

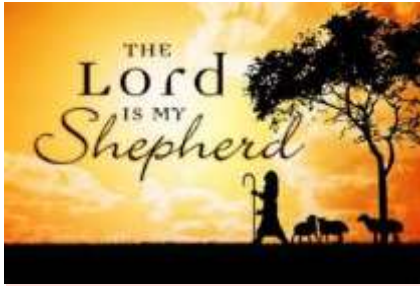


St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk

BULLETIN

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th July 2015




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Prayer for the Week

 Use an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd as a focus for prayer. Pray for all those who have pastoral responsibility within the wider Church and within your own community. Pray for each other and for those for whom you have pastoral responsibility.
Recite Psalm 23

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 31st (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.

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LOOKING FORWARD GATHERING IN HORSHAM

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

Meetings will start at 7pm and will be led by Fr Justin Driscoll and Amanda Smith

- **Horsham Tuesday 18 August**
- Attendance at the Gatherings is not limited to leadership groups. Other parishioners including school staff and parents are welcome to attend.
Please let the Parish Office know if you are planning to attend this event.

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.

FINANCE MEETING

There will be a finance meeting at 12 noon on **Monday 20th 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 21st July	5.30pm	Betty Nevill Anniversary
Wednesday 22nd July	9.30am	
Thursday 23rd July	9.30am	
Friday 24th July	9.30am	
Saturday 25th July	10.00am	

Please Remember in Your Prayers	
RECENT DEATHS: Sr Clare Mangan MSC (Sydney), Michael (Mick) Rowe (Ararat) - brother of Theresa & Frances	
ANNIVERSARIES: Betty Nevill, Victims of the MK17 airplane disaster	
SICK: Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Kevin O'Connor, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Marge Whitehead, Warren Strauss, Tom Murphy, Eileen Finnigan	
Emergency Care: Contact Coordinators 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 4th Sunday of the Month 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th July 2015	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Natimuk	Sunday Mass 8.30am
Dimboola	Sunday LLA 8.30am
Murtoa	Sunday LLA 9.00am
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. 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			
July 18/19	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anne Newton Silvana Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy Joan Parker Maree Plazzer Chris Velthuis	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff Noreen O'Connor Zita Cannane Bob Pritchett	
July 25/26	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Readers	John Parker	Alison McKinnon	
Commentator	Anita Masiero	Angela Murphy	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Ann Hermans Maureen Ervin	Lesley Lannen Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann Lynda Hutchinson Andrea Cox Faye Wills	
Projector	Lyn Hutchinson	Shayne Keenan	
Musicians	Chris Robarts		
Welcomers	Gavin Hynam Gary Coutts	Mary Brown Denise Vallance	
Prayers	John & Joan Parker		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	26th July Lynda Hutchinson Silvana Foster Helene Bush	2nd August Josie Phelan Claire Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley	
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 80.00
Horsham	\$ 790.00	Dimboola	\$ 55.00
Total			\$ 925.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)			
Envelopes	\$ 3766.50	Loose	\$ 60.60
Total			\$ 3827.10
Making Connections: Make time this week to be alone to reflect on your journey; to rest before God.			
Marriage Tip: As humans we all seek happiness, but what the world suggests will make us happy is often temporary bliss. A loving spouse can be a doorway to happiness, but being happy often results from giving it away. Bring some happiness to another today.			
Daily Prayer: Lord God, faithful shepherd of the flock, in Jesus you long to gather into one fold the scattered sheep, the desolate crowd, the souls bewildered and confused. Work in us and through us to fashion a new humanity, proclaiming peace to those near and far off, gathering many into one through Christ's glorious cross.			
A Vocation View: When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place			

Sunday Country Mass Times in July & August:

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: Dimboola LLA 8.30am Murtoa LLA 9am

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.

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL : JOHN 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...come away by yourself to a lonely place and rest awhile." (Mark 6: 31)

Do you spend time listening for God? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence everyday and ask God what it is He wants you to do. Consider making a retreat this year.

Father Peter's Sabbatical

Fr Peter has had a wonderful session in his study listening to Retired Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

This weekend Fr Peter will travel back to his brother's to preside over his grand Niece Gabriella's baptism, before continuing back to Boston with his studies

CWL IRISH LUNCHEON

Tuesday 21st July at 12 noon sharp
Commercial Hotel, Wilson Street, Horsham

\$20 per head

All Welcome

RSVP: Joan 5381 2411 or Barbara 5382 3182
No later than 17th July



World Youth Day Information Sessions

Are you thinking about being part of the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow Poland in 2016? Information sessions for potential pilgrims (18-35 years old) are being held on Friday, July 31 at 7.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons Street South and Wednesday, August 26 at 5.30pm at Warrnambool in St John's Gathering Space, 169 Kepler Street. Contact Amanda on 0427 748867 if you can't make it to one of these sessions and we'll get the info to you. See WYD Information on the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

ALTAR SOCIETY

Do you have some spare time that you can give to help with the cleaning of the church each week and/or help with the flowers? We are looking for some more people to go on the roster to help out.

For further information contact Lynda Hutchinson on 0407 340 412 or the Parish Office.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL PREPARATION

Our Prayers of the Faithful are prepared each week by a small team of people, but now they are looking for others to come on board and help. It takes a small amount of time and you do it in teams of two or more. You may like to get a few others together to form a team.

For further information contact Anita in the Parish Office

80 Congratulation and prayerful wishes to Brian Murphy who is celebrating his 80th Birthday on July 22nd.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks! 'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks—when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. and this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my

drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who

were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles re-joined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



Gospel Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and re-creation. With so much pain and suffering in our world, the demands of the mission can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us. The apostles have been busy—preaching, healing and driving out the “demons” as instructed. They now report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. “Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while” is the invitation that Jesus extends to them. The reference to desert evokes the

wilderness of Sinai through which the people of Israel travelled for forty years. For the contemporary reader, it evokes the diversity of life in the desert on the one hand, and the desertification of so much of the earth's surface as a result of tree-clearing and mindless destruction of forests on the other. The “rest” that Jesus proposes is short-lived: the crowds pursue him. His response to these crowds is a physical one: he is “moved with compassion”. The Greek verb suggests a “gut” reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people who are “like sheep without a shepherd”, and is ready to do something about it. As the story continues, we find Jesus inviting his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of the people in the desert. “You give them something to eat” is his instruction to those who would turn the people

away. Like the Israelites of old, the afflicted Earth community in any age needs good leaders or “shepherds” who will “practice justice and righteousness in the land”, as the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us. The Hebrew word for justice refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness is about right relationship at every level. Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness mean. As the gospel story unfolds, we find that Jesus' disciples are well-meaning though slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with the compassionate heart of the good shepherd, and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice and right relationship in a world of unconscionable disparities and unprecedented displacement.