

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk

BULLETIN

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th August 2015



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$67,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$40,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.
CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

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.

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Thank You

We thank Fr John for his time with us whilst Fr Peter has been away. He will leave us this weekend and head off for a well earned holiday in India with his family.

Fr John will celebrate a
Syro-Malaba Mass
TODAY

Sunday 30th August at 5pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend

PARISH CENSUS

Over the next two Sundays we will be conducting our Parish Census. It has been 4 years since we last did one, which during that time we have seen new people arrive. **Every family** will be given a card by the welcomers as they enter the Church. During Mass after Homily, time will be given to complete the form. It is important that you all complete the card, so that we can make sure that we have the correct details in our system. During the collection you will place your card onto the plate.

WELCOME TO FR. ANTHONY

Fr Anthony Tran will be in residence this week. Fr Anthony will arrive on Tuesday. Please make him feel welcome.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed all day on **Tuesday September 1st** as Anita will be in Ballarat

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

A Funeral Mass may replace a Weekday Mass time

Monday 31st Aug	2.00pm	Ellen Patricia Fewster-Hynes Funeral Mass
Tuesday 1st Sept	5.30pm	
Wednesday 2nd Sept	9.30am	
Thursday 3rd Sept	9.30am	St Gregory the Great
Friday 4th Sept	9.30am	Spring Ember Day
Saturday 5th Sept	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: Ellen Patricia Fewster-Hynes, Sr Dorothea Pini csb	
ANNIVERSARIES: Jenny Niesyty, Ann Reinsma, Fr Roger Shepherd, Ron Wollin, Ivan Keenan, Charles Rowe, Frances & Michael Rowe, Zilla Elbourne, Frank & Kath Delahunty, Paul Connors	
SICK: Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Marge Whitehead, Warren Strauss, Tom Murphy, Eileen Finnigan, Madeleine Cameron, Joy McDonald, Lyn Couper, John Coleman	
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 1st Sunday of the Month 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th September 2015	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday LLA 8.30am
Murtoa	Sunday Mass 9am
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 29/30	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Ann Hermans Maureen Ervin John Parker	Julie Antonoff Lynda Hutchinson Russell Reid Faye Wills Andrea Cox Marina Manserra Volunteer
Sept 5/6	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Garry Heinrich	SMJ
Commentator	Geordie Butler	SMJ
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sr Jacinta Rice Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Judy Reid Noreen O'Connor Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett
Projector	Lyn Hutchinson	Julie Antonoff
Children's Liturgy		Father's Day Mass
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Gary Coutts Pat Williams	Nanette Freckleton Helene Bush
Prayers	John and Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	6th September Pauline Hinch Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry Carolyn Boseley	13th September Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hernon-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):			
Natimuk	\$ 46.00	Murtoa	\$ 65.00
Horsham	\$ 799.00	Dimboola	\$
Total			\$ 910.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)			
Envelopes	\$ 2117.50	Loose	\$ 88.90
Total			\$ 2206.40

Making Connections: What assists you to become more 'pure of heart' and necessities for your household, is there one thing that you strengthen your commitment to Christ? For some it may be daily prayer, reciting the rosary, daily Scripture reading, meditation, volunteering at a community service program, attending Mass or a visit to the Church. Think about what helps you grow in faith and commitment and keeps you focused on following Jesus. Practise this daily this week.

Marriage Tip: Consider living beneath your means. Many people in the world don't have a choice. Even if you are still collecting can give away this week? You'll be richer for it.

Daily Prayer: Behold, O God, your Christian people, gathered together on this day of the Lord, our weekly celebration of the Pasch of Christ. Let the praise on our lips resound in the depths of our hearts, the word you have sown, the word that has taken root within us to sanctify and renew our entire lives.

A Vocation View: Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

Sunday Country Mass Times in August & Sept:

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

Do you know?

As part of the Parish Pastoral Outreach we like to know of parishioners who are unwell and have gone into care. This allows us to ensure that we can arrange for a person to visit with Communion and that they are anointed.

If you have a loved one, or know of a person in this situation please contact the Parish Office on 5382 1155

LADIES REVITALISE WEEKEND

Norval, Halls Gap Beginning with tea on Friday 16th October and finishing Sunday 18th October.

Theme "The Song of Sacred Presence"

What is holy? What is Sacred? The answer means different things to different people. We will spend time contemplating the heartbeat of the sacred in all of life.

Facilitated by Sr Carmel Cameri

Cost \$220.00 for the weekend.

Forms available in the Foyer.

All registrations to be in by 18th September with deposit.

Contact the Parish Office for further information.

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

60 Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Helen Hunter for her birthday during the week.

Propaganda Mail

Some Parishioners have advise the Parish Office that they have received propaganda mail in their letterboxes. The mail comes in a plain white envelope with a DVD that has the handwritten with the words "Tell Catholics the Truth". Also included is a print out from a website. We understand that this mail has been distributed randomly in Horsham.

We hope that any person who does receive this mail will just throw it into the rubbish and not be upset by it. We do not know who is delivering it.

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.

Spring

In conjunction with the Orthodox Church, Pope Francis has declared 1 September as "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation." In the southern hemisphere this is the first day of Spring. We celebrate Spring as gift, given in love, and to be cared for in love. Spring marks the turn of the season even though Winter may still be in evidence. As the season progresses, the morning sky will brighten earlier, birds will shrill in the care for their newborn, new seedlings will sprout, and gardens will bloom with a range of colours. O God, we celebrate these changes secure in your promise of ever-renewing life as fixed in the rhythms of creation. Praise be to our Creator God!

"As we have experienced **communion** in this celebration, we are sent forth to work to strengthen the **bonds of communion** between the people with whom we live and work. As a Eucharistic people, we Catholic Christians are a people with a mission." I find the descriptor "Eucharistic people" very powerful. It implies that, **along with Jesus**, we have the capacity and the potential to nourish and sustain others. After all, that's what Jesus does for us, each time we partake of the Body and Blood (ie share in the Eucharist). But I also like the notion of "being sent forth", of being "people with a mission". With Jesus inside us, we can bring the message of Good News and hope to those suffering or living in despair. - *David McGovern*

Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion - Class of 1965

A gathering is being planned for the Sacred Heart College, Ballarat class of 1965 and anyone who was part of this class from Year 7, 1960 to matriculation in 1965, on November 7, 2015 at the Barkly, Main Road, Ballarat at 12.00noon. For further information contact Jan Mullaly (Favaloro), email janmull65@gmail.com, ph. 0418 522180 or Carmel Frost (Frith) email carmel@frost.net.au or Anne Mibus (Watt) email annemibus@me.com



Ss Michael and John's PS will be holding a Spring Festival on Sunday 15th November.

We need your help with the following:

Donations of craft items, preserves and pre-loved books, which may be left at the school now.

Just prior to the festival donations of plants, cakes and slices would be greatly appreciated.

With Thanks,

The Parent Community of Ss Michael and John's PS

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what

may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

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2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Acclamation James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round

Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Gospel Reflection - Veronica Lawson rsm

After our lengthy detour over the past six weeks into the gospel of John with its focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life and the Bread of **Wisdom, we return to Mark's gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity.** The parties to the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes or teachers of the law. [It is worth noting that Mark's non-Jewish readers, at a later time and in another place, need to be given detailed information about certain Jewish traditions]. At issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the **failure of Jesus' disciples to respect their oral tradition**, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their **perspective, the disciples are not "walking" according to the tradition of the elders.** For the Markan Jesus, **"the command of God" is paramount, not some distorted interpretation of it.** He offers a hard-hitting

counter-critique of their attitude to law. He **calls them "hypocrites" and informs them** that the condemnation of the prophet Isaiah was intended for them. They have so **distorted God's law, substituting their own observances for the "commandment of God"** that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service. Their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless! For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared the leper clean (Mk. 1:41-45). For Jesus and for all his **people, the "heart" is the locus of purity and impurity, the seat of the intellect and of morality as well as of the emotions.** In the **kin-dom of God, therefore, one's thoughts, desires, and intentions** render one clean or **unclean rather than one's attention to hygiene.** The latter is important, but is judged to be peripheral. Washing hands before eating is an entirely legitimate use of water,

not because it is prescribed by some law, but because it has a cleansing effect where cleansing is desirable. It is worth applying the criteria provided at the end of the passage to discover whether or not our **"hearts" are near or distant from our God in whatever we do.** The real-life Pharisees of the first century were the respected teachers **of God's law. It is imperative that stories such as we find in today's gospel are not used to denigrate the Jews or to pit Christianity over against Judaism.** We have to keep reminding ourselves that we are often dealing in the gospels with in-house debates between Jewish groups. This episode, with its attention to ritual washing, also raises the issue of the right use of water, that precious earth element without which there would be no life at all on our planet. We take water for drinking and washing. Let us not take it for granted.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took

him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke

clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'