



# St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk

## BULLETIN

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th July 2015



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**Japanese Students Visit**  
 St Brigid's College has welcomed 15 new students from Matsudo International High School in Japan. These students will attend Mass on Thursday 30th July at 9.30am. We look forward to welcoming them and their class mates at this Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> - 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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



<b>WEEK-DAY MASSES:</b>		A Funeral Mass may replace a Weekday Mass time
Tuesday 28th July	5.30pm	Michael Sordello Anniversary
Wednesday 29th July	9.30am	Vera Bigham Anniversary
<b>Thursday 30th July</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Visit by Japanese Students</b>
Friday 31st July	9.30am	Jos Velthuis Anniversary
Saturday 1st August	10.00am	

Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jedda Berry, Jos Velthuis  
Michael Sordello, Bill Harrison, Celeste Turri, Vera Bigham,  
Margaret Jones, Edward Omant, Richard Omant

**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 Coordinator**

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  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd August 2015**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm

Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday LLA 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

**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.** 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 25/26	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	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
<b>August 1/2</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice	Michael Connellan
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Dianne Noy
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	John Parker Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy	Alison McKinnon Marina Manserra Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff Noreen O'Connor Zita Cannane
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pat Williams Connie Besselaar	Marina Manserra Lyn Starr
<b>Prayers</b>	Anna Robertson, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>2nd August</b> Josie Phelan Claire Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley	<b>9th August</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

**FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):**

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 99.00
Horsham	\$ 910.00	Dimboola	\$ 104.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1113.00</b>

**2nd Collection (Parish Account)**

Envelopes	\$ 1002.00	Loose	\$ 73.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1075.50</b>

**Making Connections:** Try to provide what others need this week.

**Marriage Tip:** Saying "I love you" out loud is important, but sometimes indirect gestures of love make an even stronger impact. Be creative. Put your love in writing as a love letter or a short "sweet note" hidden in some unexpected place where your beloved will find it.

**Daily Prayer:** We lift our eyes to you, O God, we stretch out our hands in supplication. What you give we will share, for you have made us one body in one Spirit. Sustain with your word and food all whom you have called to one hope, and let nothing be lost of the community that you have bound together in love and peace.

**A Vocation View:** Today we are reminded by St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.' That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes.

### **Sunday Country Mass Times in July & August:**

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

Sept 6: Dimboola LLA 8.30am Murtoa Mass 8.30am

Sept 13: Dimboola Mass 8.30am Murtoa LLA 9.00am

Sept 20: Dimboola Mass 8.30am Murtoa Mass 10.30

### **NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE**

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

The website is very "user friendly".

Here's how.....

- ⇒ Type in [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)
- ⇒ Select a Parish: Horsham Parish
- ⇒ Click the yellow button (to commence search)

You are now on the Horsham Parish website

The current bulletin will be there for you to see and if you wish to see previous bulletins you will need to select Archives.

**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.

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**The Bottom Line:** 'Community is a place of belonging where each person can grow to become fully him or herself. It is belonging for becoming. We belong to each other so that each member can become more human, more loving, more free, more open to others, particularly to those who are different. When each member can develop their unique gifts and help others to develop theirs, members are no longer in competition but in collaboration, in cooperation and in mutual support. To become is not to prove I am better than you, but rather supporting together each other in opening up our hearts. Thus community is a place of transformation...' - *Jean Vanier, Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian and humanitarian.*

### **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](http://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



Mary Mackillop Holding Crosses are now available in the Piety Stall. These crosses are small enough to hold in the palm of your hand and are easily handled by frail and sick people. Makes a great gift. Comes complete with a prayer card. \$32.00 each. Check out the shop after Mass and see all their other gift ideas





**1st Reading:** 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:10-11. 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

**Acclamation:** Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**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.

**Gospel Reflection - Veronica Lawson rsm**

The gospel readings for the next five weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called "first world" know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings is confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth's precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours. In John's account of the feeding of the

5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the "signs" he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd's response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading. Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The "mountain" place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus.

Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they simply take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the "more-than-enough", so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing. Although the people partially understand Jesus' identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems. It may be that we too need to sit down together on the grass, or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world.

**NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL: JOHN 6:24-35**

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work

for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture

says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'