%
Month	93	\$30,181.02	\$27,363.35	\$1,094.53	90.66%
Quarter	20	\$4,810.00	\$5,130.00	\$205.20	106.65%
Half Year	16	\$6,030.00	\$4,780.00	\$191.20	79.27%
Year	77	\$28,741.00	\$15,392.00	\$615.68	53.55%
None	3	\$415.00	\$160.00	\$6.40	38.55%
Total:	329	\$109,057.02	\$85,512.85	\$3,420.51	78.41%

ROSTERS

May 6/7	Vigil 7.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton	Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish Faye Wills
May 13/14	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Anthony Amor	SMJ School
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	SMJ School
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson
Projector	Shayne Keenan	SMJ School
Musicans	Chris Robarts	SMJ School
Welcomers	Judy and Hugh Delahunty	Mary Dowsley Nanette Freckleton
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	14th May Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	21st May Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hemon-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk \$ Murtoa \$ 86.70

Horsham \$ 958.00 Dimboola \$ 57.00

Total \$ 1101.70

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)

Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals

Envelopes \$ 1812.00 Loose \$ 97.00

Credit Card \$ 3082.50 Direct Debit \$ 2541.67

Total \$ 7533.17

PROJECT COMPASSION: \$4660.50

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL: \$1064.95

EASTER DUES: \$1110.00

Thank you for your generosity, kindness, compassion and support to these Appeals.

Making Connections: The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is a very well-known one. It denotes his individual and pastoral care for all the flock. John takes this a step further. Entry into the flock of God's people can only come through the gateway which is belief in Christ. Did you Know: The word 'pastoral' comes from the Latin word for shepherd. **Marriage Tip:** Take a trip down memory lane. Retell the story of your engagement and wedding day to each other or your kids. What was the craziest, funniest, most endearing part of these milestones for you?

Daily Prayer: Your promise of abundant life, O God, embraces all your children, those near and those far away. Protect the sheep of your flock from all who would destroy. Keep us safe in the fold of the one whose voice we know, the one who bore our sins on the cross and by whose wounds we have been healed, the Lord Jesus, the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

Country Mass Times

May 7th: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Murtoa 8.30
 May 14th: Dimboola 8.30am Murtoa 10.30am
 May 21st: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am. Murtoa 8.30
 May 28th: Natimuk: 8.30am Dim: 8.30am Murtoa 10.30am

ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY- TODAY SUNDAY 12 TO 2PM

AT OUR 2017 OPEN DAY



OPEN DAY
 Sunday
 7th May 2017
 12.00-2.00pm
 www.stbc.vic.edu.au

St Brigid's College Horsham
 97 Robinson St, Horsham VIC 3400 Phone (03) 5382 3545
Excelling in Life, Led by Faith



Our Parish Memorial Mass for Fr Frank Madden will be on Sunday May 28th at 10.30am Mass. Fr Kevin Arundell, who preached at Frank's Funeral Mass, will preach at our Memorial Mass. There will be Morning Tea in the Parish Centre after Mass.

Please invite former Parishioners and other people you know who knew Fr Frank.

May 8th to 14th in NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK



Thank you to all who are involved in liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, who volunteer time and talents to these and to community organizations. **U** are important.

You cannot spell Ch_rch without u.

You cannot spell Ad_it without u.

You cannot spell Yo_th without u.

You cannot spell S_ccess without u.

You cannot spell S_nday Mass without u.

You cannot spell Comm_nity without u.

The Community and Church needs u. **THANK U**

SBC School Advisory Meeting this Wednesday at 7pm
 We pray for the success of NAPLAN testing this week.

O God, in Autumn, bless our lands with good seasonal rain

SACRAMENT DATES for Children in 2017

Masses for Confirmation / First Communion:

Sunday May 28th 10.30am Mass
 Saturday June 3rd 6.30 Mass.
 Sunday June 4th 10.30 Mass
 Saturday June 17th 6.30 Mass
 Sunday June 18th 10.30 Mass.

Confirmation and First Communion Murtoa and Rupanyup Sunday **Oct 15th** 10.30 Mass at Murtoa. Reconciliation will be celebrated in September.

Sunday November 26th: Bishop Paul Bird and the Diocesan Liturgical Committee will lead a Sacrament Formation Day in Horsham. Bishop Paul will celebrate 10.30 Mass, and join in leading a topic.

Topics: Sacraments of Initiation; Let the Children Come; Funeral Ministry Workshop; Lector Formation

A Report on the Parish Profit and Loss Statement from January to March

12 PM
 2/05/17
 ash Basis

St Michael & John's Catholic Parish Profit & Loss January through March 2017

	Jan - Mar 17	Jan - Mar 16	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Planned Giving	40,388.80	44,329.51	-3,940.71
Hall Hire Fee	250.00	200.00	50.00
Chaplaincy	695.60	0.00	695.60
Sundry Income	275.00	113.23	161.77
Total Income	41,609.40	44,642.74	-3,033.34
Expense			
Liturgical	1,917.32	1,065.73	851.59
Levies	7,230.33	7,248.18	-17.85
Administration	5,569.44	17,370.19	-11,800.75
Property Costs	11,686.92	5,783.02	5,903.90
Repairs & Maintenance	3,829.84	2,255.46	1,574.38
Salaries & Wages	17,329.79	17,826.40	-496.61
Salary Associated Costs	1,670.40	1,662.07	8.33
School Subsidies	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Total Expense	52,234.04	53,211.05	-977.01

SMJ School will lead the Ministries at 10.30 Mass next Sunday, Mother's Day.

Parish Pastoral Council Members: Chris Robarts, Mary Marshall, Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Gary Typuszack, Alison McKinnon, Lesley Price, Bob Pritchett, Fr Peter, Garry Heinrich, Joan Lane-Storey, Daryl Wren, Margaret Lingham, Gary Coutts, Anita Masiero (Secretary)

Child Safety Standards. Ss Michael & John Parish has appointed Bob Pritchett as our Safeguarding Officer. 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 in the Parish. Our Parish is committed to Child Safety

1st Reading: Acts 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you

have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: 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.'

Gospel Reflection - 4th Sunday of Easter—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

My brother and sister-in-law were farmers who woke up one morning to find that all their sheep had disappeared. It seems that some enterprising thief or thieves had managed to load their sheep on to transports and move them interstate in the few hours between dusk and dawn. The unwelcome visitors had actually come in by the front gate, crossed the cattle pit, worked swiftly, and driven out again. In ancient Palestine, the flock would have been much smaller, the entrance would have been guarded and comings and goings would have been monitored closely by the gatekeeper. A thief would have had to scale the wall of the small enclosure and watch carefully for a chance to get away with a few of the sheep. In John 10, Jesus presents

an image about sheep and shepherds. His hearers fail to understand, because they are hostile and choose not to understand. Jesus offers explanations of aspects of the image he has created, two of which are included in today's reading. In the image, Jesus is both the gate to the sheepfold and the shepherd of the flock. He contrasts the access he provides as "the gate" with unauthorized access gained through others "who have come before" him, namely the religious authorities, unauthorized shepherds who gain access to the sheepfold on false pretences and lead God's flock into pastures that fail to satisfy. There are echoes of the Psalms of Israel in this reading. In Psalm 23, God is the shepherd of Israel who leads the people into nourishing pastures and restores life to the depths of their nephesh or being. God leads the people

in the way of justice or righteousness. Psalm 118 sings of God's gate through which the just or righteous will enter and give thanks. As the gate to the little sheepfold, Jesus offers the way to and from abundant life. As the shepherd, he monitors the movement of the sheep so that they are not tempted to stray along the paths of unrighteousness and destruction. As usual, the gospel text is multi-layered. The images pulsate with life and energy. They invite to vigilance on the one hand and gratitude on the other. They offer yet another way of thinking about Easter. At this time of Earth's distress, spare a thought for our farmers who, often in the face of adversity, struggle to care for their animals, to ensure the sustainability of the land entrusted to them, and to provide the produce we so often take for granted.

Next Week's Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how

can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in

the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'