



# St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup



## BULLETIN

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th September 2016



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We welcome Fr John this weekend.

Fr Damien has to have some medical procedures and will not be here for September, October. There are changes to the Country Mass times - please check these each week on the Bulletin.

**Term 3 ends this Friday September 16th for all Schools.**

*We pray for a safe and blessed holiday for students, staff and families.  
We pray for VCE students in their important study time*



### E Conference on the Year of Mercy.

**Tuesday September 20th 10.30am to 2.45pm.**

In the Parish Meeting Room.  
**Lunch and cuppa provided.**

Theme: **MERCY:**  
*A Way of Being in the World, commemorating the Jubilee Year of Mercy and taking up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central faith element.*

#### Speakers:

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Brisbane  
*Member Pontifical Council for Social Communications*  
Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Ballarat  
*Doctor of Scripture, author of "The Blessing of Mercy"*  
Mr Phil Glendinning  
*Director of Edmund Rice Centre, and President of the Refugee Council of Australia*

Enrolments are being accepted now. Please contact the Office 53821155

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### BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The collection to date this year has raised \$1742.00. Thank you. The Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. **You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided.**

**A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.**

### 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.



We welcome to the family of God in Baptism today:

Edward James Jackson  
son of Bradley and Leah

### CWL Meeting

this **Tuesday 13th** at 1.30pm in the Meeting Room (*postponed due to illness*). All welcome  
For your diary - AGM October 4th



### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 13th Sept	5.30pm	St John Chrysostom. Gertrude Lannen ann
Wednesday 14th Sept	9.30am	Exaltation of the Cross
Thursday 15th Sept	9.30am	Our Lady of Sorrows. Danny Magee ann.
Friday 16th Sept	9.30am	St Cornelius
Saturday 17th Sept	10.00am	

### 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:** Helen Brennan, (sister of Sue Chalkley), Fr Bob Markey

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Danny Magee, Jean McManus, Gertrude Lannen, 9/11 Victims

**SICK:** Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Fred Webb, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Teresa White, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Joy Flynn, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Sr Barbara May, Fr Adrian McInerney, Michael De Jong,

**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 - 3rd Sunday of the Month  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th September 2016**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 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

**Craft Group** Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room Mornings - 9.30am to 11.30am. Evening - 7pm to 9pm. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation. Contact Anita in the Office

**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.

**ST VINNIE'S SHOP** seeks donations of bric-a-brac, furniture, clothing. Gratefully accepted. Please leave at the shop or phone them 53824003

### THE SHARED TABLE

You are invited to give \$1 a week to help children in Lima through the "Shared Table" **Details with Forms are in the Foyers.**



## ROSTERS

Sept 10/11	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Ann Hermans	Kingsley Dalgleish Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Mary Marshall Tim Lannen
<b>Sept 17/18</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Micky Robarts	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Angela Murphy
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer John Parker	Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Gary & Betty Heinrich	Lyn Starr Mary Brown
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Lise Eagan-Bales
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>18th September</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan	<b>25th September</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

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

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$
Horsham	\$ 946.00	Dimboola	\$ 96.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1042.00</b>

### 2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 43

Envelopes	\$ 1147.00	Loose	\$ 84.25
Direct Debit	\$ 2236.67	Credit Card	\$ 3392.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 6860.42</b>

**Making Connections:** Make an effort this week to seek out someone who may be feeling a little lost or alone. Help them to experience the love of God in the kindness you offer.

**Marriage Tip:** Time spent with your spouse is precious! Try to be truly present to him/her by detaching from social media and other technologies as much as possible.

**Daily Prayer:** What do you look like, O God of compassion? A shepherd who carries the lost sheep home; a woman who sweeps the whole house to find a single coin; a father mistreated who never gives up hope that the child who hurt him will come home to be loved. So in Jesus you have come searching for us. May we never forget how much we are loved. May we never refuse to love others as much. **A Vocation View:** We are like the lost sheep when we have not found our place in life. Are you part of the herd, lost from the herd, or a leader of the herd?

**A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children**  
Gracious God you said let the children come to me. The hurt of those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us, and trust is eroded. Lord God, we your Church stand in need of your healing and help, to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

## Country Mass Times in August/September:

September 18: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am  
September 25: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30  
October 2nd: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30  
October 9th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am



## CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY TODAY SEPTEMBER 11th

The Australian Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday stresses the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse, violence and neglect. The focus this year: **'Stronger Communities, Safer Children'**

The Catholic Church works to create stronger communities to ensure our children are kept safe in Church, Schools, Parish, homes and community. The Church offers much to focus on creating stronger families, stronger communities, safer children. Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, strengthens families and communities, encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient. Stronger families and stronger Church communities can help to keep our children safe.

As the Royal Commission begins to finalise hearings and closes registration for private sessions at the end of September, Child Protection Week and Sunday provide opportunities to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer, through the commitment to implementing the Church and Diocesan policies. **Our Parish needs to set up a Parish Safeguarding Officer to provide support, advice, information on all matters concerning the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in the parish.**



## ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE MISSION DAY this Friday September 16th.

Mission Mass in the College Gym at **11.15am.**

Mission Day activities follow Mass. All are welcome to Mass and to support the Students' Mission Day stalls.



The National Police Remembrance Day Memorial Service in SMJ Church on Thursday September 29th at 11am. There is no March this year. All are welcome to the Service, gather at the Church by 11am.

Lunch in the Parish Centre after the Service.



Tuesday September 27th is the Feastday of St Vincent de Paul. Mass will be at 9.30am in the Church with Morning Tea in the Foyer after Mass. All welcome.

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

U are important. You cannot spell Ch\_rh without u. Ad\_it without u. Yo\_th without u. S\_ccess without u. S\_nday Mass without u. Comm\_nity without u. The Community and Church needs u. **THANK U**



## PRAYER FOR RAIN: Thank you, Lord God, for the 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**

## Social Justice Sunday on 25th September.

This year, the Australian Catholic Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled:

*'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'*. The statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life.

It challenges us to recognize the significant contribution to society of our older people, and emphasizes that this contribution should not be valued in economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au))

**Copies of the Statement will be on sale at \$2.**



Today is the 15th anniversary of 9/11 in 2001. We pray for the victims and their families. We pray for an end to any attacks on innocent lives across the world. God be with us.



## SEASON OF CREATION IN SEPTEMBER

As Christians we contribute to resolving the ecological crisis across our world. We must first rediscover in our own rich spiritual heritage the deepest motivations for our concern for the care of creation. We need always to keep in mind that, for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for our sake, *"the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all surrounding us"* Pope Francis

We will have prayer resources in September. 2016 reflects on Wisdom in Creation. Each Sunday has a theme, today Flora and Fauna.

God, our Creator, we praise You for all living creatures today. Help us to see your presence, in human history and in the stories of your creation, today the flora and fauna family. Teach us to hear the good news of God's loving care ringing through all of your creation. Rejoice with us as we behold the mysteries of your Wisdom implanted in all life. In the name of Christ who fills heaven and Earth.

**Holy Hour next Sunday September 18th, 2pm to 3pm**

**1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11. 13-**

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-13.**

I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse

me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice, a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

I will rise and go to my father.

**2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-10**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

**Gospel Reflection - 24th Sunday Yr C.****Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Those who take the gospel seriously sometimes forget that joy is a gospel value, a value repeatedly affirmed in the Gospel of Luke. While all three parables in today's gospel reading invite us into the experience of loss, loss of a valued creature, loss of a woman's means of survival, loss of an adult child's respect and presence, they likewise invite us into an encounter with God who seeks and "saves" the lost and who rejoices big time when the lost are found. The parables are prefaced by an account of the criticism Jesus endured for hosting "the lost" of the human community, namely the toll collectors and those who were categorised as "sinners". The critics in the story are those who consider themselves "righteous". They have no room in their hearts for compassion or forgiveness on the one

hand, and no capacity on the other to accept the goodness of a prophet who acts in ways that cut across their expectations.

"What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it?" asks Jesus of his critics, who incidentally would not care to be identified with shepherds whom they despised as unclean. As the story unfolds, the lost sheep is sought and found and ultimately embraced by the community. The celebration that ensues is likened to the heavenly banquet of God's reign where there is more joy over one who repents than over those who have no need of repentance. Repent/repentance may seem a strange choice of words since all the action is taken by the shepherd. The lost sheep simply responds to the initiative of the shepherd who goes after it and returns it

to the fold. "Or what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it?" is Jesus' second question to his critics. The pattern is repeated. The drachma, representing a day's wages, is lost, sought and found, and the community rejoices. Now and then in the biblical tradition, as here, God is imaged as a woman. God is not only the good male shepherd as in the first parable or the good male parent as in the third parable. God is also the diligent female householder who seeks and saves what is lost. No single image can contain the compassionate, loving God presented in these parables. The invitation to the believing community is to find ways of opening our hearts and the hearts of the unforgiving in our world to God's action of seeking and saving the lost - here and now, not simply in the afterlife.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 16:10-13**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you

cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**this Thursday September 15th**  
**from 7.30am to 8.30am in the**  
**Parish Centre.**

All the men of the Parish, and those with sons, are welcome for breakfast, prayer and a talk. Come for whatever time you can,