



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th October 2015



# Called To Serve

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

This weekend brings the final theme for our Stewardship Program :

**“ Our Parish Supports Generously ”**

We welcome **Fr Marcello from Swan Hill** who will speak at our Masses in Horsham and Murtoa.

**All parishioners are asked to respond generously and make a financial commitment to support the parish by completing a new pledge card at Mass today.**

**Tony Biviano will guide us in this process.**

The **Time and Talent Sheets** will also be collected during Mass today.

Spare Time & Talent Sheets are available in the church

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.**

### DISTRIBUTION MEETING

All parishioners who have volunteered to help with follow-up are reminded of our

**Distribution Meeting in the Meeting Room**

**on Tuesday 27th October at 7:30 pm.**

If you have not volunteered and would like

to help, or to hear the results of our *Stewardship Program,*

*“Our Parish Supports Generously”* please come along. All welcome.

*Thank you to the 54 who were able to attend our Information Evening last Tuesday and for the 12 who apologised.*

Photos below of the Information Evening



**Please pray for the success of our Program**

### 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 and 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.

### STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost.*

### 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



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We welcome to the Family of God in

Baptism on Sunday:

Olivia Eve Robertson

daughter of Bill & Sharon

**OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**  
celebrates faith  
values engagement  
supports generously

### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 20th Oct 5.30pm

Wednesday 21st Oct 9.30am

Dan Landrigan Ann

Thursday 22nd Oct 9.30am

Fr Dan Boylan anniv.

Friday 23rd Oct **10.30am**

**Anointing Mass at Lutheran Home**

Saturday 24th Oct 10.00am

Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lina Molella, John Young, Dan Landrigan, Sharon Edgar, Fr Dan Boylan, Lillian Cocks, Gerry McPhee, Neil Colling, Jeneen Patterson

**SICK:** Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Marge Whitehead, Warren Strauss, Eileen Finnigan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Jill Higginbottom, Christie Higginbottom, Carmela Baviello

**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 3rd Sunday of the Month**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th October 2015**

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

**Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**Including the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**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

**RELATIONSHIP & INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**

**Michael Grimes**, a professional counsellor from Centacare Ballarat  
 visits Horsham **every Wednesday**. Cost \$30 concessions available.  
 Phone appt 1300 303 988 or contact the Parish Office

**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.

**Children's Liturgy at 10.30 Mass in School Terms.**  
 Children leave at start of Mass, and return at Offertory.

**ROSTERS**

Oct 17/18	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Lorraine Clancy Micky Roberts Joan Parker Ann Hermans Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz	Kingsley Dalgleish Lesley Lannen Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann Lynda Hutchinson Alison McKinnon Faye Wills
Oct 24/25	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	John Parker	Alison McKinnon
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Bob Hayes Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Marie McMillan	Andrea Cox Marina Manserra Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff Mary Dalgleish Zita Cannane
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Alison McKinnon
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Roberts	Men's Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pat Strachan Joan Whiley	Marina Manserra Lyn Starr
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Amanda Carracher
<b>Prayers</b>	Lesley Price & Mary Dalgleish	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>25th October</b> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn	<b>1st November</b> Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy

**FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)**

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 42.00
Horsham	\$ 1095.00	Dimboola	\$ 73.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1210.00</b>

**2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)**

Envelopes	\$ 3542.00	Loose	\$ 106.05
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 3648.05</b>

**Making Connections:** Perform an act of service each day this week.

**Marriage Tip:** Hold hands. It may sound corny but try holding hands when discussing something sensitive. It physically reminds you that you may disagree about something, but that you're still connected and committed to each other.

**Daily Prayer:** Maker and author of life, in Jesus we have found the path to wisdom. Let us, therefore, be bold to approach you, not seeking privilege but asking mercy. Let us live among one another, not seeking to be served but to serve.

**A Vocation View:** Life's rewards are tied up in the spirit of service. Just as the Son of Man came to give His life, so too are we then called through our profession of faith to serve others. Lord, we pray, 'let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You to do your will.'

**Love and Be Loved:** Life's Great Questions - Love and Be Loved. Herein lies the answer to how we can be of service to one another and to the world: love. We must grow in our capacity to love one another; we must grow in our openness to receiving love.

### **Country Mass Times in October/November:**

Sunday 25th: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola LLA 8.30  
Murtoa LLA 9.00

Sunday Nov 1: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass **8.30**

Sunday Nov 8: Dimboola Mass 10.30. Murtoa Mass **8.30**

Sunday 15th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30

### **Ss Michael & John's Primary School**



**Spring**  
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

**FREE ENTRY**

- chair-o-plane bucking bull
- giant slide jumping castle
- Endless Ride Wristband
- Presale \$20 per child \$25 on the day

**SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2015**  
10am - 3pm  
*High Tea*  
11.30am or 1.30pm - Parish Centre

rides & games • arts & crafts • pony rides • petting zoo  
garden sale • garage sale of kids clothing & toys  
beer & wine garden • entertainment • live music  
**A FUN-filled day out for the entire FAMILY**

[www.facebook.com/SMJSpringCommunityFestival](http://www.facebook.com/SMJSpringCommunityFestival) SMJ 5382 3000

Wanted for the Spring Festival .The Committee are seeking donations of : Wrapping paper

• Books~ Children's and Adult novels or non- fiction

• Children's clothing and pre-loved toys

Donations may be left at the school office

**SMJ Church Mass on Sunday November 15th will be at 9.15 am, to lead into the Festival.**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday October 22 from 7.30 to 8.30 in the Parish Centre.**

All fathers and sons, and single men, are welcome

There will be a Guest Speaker. Time for chat, prayer. Come as you are.



This Wednesday October 21st is the SBC **Liturgy of Farewell to this year's Year 12 students**. We pray for God's blessings on their exam preparations, that their faith in God will guide their plans for the future.

This Thursday 22nd the College will hold its Farewell Assembly to the Year 12's at

12.15 in the Stadium. All families are welcome. Year 12 English begins their exams on October 28th.

We pray for the success of the **College Presentation Ball** this Friday October 23rd at Longernong College.

The College Advisory Council AGM is this Wednesday October 21st at the College at 7.30pm.

SBC Yr 8W Mass Rm 31 Friday 23rd at 9.15am.

### **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, to nurture crops sown, and to bring them to a head, and for rain to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve in times of trial and difficulty, and teach us to seek your help on our life journey.

**Music Ministry Meeting** in the Meeting Room **this Tuesday October 20th (please note change of day)** at 5.30 . All members of music ministry are welcome.

**CWL Annual Meeting** on Tuesday November 10, 1.30

### **LITURGY of the WORD OF LAMENT TO HOPE**

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL BALLARAT**

**SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER AT 2pm**

*The Liturgy will be a time of prayer and sorrow and an opportunity to stand in solidarity with victims of abuse, a time to pray together for a new beginning in our Church.*

**YOUR PRESENCE IS WELCOME**

Afternoon tea will follow in the Cathedral Hall

**5pm Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral**

Contact: Karen: kdavies54@hotmail.com

### **Families and Pope Francis**

The hidden beauty and power of the family Pope Francis reminds us that "God chose to come into the world in a human family...in a remote village of the Roman empire", and that the first 30 years of his life were spent in the mundane things of family life. "Our society might say, 'What a waste!' But what was important there was the family! And this is not a waste! Each Christian family can first of all - as Mary and Joseph did - welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him, grow with him; and improve the world"

**Overseas Volunteer Opportunities** Communities in East Timor, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and assist poverty reduction. Palms Australia will prepare and support those who volunteer. 2016 Positions close soon! Please contact palms@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551.

Pope Francis has announced a **Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy** to commence on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on December 13th at 10.30. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

**CWL Lecture** on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey Saturday November 7 in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall 3 Lyons Street Sth Ballarat begins with Mass at 10.00 am in the Cathedral. All welcome!

**The Clubrooms at Coughlin Park are handed over to the builder, MMK Ballarat, for demolition, on Monday.**

**Construction begins, to be handed back to us on April 29th, 2016!!**

**The Synod on the Family 14th General Assembly concludes in Rome next Sunday October 25th.**

*Canonisation of the First Couple Saints. On Sunday 18th October, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, the first spouses in the history of the Church to be canonized as a couple. And let's continue to keep this Synod in our prayers*  
**Synod Family Prayer Cards are in the Foyer**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11**

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20.**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

**Acclamation: Mark 10:45**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus

said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

**Gospel Reflection - 29th Sunday**

**Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

*Jesus' way is not the way of status or entitlement and that the call to discipleship has nothing to do with privilege but more to do with enduring the suffering associated mission and setting others free to be their best selves, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson.*

In the kingdom of God movement established by Jesus, there is no place for domination or for any exercise of power over others. In today's gospel story, this is a lesson that James and John, the sons of Zebedee, clearly need to learn. They seem to think that the structures of power operating in the Roman world are going to be replicated when Jesus conquers the forces of opposition and comes into his "glory". The two brothers, James and John, put in a bid for shared deputy leadership positions as a favour from Jesus. They seem to be blind and deaf to what Jesus has been trying to tell them throughout their journey from Caesarea Philippi to

Jerusalem. They seek his patronage without reference to the rest of the leadership group who, incidentally, are not well pleased with their presumptuous companions. James and John do not yet realise that Jesus' way is not the way of status or entitlement and that their call as disciples and as leaders of the emerging movement has nothing to do with privilege. They need to understand that it has more to do with enduring the suffering associated with commitment to one's mission, and with setting others free to be their best selves. To demonstrate this, Jesus offers them an unpalatable alternative: to "be slave of all". He sustains the slavery metaphor and goes on to summarise his own mission with an image that comes out of the world of his time: "not to be served but to serve and give life as a ransom for many". A ransom was the payment made to free someone from slavery. To substitute oneself for a slave was to give one's life as a ransom for that slave. Reading the gospel from beginning to

end helps us to understand the ultimate self-giving of Jesus in death as the climax of a lifetime's outpouring of love, a love that draws forth loving and liberating action in others.

There are multiple ways of enslaving others, of dominating and of trying to control them to achieve one's own personal or corporate ends, good or bad. The request of James and John reminds us that we can all lose sight of the liberating vision of the gospel and get caught up in destructive power struggles. As disciples, we hear the words of Jesus, 'It is not to happen with you'. Rather, we might turn our attention to those in our world who are literally enslaved. We might find out about ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against the Trafficking in Humans) and join with them or with others working to obtain justice for those trapped into sexual and other forms of slavery in our own cities.

**Next Week's Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.'

So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

**November Masses for Holy Souls. Monday November 2nd Mass at 12**

**Mass at Horsham Cemetery on Thursday November 4th at 6pm.**

Please bring a chair. Fr Peter will bless the graves and bring a flower for family to place on their grave or take home

**SMJ SAC Meeting Tuesday 7.30**

**Anointing Mass this Friday Oct 23 at the Lutheran Home at 10.30am**