

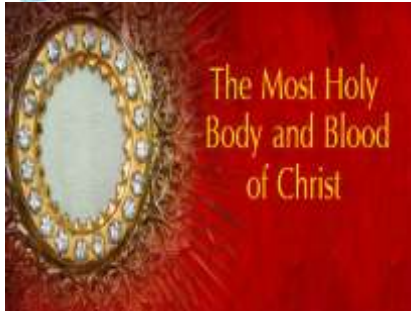


# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk –

## BULLETIN

### Body and Blood of Christ - 7th June 2015



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We welcome Fr John to help with our Masses this weekend

**Mass at Rupanyup this Wednesday June 10th, 6.30 at Tess & Chris O'Bryan's**

**Mass at Natimuk Nursing Home this Thursday June 11th at 4.15pm.**

Donations of non-perishable food in tins or packets, may be left in the Church. These will be added to the Mass for the Poor food on June 26th



Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ



We celebrate First Holy Communion for our Year 3 children at our SMJ Masses next weekend at 6.30 and 10.30 Masses, and again on the weekend of June 20/21.

The children will have a practice for their Mass in SMJ Church this **Wednesday 10th** at 10am.

#### Our devotion to the Eucharist

The Eucharist is at the heart of our lives. The Eucharist nourishes us as we try to live our lives as faithful Christians.

The challenge of the Eucharist is not to confine it to a daily ritual.

In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, 'A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented.'

*(Deus Caritas Est. 14)*

We commit ourselves to 'living Eucharistically' - living for others.

Today's liturgy invites us to reflect upon a theme of great importance for the renewal of the Church's liturgy. The Eucharist is far more than Christ's "real presence" among us, as a kind of substitute for the fact that he is no longer among us as he was in his earthly life. In its fullness, the Eucharist is an action ("Take and eat," "Take and drink," "Do this"). It is the central action of the Church's life because of the presence of the Lord himself, giving himself into the hands of his Father, as creation's perfect act of worship, and giving himself to us as food and drink, that we may make his Paschal Mystery our nourishment for eternal life.

This feast speaks to us of divine love-- of what it is and what it does. The love of God "transforms all things." The Blessed Sacrament gives us the strength to continue the mission of the Church. "We all need this Bread, because the journey toward freedom, justice, and peace is long and tiring."

#### 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.



We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Sunday:

Thomas James Rowe  
son of  
Ema-Lee and James.

Noah Albie Harris,  
son of Aaron and Stephanie

#### 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



#### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

A Funeral Mass may replace a Weekday Mass time

Tuesday 9th June	5.30pm	Vin Delahunty anniv
Wednesday 10th June	9.30am	John Panozzo anniv
Thursday 11th June	<b>No Mass</b>	St Barnabas. Jack Giles anniv at Natimuk Mass
Friday 12th June	9.30am	SACRED HEART. Nathan Mangiameli anniv.
Saturday 13th June	10.00am	St Anthony of Padua

Please Remember in Your Prayers	
<b>RECENT DEATHS:</b> Ria Op de Coul, Theo Buwalda	
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Vin Delahunty, Vern Jobe, Jack Giles, John Panozzo, Rita Mugavin, Nathan Mangiameli.	
<b>SICK:</b> Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Kevin O'Connor, Stephen Sherman, John McKenzie, Helen Brennan, Jenny Lynch, Jean Ivess, Marj Whitehead	
<b>Emergency Care: Contact Coordinators</b> Denise : 5347 0388 Betty 5382 6688	
<b>Confessions after Mass on Saturday (10.25)</b>	
<b>Each Saturday Morning:</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20</b> <b>Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am</b>	
<b>Next Sunday 1st Sunday of the Month</b> <b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th June 2015</b>	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	<b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b>
Murtoa	<b>Sunday Mass 10.30am</b>
Rupanyup	<b>Mass Wednesday 10th, 6.30, at O'Bryan's.</b>
<b>Rosary &amp; Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> <b>Including the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.</b>	
<b>Regular Activities in the Parish</b>	
<b>Mother's Prayer Group</b> Fortnightly Every Wednesday 2.00pm Church Meeting Room Contact Marina 5382 1047	
<b>Ss Michael &amp; John's Playgroup</b> Tuesday's in school terms 10am to 12 noon - Parish Hall. Contact 0428 119 234	
<b>Craft Group</b> 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	
<b>Meditation Group</b> Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm. Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807	
<b>CWL Meetings</b> 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm in Meeting Room.	
<b>Men's Group</b> Meet 3rd Thursday of the month, breakfast 7.30am-8.30, in Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428 847 455	
<b>St Vincent de Paul Conference.</b> Meet fortnightly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm, for assistance. Phone 5381 2371	
<b>RELATIONSHIP &amp; INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING</b> <b>Michael Grimes</b> , a professional counsellor from Centacare Ballarat visits Horsham <b>every Wednesday</b> . Cost \$30 concessions available. Phone appt 1300 303 988 or contact the Parish Office	
<b>BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS</b> 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.	
<b>Piety Stall in the Church</b> has gifts for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, cards, medals etc.	
<b>Children's Liturgy at 10.30 Mass in School Terms.</b> Children leave at start of Mass, and return at Offertory.	

<b>ROSTERS</b>			
June 6/7	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Marie McMillan John Parker Brendan Ryan Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy	Russell Reid Marina Manserra Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff Noreen O'Connor Zita Cannane Anna Robertson	
June 13/14	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
<b>Readers</b>	Micky Robarts	Michael Connellan	
<b>Commentator</b>	Eileen McManus	Andrea Cox	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Joan Parker Mare Plazzer Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes	Mary Dalgleish Lesley Lannen Mary Marshall Neville Strachan Bob Pritchett Judy Reid	
<b>Projector</b>	Louise Guest	Alison McKinnon	
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Jenny & Peter Rafter	
<b>Welcomers</b>	Gavin Hynam Gary Coutts	Nanette Freckleton Helene Bush	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		No Children's Liturgy	
<b>Prayers</b>	Peter and Jenny Rafter		
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>14th June</b> Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Margaret Liston Lorraine Clancy	<b>21st June</b> Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Barbara Gloury Kath Atkins	
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):</b>			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 367.00
Horsham	\$ 775.00	Dimboola	\$ 74.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1216.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection (Parish Account)</b>			
Envelopes	\$ 2939.50	Loose	\$ 70.15
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1876.65</b>
<b>Making Connections:</b> Find ways to pour yourself out for others this week.			
<b>Marriage Tip:</b> You think you're right. Your spouse thinks the opposite. Neither of you wins by making the other wrong. Try giving the benefit of the doubt to your beloved. Try it their way – at least once.			
<b>Daily Prayer:</b> In the book of the covenant, speak to our hearts. By the blood of the covenant, purify our consciences. As we give thanks with bread and cup for the mercy that has found us, gather all your children in forgiveness.			
<b>A Vocation View:</b> Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body: to become Christ-like ... purified ... ready to serve. Pray for Vocations. 'Consider everyday that you are then for the <b>first</b> time beginning, and always act with the same fervour as on the <b>first</b> day you began.' - <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>			
<i>"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."</i>			

### **Country Mass Times in April:**

Sunday June 14: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am.  
Sunday June 21: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am.  
Sunday June 28: Natimuk 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am.  
Murtoa 10.30am.

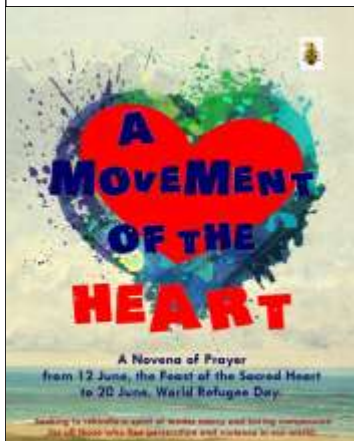
### **DATES FOR OUR CALENDARS IN JUNE**

**June 9th:** Priests, Principals, RE's Meeting Mildura  
**June 10th:** Rehearsal for First Communion SMJ 10am  
**June 10th:** Mass at Rupanyup 6.30pm  
**June 11th:** Mass at Natimuk Nursing Home 4.15pm.  
**Friday June 12:** Feast of the Sacred Heart. Mass 9.30  
**June 13/14:** First Communion 6.30 and 10.30 Masses.  
**June 15th:** Finance Meeting 12 noon Meeting Room.  
**June 16/17:** Priests' In Service in Ballarat.  
**June 17th:** OLHC Murtoa Advisory Board Meeting 7.30  
**June 18th:** Men's Group Breakfast 7.30-8.30.  
**June 18th:** Tenders Meeting for Coughlin Park Pavillion  
**June 18th: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 5.30.**  
**June 20/21:** First Communion 6.30 and 10.30 Masses  
**June 23rd:** E Conference in Meeting Room 10-2.30  
**June 23rd:** SMJ Board and Community 4 Meetings.  
**June 26:** Schools' Mass for the Poor SMJ Church 11.30  
Last day of Term 2.  
**June 28th:** Fr Peter goes on Sabbatical Leave. Attends  
Boston College Summer School in July, time in Europe  
in August, Pilgrimage in Footsteps of St Paul August 30  
-September 17th. Back in Horsham September 19th.  
Fr John supplies for me.

The **CWL Mass Crusade**, that goes around all the Parishes where the CWL has a branch, will be in Horsham this week. At our weekday Masses we pray for the CWL intentions.



The Annual Appeal for St Vincent de Paul is in June. Envelopes are in the Church for your donations to the work of the Society in our district. Please leave at the shop or bins clothes and blankets to help many in Winter. If you need the truck to visit you at home, phone



**A Movement of the Heart**  
A Novena of Prayer from the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 12th June to Saturday 20th June, World Refugee Day. Seeking to rekindle a spirit of tender mercy and loving compassion for all those who flee persecution and violence in our world. The Facebook page is at: <https://www.facebook.com/amovementoftheheart>

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for June: Immigrants and refugees:** That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in countries to which they come.

**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 revive the soil, to prepare our farming land for sowing, to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve, and teach us to seek your lasting help on our journey through life.



### **2015 E CONFERENCE**

**Tuesday June 23rd 10 to 2.30pm.**

*Religion: Catalyst for Violence or Peace?  
Probing Abrahamic Traditions for Answers*

The 2015 eConference, will tap into interfaith issues surrounding the three

Abrahamic traditions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam.

### **Speakers:**

Terry Lovat, Emeritus Professor and Postgraduate Theology Convenor, University of Newcastle and Senior Research Fellow, Philosophy, Religion & Education, University of Oxford, UK

Rev Dorothy Lee, Dean of the Theological School and the Frank Woods Professor in New Testament, Trinity College, The University of Melbourne

Mohamad Abdalla, Associate Professor at the School of Humanities, Griffith University, Queensland

Dr Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies, and Professor of Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science, USA

**You can register your interest to attend at the Office**  
Morning Tea, Lunch, and materials to follow the speakers, will be available.

**The Australian Family Association presents**  
**Mary Doogan**, a midwife in the UK, who was sacked from her job for exercising her conscience objecting to being involved in abortions. Mary will speak at ACU, 1200 Mair Street, Ballarat, on Monday June 22nd 2015 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.



**We bless the new Stations of the Cross in SMJ Church at each Mass this weekend.**  
**Station 14 above**



**1st Reading:** Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 115:12-13.15-

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

**Pause to reflect upon the Psalm**

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

**Pause to reflect upon 2nd Reading**

**Acclamation:** John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

*Gospel Reflection -Body and Blood of Christ Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

The Gospel for today reminds us that we are in a "covenant" relationship with our God. We renew that covenant in every celebration of the Eucharist. The Israelites of old sealed their covenant with God in animal sacrifice, a practice we may wish to critique, and in the celebration of a meal (Exodus 24:1-12). The blood of the slain animal was sprinkled on the altar and on the people. The people knew that blood signified life: if blood spilled out then life spilled out. The altar signified God. The sprinkling of the blood denoted their shared life with God. They were called to be holy as God is holy. Today's Gospel story of Jesus' final Passover meal with his disciples,

through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. The sharing of the cup of wine becomes their sharing in the life of Jesus "to be poured out for many". Bread and wine in this context take on a new meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by considering the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread. It is housed in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what Eureka stands for in Australian history and folklore, it carries the story that informs its creation as well as all the goodness of its fabric and thread. It has

acquired multiple levels of meaning. Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread and wine of the Eucharist likewise signify something entirely new along with all the goodness of their materiality. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. We are called to bring that life to others, to give life for the sake of the many. Reading the passage in the context of Mark's gospel provides some insight into how we might do this. Preceding verses recount stories of contrasting responses to Jesus as he faces his final days: the temple authorities plot to destroy him; an unnamed woman pours healing oil on his head and thus anoints his body "for burial"; a close friend betrays him; the story of a disciple's betrayal.

**Next Week's Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when

the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into

the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.