



Sts Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk –

BULLETIN

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st June 2015



We welcome this weekend the children, with their families, who are celebrating their First Holy Communion. *We pray with them and for them as they receive the life of Jesus in this Sacrament to guide and strengthen them in their life's journey.*

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We welcome Fr Damien for our Country Masses this weekend.

MASS FOR THE POOR this Friday June 26th at 11.30am in SMJ Church.

SBC, SMJ School, OLHC Murtoa, will join together for this Mass. Each School will bring baskets of non-perishable food which will be taken by St Vincent de Paul and the Christian Emergency Food Centre, for the poor of our community

At 6.30pm Mass we welcome:
Tom Sostheim, Arkie Ellis, Jacinta Coutts, Jasper James, Sophie Taylor, Ella Officer.

At 10.30am Mass we welcome:
Keely Elliott, Tom Luke, Toby Dinoop, Thomas Hobbs.

Thank you to Alison McKinnon for co-ordinating our Sacramental Program, to the children and their families, and to you our Parish for your prayerful support.

From the Parish Council Meeting June 18

10 attendees, 4 apologies.
Coughlin Park: With a Business Plan presented to us, the Council approved the Project to proceed; there were 3 tenders, all close to the building budget of \$1.1million. No decision to date on a successful tender. On recommendation of the Finance Group, acknowledging that the Parish owns the land at Coughlin Park, and that many Parish families were/are involved in developing Coughlin Park to this day, the Parish will contribute \$150,000 from the Land Sales of 2011, to help complete the Project. User Groups are contributing \$200,000 between them, the Government Grant is \$905,000. **Sr Jacinta** is offering our Parish Programs that support our spiritual life, the timetable for these is in the rest of the Bulletin. **Planned Giving Program:** It is 4 years since the last Renewal. There will be a Renewal Program in October, details to come in next few months.

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.

SR JACINTA'S SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS FOR OUR PARISH Days of Discernment

Thursday July 30th 7.30 to 9pm,
Friday July 31st 7.30 to 9pm on the Feast of St Ignatius Loyola,
Saturday August 1st 10am to 1pm
Based on Ignatian Discernment of life, how do I know what God wants of me? Give your name at the Office, more details in July.

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 23rd June	5.30pm	Frank Panozzo anniv. Rosary 6pm Marj Martin
Wednesday 24th June	9.30am	John the Baptist. 1pm Marj Martin Funeral Mass
Thursday 25th June	9.30am	Jean Carracher anniv
Friday 26th June	11.30	Schools Mass for the Poor
Saturday 27th June	10.00am	

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Jenny Lynch, Leo Moloney, Marj Martin Harris Gaketo (brother of Mary Lupton), Joy Mark (Bendigo)

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Clarke, Peg Byrne, Frank Panozzo, Nora & Norman Dunn, Jean Carracher.

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Kevin O'Connor, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Jean Ivess, Marge Martin, Marge Whitehead, Warren Strauss

Emergency Care: Contact Coordinators
Denise : 5347 0388 Betty 5382 6688

Confessions after Mass on Saturday (10.25)

Each Saturday Morning:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20
Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am

Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th June 2015

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

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, in Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428 847 455

St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meet fortnightly. 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

June 20/21	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Ann Hermans Sr Jacinta Rice Anthony Amor Maureen Ervin Marie McMillan	Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann Lynda Hutchinson James Rowe Alison McKinnon Faye Wills Kingsley Dalglish
June 27/28	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Eileen McManus	Angela Murphy
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Parker Brendan Ryan Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy Joan Parker	Mary Marshall Russell Reid Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff Noreen O'Connor Zita Cannane Anna Robertson
Projector	Lyn Hutchinson	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Peter & Jenny Rafter
Welcomers	Pat Strachan Joan Whiley	Marina Manserra Lyn Starr
Prayers	Roma Magee, Mary Brown, Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	28th June Pauline Hinch Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry Carolyn Boseley	5th July Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Herson-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 110.00
Horsham	\$ 1083.00	Dimboola	\$ 92.00
Total			\$ 1285.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 2009.50	Loose	\$ 64.00
Total			\$ 2073.50

Making Connections: This week, try to provide stability or safety to someone who may be undergoing a rough patch.
Marriage Tip: Marriage Challenge: If you have children, the challenge is to negotiate child care responsibilities and still have the energy to be good, devoted spouses. Consider going on weekly dates.
Daily Prayer: God of the whirlwind, at creation's dawn you set the bounds of the sea and stilled the raging of its waves. God of the calm, in Jesus the Teacher you rebuked the wind and set the sea at rest: Calm our fears now. Stir up our faith, that we may gladly lend our hands to your work of making the whole creation new!
A Vocation View: At times we can feel that we are being swamped by various troubles. Like the apostle Paul, we are overwhelmed, not by our troubles, but by the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ.
St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!
"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, But God declared: "Go down again - I dwell among the people." - Blessed John Henry Newman

Country Mass Times in April:

Sunday June 28: Natimuk 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am.
Murtoa 10.30am.
Sunday July 5th: Dimboola LLA 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30

PARISH FINANCES

With the end of the Financial Year on June 30th, we are deeply grateful to the 345 pledge givers, and those who give by cash. When this Program began in 2011 there were 398 pledges made. With people who have died, others have moved from the Parish, and a number do not give any more, there is a need to renew the Program to help meet our annual budget. This Budget will be printed on next week's Bulletin.

MUSIC MEETING on Thursday 25th June at 5.30pm in the Resource Room.



St Vincent de Paul Society

JUNE WINTER APPEAL

good works

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

"There is no magic solution to poverty.

It takes compassion, commitment, money."

No person wants to suffer the debilitating effects of poverty. Not knowing how you'll pay next month's rent or where this week's groceries will come from isn't something anyone, any family, wants to go through.

Donations can be placed in an envelope marked 'Vinnie's and placed on the Collection at any Mass.

Donations of non-perishable food - packets or tins - and clothing, can be left at the Church in June.

***SBC Young Vinnies** have a Sleepover at the College on Thursday night to raise awareness of homelessness.

Fr Peter Hudson Sabbatical Leave 2015

Depart Australia Monday June 29th for New York.

Tuesday June 30th to Sunday July 5th with my brother Des and Leila and Family in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Sunday July 5th to Friday July 31st. Summer School at Boston College School of Ministry and Theology

Monday July 6th to Friday July 17th: 8.45am - 11.45am Ecclesiology for our Time by Fr Richard Lennan.

Saturday July 11th: Knowing God. Retired Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

Sunday July 19th: Baptism of my grand Niece Gabriella at St Pius X Church, Fairfield.

Monday July 20th to Friday July 31st: 8.45am - 11.45am Sacraments for our Day by Fr John Baldovin SJ

Saturday August 1st to August 9th: Fairfield, USA

Sunday August 9th to Monday August 17th: Kilkenny, Ireland, visit Fr Denis Denehy at Killarney, Religious in Limerick.

Monday August 17th to Friday 21st: Rome with Fr Robert McCulloch

Saturday August 22nd to Sunday August 30th: London.

Sunday August 30th to Thursday September 17th:

In Turkey to join a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul, visiting Greece, Corinth, Thessalonika, Ephesus, Cappadocia, Gallipoli, Greek Islands.

Saturday September 19th at 1am land in Melbourne

• Fr John Pothiyittel will live in the Presbytery until August 30

• Fr Anthony, a Vietnamese Redemptorist Priest, currently helping in Colac, will supply September 1st to September 6.

* Fr Anthony Van Dyk will supply here and live in the Presbytery from September 8th until September 20th.

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

this Tuesday June 23rd 10 to 2.30.

*Religion: Catalyst for Violence or Peace?
Probing Abrahamic Traditions for Answers*
Interfaith issues surrounding the three
Abrahamic traditions: Christianity, Islam



Judaism.

Speakers:

Terry Lovat, Emeritus Professor and Postgraduate Theology Convenor, University of Newcastle 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, USA

You can register your interest to attend at the Office Sr Jacinta will be the Co-Ordinator for the day.

Come before 10 to have a cuppa. Day begins at 10.

Morning Tea, Lunch, and materials to follow the speakers, will be available.

PRAYER for REFUGEES & ASSYLUM SEEKERS

God, no one is stranger to you, no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those who are lost, those separated from their loved ones, those who have been exiled from their homes.

Bring them safely to the place where they long to be. Help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Who too was a refugee and migrant Who travelled to another land searching for a home. Amen.

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

POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT *Laudato Si': On the care of our common home*

is the first Encyclical of the Pontificate of Pope Francis. In true Francis style, his message is pastoral while his language is blunt. "Everything is connected," the Pope writes. "Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined with a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." The Encyclical has been met with concern on the side of conservative, climate change deniers within the Church, and glee by those who seek change. *Download the Encyclical by typing in google POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT*

SMJ Community 4 Meeting Tuesday 23rd 7.30 Staff Room

1st Reading: Job 38:1. 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther; here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 106:23-26.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep.

For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them

from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed.

They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men.

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2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

Gospel Reflection - Veronica Lawson

Today's gospel story looks back to the parables that comprise the first part of the chapter and to the crowds that heard these parables: it is the evening of that same day. This story also looks forward as it marks the beginning of the second major section of Mark's gospel (4:35-8:21), a section that seems to be structured around a number of crossings of the lake, or Sea of Galilee. Jesus' decision to move with his disciples out of familiar territory is deliberate: "Let us go across...." The crossing itself is difficult, as is the challenge that confronts them on the other side of the lake. From the disciples' perspective, the seeming indifference of the sleeping Jesus is even more disturbing than the storm that threatens their safe crossing: "Do you not care...?" Jesus demonstrates that he does indeed care. From his perspective, the problem is with the fear in their

hearts, a fear that is grounded in their lack of faith: "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

In the context of this Markan story, Jesus is like the sower in the parable (4:27-28) who goes to sleep and trusts that the seed will sprout and grow and bear fruit-which it does. Within a first-century Jewish context, Jesus' ability to "rebuke" the storm is a sign of divine power: in the Psalms, for instance, the God of Israel is the one who stills the roaring of the seas (Psalm 65:5) and controls the creatures that inhabit the waters (Psalm 89:9). Today's first reading has insisted that God commands the sea and all of its moods. God the Birthing Mother presents Job with a series of rhetorical questions, reminding him and us that, while the sea may be threatening, it is God's new born infant, wrapped in God's swaddling clothes of darkness and cloud.

We read Mark's little story against the backdrop of the Hebrew Scriptures. We might also read it in light of contemporary science and so find within it a call to consider how our species respects or fails to respect and to nurture the fruit of God's womb, the cosmos. This story of the storm at sea is not an invitation to be complacent about the extreme weather events on our planet, trusting in God that all will be well. Such terrifying events can derive from the movement of tectonic plates over which we have no control. They can also derive from or be exacerbated by excessive carbon emissions. We pollute the atmosphere and make the seas to rise at our peril. Trust in God may involve relinquishing vested interests and engaging the processes that are designed to reverse the effects of human-induced climate change.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.'

And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out of him, Jesus turned around in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened

and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

Charity is the form, mover, mother, and foundation of all the virtues.
- St. Thomas Aquinas

Happy 70th Birthday to Fr Peter on Wednesday June 24th