



St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk –

BULLETIN

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th July 2015



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We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism on Sunday:
Oscar Roy Both,
son of Steven and Corinne

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS TODAY

This collection is around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul on June 29th.

The Collection does not help pay for those who work in the Vatican, but is part of a levy placed on all Dioceses throughout the world, to support Pope Francis in extending the mission of the Church to all Countries, especially those who do not know of Jesus. The Collection helps our Diocesan levy, and your generosity in the past is great.

The Collection will be taken up, as a LEAVING COLLECTION at all Masses and LLA in our Parish TODAY

If you are away, and wish to contribute, please leave your donation in an envelope marked "Pope", and put it on the Collection or at the Parish Office.
Thank you.

SR JACINTA'S SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS FOR OUR PARISH

Ignatian Discernment Series – How do I know what God wants of me?

Venue: Parish Centre.
Thursday, July 30th - 7.30-9 p.m. Introduction- Ignatius and Discerning Choices
July 3rd (Feast of St Ignatius)- 7.30-9 p.m.
Two Pathways and Making Decisions
August 1st, 10-1 p.m. *How do I know what God wants of me?*

To benefit from this program all three sessions are needed. Please do not miss this rare opportunity. Book in at the parish centre as soon as possible. All welcome.

Call to Peace

Venue: Parish centre
Thursday 6th August- Hiroshima Day- 7.30-9 p.m. Discussion on Peace using Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Exhortation- *The Joy of the Gospel*. Are you interested in being a member of a parish justice and peace group? This is for you... but we are called to peace. Come along. Our world desperately needs peace people.

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 Fr John Pothiyittel
Fr John will live in the Presbytery until August 30th, whilst Fr Peter is away. Fr John will go on his holidays to Kerala from early September to mid October. + Fr Damien will come on the 3rd weekend of each month. + Fr Anthony Tan, a Vietnamese Priest in Colac will live here from September 1st to September 6th. + Fr Anthony Van Dyk will live here from September 8th to 20th.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

A Funeral Mass may replace a Weekday Mass time

Tuesday 7th July	5.30pm	Dr Liann O'Halloran
Wednesday 8th July	9.30am	Elena Rossi, George Jovcovich, Sharon & David Simm
Thursday 9th July	11.00am 4.15pm	Funeral Prayers for Michael Kennett Natimuk Nursing Home Mass
Friday 10th July	9.30am	
Saturday 11th July	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: Dr Liann O'Halloran (Ireland), Maureen Keegan (Warrnambool—Dave's mother), Michelle Hogan (daughter of Noreen & Bryan), Michael Kennett	
ANNIVERSARIES: Liam Scott, Elena Rossi, George Jovcerovic, Sharon & David Sinn, Bill Hickey, Brian Butler	
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 Whitehead, Warren Strauss, Tom Murphy.	
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 3rd Sunday of the Month 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th July 2015	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday LLA 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		
July 4/5	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Maree Plazzer Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce	Mary Dalgleish Lesley Lannen Neville Strachan Bob Pritchett Judy Reid
July 11/12	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Les Butler	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Michael Connellan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Simon Lynch Ann Hermans Sr Jacinta Rice Maureen Ervin Marie McMillan John Parker	Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann Lynda Hutchinson James Rowe Faye Wills Kingsley Dalgleish
Projector	Louise Guest	Don Vu
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Jenny & Peter Rafter
Welcomers	Carolyn Boseley Louise Guest	Mary Uebergang Mary Dalgleish
Prayers	Anna Robertson, Alison McKinnon, Lesley Price	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	12th July Shirley Hoffmann Marie McMillan Margo Hogan	19th July Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 70.00	Murtoa	\$ 136.00
Horsham	\$ 995.00	Dimboola	\$ 78.00
Total			\$ 1279.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 6451.67	Loose	\$ 63.70
Total			\$ 6515.37

Making Connections: This week, try to become aware of those things which hinder your growth in faith. Work actively in overcoming them.

Marriage Tip: Marriage Challenge: While you may have settled in to a comfortable lifestyle, routines can get boring. Try something new together this week – a new food, recreation, book...

Daily Prayer: Remove from before our eyes, O God, the veil that hides your splendor, and flood us with the light of your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize your glory shining in the humiliation of your Christ and experience even in our own human weakness the sufficiency of your grace and the surpassing power of Christ's resurrection.

A Vocation View: There is a great need today to stand up for what we believe in. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, He has sent you to bring Good News to the poor.

Sunday Country Mass Times in July & August:

July 5th: Dimboola LLA 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am
July 12: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa LLA 9am
July 19: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am
July 26: Natimuk Mass 8.30am Dimboola LLA 8.30am
Murtoa LLA 9am
August 2: Dimboola LLA 8.30am Murtoa Mass 8.30am
August 9: Dimboola Mass 8.30am Murtoa LLA 9am
August 15: Dimboola Mass 8.30 Murtoa Mass 10.30
August 23: Natimuk Mass 8.30am Dimboola LLA 8.30
Murtoa LLA 9am

August 30: No Country Masses

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Conference are delighted to the response to the Winter Appeal in particular 'The Poor Man's Mass'. 1407 items of non-perishable food was donated through the schools, St Brigid's, St Michael & John and Our Lady Help of Christians.

Total food donations Poor Man's Mass \$3619.00 and from Sunday collections \$230.00.

Congratulations to the Junior Conference Members at St Brigid's for organising a very successful sleep out. St Vincent de Paul members provided and served soup and sandwiches and a hot breakfast.

Both Conference and Vinnies Centre are low in members, anyone wishing to volunteer at either please contact Heather (Manager) or any Conference Member. Pat Strachan

FAREWELL FOR PETER AND JENNY RAFTER

There will be a morning tea after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday July 12th to farewell Peter and Jenny Rafter

CWL MEETING

The next CWL meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th July in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm. All Welcome

Memorial Mass for Sr Kathleen Mercovich

Due to enquiries about a Requiem Mass for Sr Kathleen Mercovich within the Diocese, given that her burial and requiem were in NSW (St Martha's Strathfield and Macquarie Park Cemetery). I have made arrangements with Andrew Hayes for Mass to be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Ararat on next **Monday 6th July at 5.30 pm**. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome. Kathleen spent 5 years based in Ararat working as the Director of Catholic Missions of the Ballarat Diocese. We hope to have supper after the Mass. Many thanks for all the cards and messages of sympathy that have been sent and communicated.
Paul Mercovich

Fr Barry Ryan's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

Fr Barry Ryan will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination at the St Columba's Parish Church on Sunday, July 19, 2015 at 10.00am Mass. A morning tea will be held in the St Columba's Parish School Hall (Howard Street) following Mass. All are most welcome

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, especially in these coming months 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.

LOOKING FORWARD GATHERINGS

Looking Forward is a strategy initiated by Bishop Paul and the Bishop's Advisory Council in order to prepare now for the future.

Looking Forward is an ongoing process. It commenced in 2014 with four stages.

Looking Forward continues in 2015 as part of a continuous process - in other words, all stages are still relevant and happening.

Looking Forward 2015

In 2015 Parish Pastoral Councils, School and Parish Leadership Groups and Priests will be invited to prepare for the Looking Forward 2015 Gatherings. **Meetings will start at 7pm and will be led by Fr Justin Driscoll and Amanda Smith** These 2015 Gatherings will be held in centres around the Diocese as follows:

- Warrnambool Tuesday 28 July
- Ararat Tuesday 4 August
- Hamilton Tuesday 11 August
- **Horsham Tuesday 18 August**
- Colac Tuesday 25 August
- Wendouree Tuesday 1 September
- Birchip Tuesday 8 September
- Swan Hill Tuesday 15 September

Attendance at the Gatherings is not limited to leadership groups. Other parishioners including school staff and parent are welcome to attend. *Please let the Parish Office know if you are planning to attend this event.*

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July Politics:

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity. The poor in Latin America: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

National Pilgrimage In the footsteps of Saint

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 21st October 2015, ends in Sydney 31st October 2015. Cost ex Melbourne per person twin share \$2,700. Further information & application form contact: Sister Therese Leydon at Mary MacKillop Place, 02 8912 4845 or therese.leydon@sosj.au

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Resp Psalm: Ps 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

2nd Reading: Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Acclamation: cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Gospel Reflection - Veronica Lawson rsm

Most of us have known the experience of feeling powerless in the face of rejection, especially when it is rejection from those who are closest to us, from those who might normally be expected to understand and affirm us. That seems to have been the experience of the Markan Jesus. Earlier in the gospel (3:20-21) Jesus is misunderstood by his family who, along with the Jerusalem leaders, think he is out of his mind. His family tries to control him, to take hold of him and save him from himself, as well as from what they perceive to be his crazy lifestyle. When they come to take him away, he leaves them outside and continues to teach about a new sort of kinship.

In today's gospel reading (6:1-6), the neighbours and friends of Jesus' family have trouble coping with him. They admit that his teaching demonstrates considerable wisdom.

They also acknowledge his extraordinary power as a healer. From their perspective, however, something doesn't add up. After all, he is basically just one of them, "the craftsman".

Jesus' hometown people don't simply puzzle over his extraordinary powers. They are actually "scandalised" by him. He experiences their response as rejection and tells them how he feels. In so doing, he identifies himself with the rejected prophets of old. The townspeople's lack of faith renders the prophet Jesus powerless: he is simply unable to perform any mighty deeds among them. There is a hint in the text, however, that some few do have faith: "he cured a few sick people." He cures these people "by laying his hands on them". We have seen, with the request of the leper (1:41) and the action of the crowds (3:10,) the people's well-founded faith in the healing power of touch, of bodily encounter.

At times, we may be like Jesus, bringing the wisdom and power of God to our families or local communities, only to meet with rejection. Sometimes, we may be like the few who come in faith and experience a healing touch. At other times, we may replicate the behaviour of the opponents of Jesus and discount the achievements of those who excel or whose message challenges us or our lifestyle. To refuse to listen to a prophetic message because the messenger fails to meet our preconceived ideas about prophets may have something to do with a lack of faith. It may actually stymie the power of God. Finally, the emphasis on healing in this reading invites us to pause and consider the intrinsic value of all, human and other-than-human, so often denigrated and devalued by dualistic attitudes that dichotomise the material and the spiritual with dire consequences for the Earth community.

NEXT WEEKS GOSPEL: MARK 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house

anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Dates for your Calendar

July 20th—

Finance Meeting—12 noon

August 18th—

Looking Forward Gathering with Fr Justin Driscoll and Amanda Smith

See inside Bulletin

August 20th—

Parish Council Meeting 5.30pm