



St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk

BULLETIN

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd August 2015



PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Hudson
Parish Secretary: Anita Masiero
10 Roberts Ave Horsham 3400
PO Box 212, Horsham Vic 3402
Phone: 5382 1155.
Fax: 5382 3016
Email: horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

SCHOOLS

Ss Michael & John Primary
Principal: Andrea Cox
Phone: 5382 3000
St Brigid's College
Principal: Peter Gutteridge
Phone: 5382 3545
Our Lady Help of Christians
Principal: Gary Typuszak
Phone: 5385 2526

Fr Peter's Sabbatical

Fr Peter has finished his studies in Boston. The weather has been a warm 35 degrees. He will now head to Fairfield to his brother's for a week's break before heading to Kilkenny in Ireland. He has learnt a lot in Boston

SR JACINTA'S SPIRITUAL PROGRAM FOR OUR PARISH

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.

Please book in at the Parish Office

#####

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

Tuesday 18 August in the Parish Hall

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



WEEK-DAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass may replace a Weekday Mass time

Tuesday 4th August	5.30pm	Sr Gerardus death & Veronica Butler Anniversary
Wednesday 5th Aug	9.30am	
Thursday 6th August	9.30am	
Friday 7th August	9.30am	
Saturday 8th August	10.00am	

Please Remember in Your Prayers	
RECENT DEATHS: Sr Gerardus Thistlewaite csb, Marj Haebich, Geoff Richmond (Brother-in-law of Mary Murphy), Ray Coutts	
ANNIVERSARIES: Veronica Butler, Florence Pollard, Monica Phelan, Maureen Frasier, John (JJ) O'Connor	
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 2nd Sunday of the Month 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th August 2015	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm
	Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday Mass 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			
August 1/2	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	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	
August 8/9	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Readers	Anita Masiero	Anthony Dowling	
Commentator	Eileen McManus	Andrea Cox	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Parker Maree Plazzer Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce	Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Lesley Lannen Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann Lynda Hutchinson	
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Julie Antonoff	
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir	
Welcomers	Pat Strachan Joan Whaley	Sharon Creasey Beth Johnson	
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	9th August Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	16th August Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn	
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):			
Natimuk	\$ 43.00	Murtoa	\$ 57.00
Horsham	\$ 927.00	Dimboola	\$
Total			\$ 1027.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)			
Envelopes	\$ 1768.00	Loose	\$ 58.50
Total			\$ 1826.50
Making Connections: Make time each day this week to reflect on the real nourishment you yearn for. What truly sustains your life?			
Marriage Tip: Happiness can be fleeting. Selfless love has the potential to carry a couple over the long haul and bring abiding joy. Is there some way you can be selfless today? Don't aim for every day, just today—one day at a time.			
Daily Prayer: Nourish us on the bread of Christ's teaching, clothe us in your likeness. May we live a life worthy of our calling and bear witness in true holiness.			
A Vocation View: "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.			

Sunday Country Mass Times in August & Sept:

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

Priest Ordinations Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Priests celebrating the anniversary of their Ordinations.

27th July—Peter Taffe & Frank Madden (1963)

31st July—Peter Sherman (1981) & Neville Stanislaus (1999)

1st August—Michael McKinnon (1981)

7th August—Adrian McInerney (1969)

We pray that God's blessings be with them as they continue their good works.

Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Religion?
 - Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic?
 - Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?
 - Are you a Baptised Catholic, but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
 - Do you have a Catholic Partner/Children?
 - Are you taking the responsibility of the faith education of your children but are not Catholic?
- Interested people can contact Lesley Price on 0408 369 487 or the Parish Office for further information

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th August at 1.30pm.**

Guest Speaker will be Cathy Taylor speaking on her trip to Gallipoli.
All Welcome

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE 2015 RAFFLE

Once again Corpus Christi College are holding their annual raffle.

1st Prize: \$15,000 Travel Award through Ashmore & James Travel Associates
(Valid till 28th August 2016)

2nd Prize: \$500 Gift voucher from the Good Guys Electrical Retailers

3rd Prize: \$200 Gift voucher from the Good Guys Electrical Retailers

4th Prize: \$100 Gift voucher from the Good Guys Electrical Retailers

Tickets \$10 each. Contact Parish Office for tickets by August 10th

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 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Grandparents—Great vocation

We celebrate the gift of grandparents. These ancestors have given us the gift of life. They continue to give us the gift of love.



A PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear God,
Please bless our grandparents.
Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they gave to me.
For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.
For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.
For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.
Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life,
Let them find peace and rest from their work,
Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.
And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren.
Bless them always until they come to rest in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Resp Psalm: Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might.

He commanded the clouds above

and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17. 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

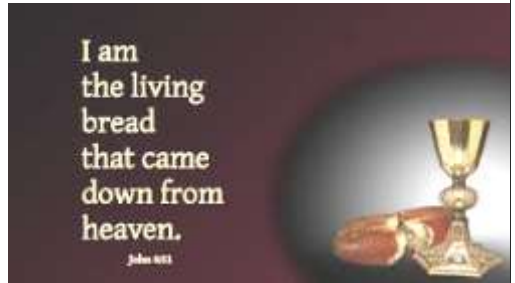
Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

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.'



Gospel Reflection - Veronica Lawson

We have become so familiar with the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements in the text or the constructed environment and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for the God's Word become flesh. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life. We might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in

boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities. Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it is since its waters have been exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in

the text. The question, "Rabbi, when did you come here?", is about time and place. Jesus is addressed as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. It is his response to this question that introduces the discussion about bread. This in turn opens up a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking. Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us in his recent encyclical, *Laudato Si*, to value and respect the material world. The more we do so, the more attuned we will be to the challenge of Jesus' claim for our living of the gospel.