



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk

BULLETIN

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th August 2015



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We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism on Sunday:
Jade Evy McGrath-Shilton daughter of Bradley and Alicia

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.



Fr Peter's Sabbatical Up-date

Fr Peter has finished Summer School at the Boston College School of Ministry and Theology. He has been enjoying a week's break with his brother and also catching up with friends in New York. Whilst in New York he visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum, a very large complex built at the site of the twin towers. He will now leave America and head to Killenney and visit Fr Denis Denehy at Killamey until August 17th before heading to Rome



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 11th August	1.30pm	Funeral of Ray Coutts
Wednesday 12th Aug	9.30am	Maria Murphy Ann
Thursday 13th August	9.30am 4.15pm	Pauline O'Connor Ann Natimuk Nursing Home
Friday 14th August	9.30am	John Armstrong
Saturday 15th August	10.00am	

Please Remember in Your Prayers	
RECENT DEATHS: Toni Bessaalar, Marjorie O'Danoghue (Melb), Marie O'Sullivan (Melb)-mother of Dr. Michael O'Sullivan, Sr Elizabeth Kelly csb,	
ANNIVERSARIES: Colin Cross, Roman Schaefer, Kathleen Byrne, Maria Murphy, John Armstrong, Pauline 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, Eileen Finnigan, Madeleine Cameron, Joy McDonald	
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 3rd Sunday of the Month 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th August 2015	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	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. 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 8/9	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
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	
August 15/16	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Readers	Tess Hayes	Mary Marshall	
Commentator	Les Butler	Anthony Dowling	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Simon Lynch Ann Hermans Maureen Ervin John Parker Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton	Russell Reid Faye Wills Andrea Cox Marina Manserra Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff	
Projector	Lyn Hutchinson	Don Vu	
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir	
Welcomers	Betty & Garry Heinrich	Marina Manserra Lyn Starr	
Prayers	John & Joan Parker		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	16th August Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn	23rd August Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy	
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 79.00
Horsham	\$ 919.00	Dimboola	\$ 79.00
Total			\$ 1064.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)			
Envelopes	\$ 5602.67	Loose	\$ 44.20
Total			\$ 5646.87
Making Connections: Do some extra spiritual or religious reading this week to help you 'hear the teaching of the Father' and come closer to Jesus.			
Marriage Tip: Magic Marriage words: "Honey, you were right." "Let's try it your way." "What's your opinion?"			
Daily Prayer: By your angel's hand, O God, you gave Elijah bread to be the food that sustained him on the journey to your holy mountain. In Jesus you give us the living bread for the life of the world, our food for the journey to your kingdom.			
A Vocation View: To taste and see the goodness of the Lord means to be drawn closer to God. "Try, then, to imitate God as children of His that He loves, and follow Christ by loving as He loved you." Be a presence of God's love in the world today. Do what you can to bring to life God's love.			

Sunday Country Mass Times in August & Sept:

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

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

Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si': *On the Care for Our Common Home* is a call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion. "Slash pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. Transition to cleaner and renewable energies and replace fossil fuels 'without delay'." Paragraphs 26, 165

World Youth Day Information

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 Wednesday, August 26 at 5.30pm in Warrnambool at St Joseph's Church gathering space. Contact Amanda on 0427 748867 if you can't make it to one of these sessions and she'll get the info to you. See WYD information on the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au



Simon McKeon, 2011 Australian of the Year will be the Rotary Club of Horsham East Bob Mibus Memorial Speaker at Holy Trinity Lutheran School Hall on **Thursday 27th August**

Tickets are \$25.00 per person with a delicious supper being served along with the chance to meet and mingle after the presentation. Drinks available at bar prices. **7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.** For tickets go to <http://www.trybooking.com/148165> or phone Pam Capstick 0407 848 5689



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.

'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.*

Pope's Prayer Intentions for August Volunteers
That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy. Outreach to the marginalized That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

FR. ROBERT McCULLOCH

Keep this date free: Friday, 21st August at Nazareth House 6pm Mass in the Chapel followed by a presentation at 7pm in Nazareth House Hall – "Responding to Extremism". The presentation will be followed by a Q & A session and then supper. Entry is by donation and all are welcome. Inquiries ph: 0401 175 045 or 5332 2103 email: annekav123@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you to **Don Vu** who has been an invaluable member of the Projector Operators for the last couple of years. Don is about to embark on a new journey that will take him away from our Parish and up to Brisbane. Don's contribution will be sadly missed and we wish you all the best in your new job.



1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

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2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Acclamation: John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven,

says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

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.'

Gospel Reflection - Veronica Lawson rsm

Jesus was a Jew, as was John, the author of the gospel. It may seem strange, therefore, that John has the "Jews" complaining about Jesus. It is indeed strange, and it has caused many a reader to wonder. John seems to use the designation "Jew" as a code word for the opponents of Jesus. These opponents are almost exclusively Jewish leaders rather than the ordinary people who followed Jesus. The designation does not include all the Jewish leaders of course: Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea stand out as leaders who came to believe in Jesus as the Christ and to take risks on account of their faith.

The complaint of the "Jews" relates to Jesus' claim, "I am the bread that came down from heaven". Jesus shares the world view or cosmology of his contemporaries: God is in the heavens above, so that anything or anyone

coming from God in that view comes down from heaven. The problem for his adversaries is that Jesus is one of them: they know his father Joseph and his grandparents, so how can he be making such a claim? They make the mistake of thinking that is all there is to know about his origins. "Don't complain" is Jesus' response to them. He proceeds to tell them that there are dimensions of his being of which they know nothing. Yet they need to know, as do we. It is God who draws us to Jesus. Like the opponents of Jesus, we need to listen and to learn, to be taught by God. We need bread in order to live and we also need the bread of God's teaching. Jesus makes a future promise: the bread he offers is different from the bread the Israelites ate in the desert, in that those who eat of it will live forever.

Furthermore, the bread that he will give for the life of the world is his flesh. This leads to further misunderstanding and the opportunity for Jesus to teach at

another level. The eucharistic overtones in today's reading are subtle but nonetheless present, as they were in the feeding story.

John is writing some seventy years after the death of Jesus for communities that gathered every week for the breaking of the bread-in memory of him and of all that he enacted. Like the early Christians, we reflect on the meaning of eucharist. We recognise and honour the materiality of the bread and of the flesh that Jesus shares with all living creatures. At the same time we are invited to reflect on the symbolic or metaphorical resonances of both bread and flesh in the context of the claims of the Johannine Jesus. The question for us then becomes: "How do we live into this extraordinary mystery as we face the demands of our endangered planet?"

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I

tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As

I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'