



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN



Pentecost Sunday - 15th May 2016



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We welcome Fr Damien for our Horsham Masses this weekend.

The Mass Census continues at all our Masses until the end of May.

ANOINTING MASS this Friday May 20th at 10.00am at the Lutheran home. Please note earlier time.

We wish the Murtoa Church Picnic our best wishes for today. Come and join us for lunch at Murtoa Racecourse

Men of Mercy



Men's Retreat

next Sunday
May 22nd
9.30 to 4
in the Parish Centre

Including Mass for participants.

Come and join other men in a relaxed and peaceful environment designed to refresh the soul, and explore our spiritual well-being in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Leader on the day is Paul White a qualified spiritual director, member of the Campion Outreach Team and St. Brendan's Parish Men's Group, Shepparton.

Cost : \$20 (or what you can afford)

**Lunch and cuppas provided
Please register by May 15th
with Patrick Ellis 0428847455.**

All men and sons are invited.



**ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE
OPEN DAY TODAY
Sunday May 15th from
11.30 to 2pm**

Students and Staff will conduct tours of the

College and speak to you about it.

2017 Year 7 Information Evening.
Wednesday May 18th at 7.30pm in the College Library.

PRAYER for SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source of all healing power. We entrust our sick brothers and sisters to your loving care. We pray that your blessings be upon all those in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain. May You be their source of hope in moments of despair, woundedness and sorrow. May You be their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them all with the courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and your healing love. Bless those who are **caregivers**, as channels of your tender love, for they are your very hands on this earth. Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, that they 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, those in Homes and in the Hospital.

Ordinary Time in the Church Year

We finish the Easter Season today, Pentecost Sunday, the Paschal Candle is placed at the side.

From Monday we begin Readings for Ordinary Time, Year 2, and we start at Week 7.

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday.



Our Parish Schools' Catholic Education Week Mass is this Friday May 20th at 11.30am in SMJ Church. All Parishioners welcome.

Catholic Education Week in the Ballarat Diocese

is from May 20th to 27th.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 17th May	5.30pm	Joseph Murphy anniv
Wednesday 18th May	12noon	CWL Mass
Thursday 19th May	9.30am	Murray Lloyd anniv
Friday 20th May	10am 11.30am	Schools Catholic Education Wk
Saturday 21st May	10.00am	Max Robertson anniv

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: Mary Dillon (Wycheproof, sister to Bernie Ryan), Joan Williams (Warrnambool), Fr Cyril Blake.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Curran, Max Robertson, Murray Lloyd, Bruno Haenel, Max Shalders, Jack Byrne

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Jill and Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Joy Flynn, Peter Kelly, Fred Webb, Frances Mitchell,

Emergency Care: Contact Coordinator
Betty 5382 6688

Confessions Saturday after Mass (10.25)

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

Next Sunday 4th Sunday of the Month
Trinity Sunday - 22nd May 2016

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola **Sunday LLA 8.30am**
Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Murtoa **Sunday LLA 9am**

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

Ss Michael & John's Playgroup Tuesday's in school
terms 10am to 12 noon - Parish Hall. Contact 0428 119 234

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
Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

CWL Meetings 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm in 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 EVENINGS 3rd Thursday of each
Month at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Forms to be filled in with
the Parish Office prior. Contact is the Parish Office 53821155.

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

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

Free counselling, support offered by Centacare Ballarat
for families, individuals affected by the drought and other
issues **Free call 1300 303 988** to make an appointment.
Centacare can visit your home; they use our Parish Interview
Room. Totally confidential, there is much Government money
available, so don't hesitate to ring this number, times
arranged to suit you and your needs. Support open to any
family member.

ROSTERS		
May 14/15	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin	Cate Rigby Russell Reid Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon
May 21/22	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	Bridget Bales
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Lise Eagan Bales
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Parker Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts	Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Kingsley Dalglish
Projector		Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Lorraine Clancy Pat Strachan	Judy Bryan Zita Cannane
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	22nd May Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	29th May Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 83.00
Horsham	\$ 933.00	Dimboola	\$ 76.00
Total			\$ 1089.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 26

Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals

Envelopes	\$ 1248.00	Loose	\$ 96.50
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1344.50

Making Connections: Spend some time this week thinking about the gifts of the Spirit that you can discern in yourself. Try to recognise and affirm the gifts of others this week and use one of your own gifts to make life a little easier for someone else.

Marriage Tip: Jesus viewed his disciples as gifts from the Father. Do you see your spouse as a gift from your heavenly Father? Take today to thank God for each other.

Daily Prayer: Fulfill the promise of these Fifty Days with the abundant harvest of your Spirit's gifts, and let all of us who are your children born of water and the Spirit, cry out in the spirit of adoption: "Abba! Father!"

A Vocation View: Like sun through a stained glass window, the Spirit of God can shine in your life to rouse the best in another. Come, follow Him.

Confirmation is the second sacrament of initiation. Confirmation confirms a person's Baptism through anointing with oil of Chrism. Through the laying on of hands over the head of the child, a further outpouring of the Holy Spirit is invoked, that enhances a candidate's giftedness and encourages them to put their gifts at the service of the Community.

Country Mass Times in May:

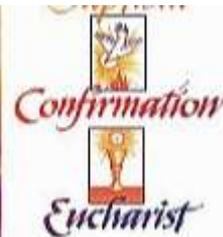
May 22nd: Natimuk Mass 8.30am. Dimboola LLA 8.30
Murtoa LLA 9am

May 29th: Dimboola LLA 8.30 Murtoa Mass 8.30am

June 5th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30

June 12th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30

June 19th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30



Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion

The families begin their preparation for the Sacrament of First Communion this week.

Mass times for the Sacraments in SMJ Church are:

Saturday May 28th 6.30pm Mass.

Sunday May 29th 10.30am Mass.

Saturday June 4th 6.30pm Mass.

Sunday May 5th 10.30am Mass.

Saturday June 18th 6.30pm Mass.

** Photo displays of the children will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write your name on these sheets to show your prayerful support for the children.

**The children will be presented to the Parish at SMJ Masses next Saturday and Sunday May 21st and 22nd.

****Rehearsal times for the Sacraments are this Thursday May 19th at 10am, Thursday June 2nd, 10am**



Our CWL Horsham branch hosts the Ballarat Diocese CWL Annual Conference this Wednesday 18th. We welcome women from across the Diocese.

Mass is at 12 noon, celebrated by the Chaplain, Fr Wally Tudor.

Parishioners are welcome to Mass and to come at 2pm, in the Parish Centre, and hear the talk on the life of Dr Mary Glowery given by Robyn Fahy.

FINANCE MEETING this Tuesday May 17th at 12 noon in the Meeting Room.

MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday May 19th from 7.30am to 8.30am in the Parish Centre. Come, if you have a son at home please bring him, to share free brekky, prayer and chat. All welcome.

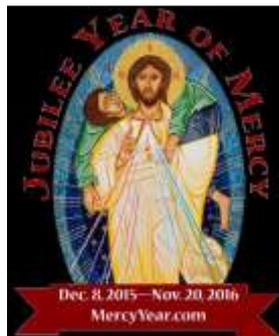
The World Youth Day Collection for Georgia Kirby was \$601. Thank you. You can leave further donations for Georgia, in an envelope marked **WYD**, and place on the Collection, or leave at the Office. Thank you again.

Prayer Sheets are in the Foyers, to pray for the success of the **Infant Viability Bill** to be debated in the Victorian Parliament on May 25th

Pentecost is God's promise to abide with us come what may. Living in the power and love of the Spirit gives us the confidence to say the ancient chant, 'Come O Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we will be recreated and you will renew the face of the earth.'

PRAYER FOR RAIN:

Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in You we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, bless our land with rain.



Pope Francis' Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you see Him. Show us your face and we shall be saved. Send your Spirit, and consecrate every one of us with the Spirit's anointing, so that the

Jubilee of Mercy, may be a year of grace from the Lord, and we your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor. Let your Church be your visible face in the world. We ask this of you, God of mercy and forgiveness, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy.

We pray this prayer at the end of the Intercessions

Reflection on Pope Francis' Message WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2016

In one of the most quoted sayings attributed to St Francis of Assisi he urges his followers, 'Preach the Gospel always, and sometimes in words'. Pope Francis has helped to make the saying popular by the striking gestures with which he commends faith. Pictures of the Pope darting into a crowd, with panicky security men trailing behind, to embrace a sick person, or in gaol on Holy Thursday washing the tattooed feet of a young Muslim woman, say more than could any book or sermon about what God is like and about how Jesus' followers should behave. St Francis' line is worth keeping in mind on World Communications Day. When we think of communicating better, we can instinctively imagine it means more writing, more words. But that is a shallow view. Communicating better is not about more, but about deeper and more effective. Today many people complain that there are too many words and too many images. Our challenge is to pick our way through them in order to recognise what is true and what matters. Then our task is to talk about what matters and to let go of the rest. The technological solution to being overwhelmed by too many communications is to filter out what we do not want to know. We use search engines or media surveys. But these devices make us dependent on other people's judgment about what matters and what is true. If our search engines and other filters are provided by firms which rely on advertising, their judgment of what matters may be based on what is profitable to them and on what confirms our prejudices. Communication then turns into bar-racking. On Communications Day we should focus less on technology than on education in the habits of heart and mind. We learn to discern what matters and what is true. This means building within our lives a space, freed free from distraction by the latest technologies, to leave space for quiet personal reflection and deep conversation about what matters and what is true. Although it is important to use communication technology creatively, the more important task is to develop habits of reflection and discernment in response to the unfocused nature of contemporary communication. In a world of customised words simple actions speak loudly. In our work with vulnerable young people, its fruitfulness depends on the extent to which the ways in which we interact with them speak of availability, greeting, faithfulness and hope.

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-
Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God,

how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that

way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-16. 23-26

Jesus said to his disciples 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

Gospel Reflection—Pentecost Yr C, Sr Veronica Lawson rsm .

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. When the Jerusalem temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people. In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story

of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed in this pouring out of God's Spirit. For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at

every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will 'retain' or 'seize hold of' the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they 'retain'. To seize hold of evil-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. Amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with or 'seize hold of' the sins of the perpetrators of violence and abuse in our Church our world.

Next Week's Gospel - John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken

from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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PRAY WITH THE WORD

*A rushing, violent windstorm - The Spirit is here! The moving, startling, tongues of fire - The Spirit is empowering!
The gathered, inspired followers of Jesus - The Spirit brings us together hopefully, and will send us out faithfully. Amen*