

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk

BULLETIN

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th September 2015



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BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

TODAY is the Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The collection will be taken up after Communion

Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Our Parish Stewardship Program starts in 2 weeks' time. This vital Program is a time for us to reflect on the role of our parish in our lives and to revisit Christian Stewardship as a way of living. Parishioners are invited to give a little of their time to ensure that our Program will be successful in every way.

WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee to prepare letters for our parishioners and school parents. If you are able to help us fold and prepare letters please come along and lend a hand. The working bee will be on **Wednesday, 23 September 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Large Meeting Room. The more the merrier and the quicker!**

Save the date: Our Parish Information Meeting is on **Tuesday, 13 October 2015 at 7:30pm**. At this meeting we gather as a community to plan for the future of our parish and share a cuppa together. More information will be made available over the coming weeks.

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.

Welcome to Fr Anthony Van Dyk

We welcome Fr Anthony to Horsham until Fr Peter's return next weekend. Please make him feel welcome.

National Child Protection Sunday TODAY

Media Release from the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission. Copies available in the Foyer today

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

Tuesday 15th Sept	5.30pm	Janina Wajszel death
Wednesday 16th Sept	9.30am	Jean McManus Ann
Thursday 17th Sept	9.30am	Gertrude Brennan Ann
Friday 18th Sept	9.30am	
Saturday 19th 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: Gerard Dwyer, Terence McGrath, Janina Wajszel (Poland—Pawel's mother)	
ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Ryan, Maria Panozzo, Katrina Muszkieta, Danny Magee, Don Spence, Gertrude Brennan, Jean McManus	
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, John Coleman, Jill Higginbottom, Christie Higginbottom	
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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th September 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			
Sept 12/13	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Parker Ann Hermans Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce	Lesley Lannen Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann Lynda Hutchinson Andrea Cox Faye Wills Alison McKinnon	
Sept 19/20	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Readers	Eileen McManus	Anthony Dowling	
Commentator	John Foster	Angela Murphy	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Marie McMillan Tess Hayes	Marina Manserra Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff Mary Dalgleish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson	
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Shayne Keenan	
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir	
Welcomers	Joan Whiley Betty Heinrich	Marina Manserra Lyn Starr	
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	20th September Shirley Hoffmann Marie McMillan Margo Hogan	27th September Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley	
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 100.00
Horsham	\$ 966.00	Dimboola	\$ 56.00
Total			\$ 1122.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)			
Envelopes	\$ 5337.67	Loose	\$ 77.15
Total			\$ 5414.82

Making Connections: We actively engage people by inviting them to turn around and greet the people around them.

Marriage Tip: If one of you is sad, sick, or depressed, how can you tell? What do you usually do to comfort each other? Does talking about it help? Or would you rather have time alone? What does your beloved want you to do? Ask.

Daily Prayer: Not in easy words, O God, but in selfless deeds is the faith we profess made real and the love our Master commanded made present. Give us the strength to take up the cross and wisdom to follow where Christ leads, losing our lives for the sake of the gospel.

A Vocation View: When Jesus says "Who do people say I am?" We could interpret this as Jesus asking for feedback from His disciples about Himself. If you were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?'

Sunday Country Mass Times in Sept:

Sept 20: Dimboola Mass 8.30am Murtoa Mass 10.30

Sept 27: Murtoa Mass 8.30am Dimboola LLA 8.30am

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.

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on **Thursday 17th September** in the Parish Hall at 7.30am till 8.30am

Open to all men in the Parish. Enjoy fellowship with men in our Parish

God has a **preferential** love for the **poor** that flowed so fully through the human heart of Jesus to any kind of poverty. The poverty that attracts the love of God revealed in the life of Jesus is not only material poverty—a lack of food, clothing and housing. There are at least four **other kinds** of poverty besides material poverty. There is **bodily** poverty: a lack of health or a proper functioning of our body. There is **mental** poverty: a lack of education or a mind that does not function normally. There is **social** poverty: a lack of a voice in society or living on the margin of society. Then there is **spiritual** poverty, the deepest poverty of all: a lack of God's love surging through us to others.

- Fr. John Reilly SJ



POPE FRANCIS - ASKS PARISHES TO ACCEPT REFUGEES FAMILIES

Pope Francis is calling on all European parishes and religious communities to take

in one refugee family, as the United Nation recognizes the record number of people trying to enter Europe, mostly from Syria, Eritrea, and Afghanistan.

"Every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary of Europe, take in one family," Francis requested, after praying the midday Angelus today with those gathered in St. Peter's Square. As we witness the "tragedy of tens of thousands of refugees who flee death in conflict and hunger and are on a journey of hope," the Pope said, "the Gospel calls us to be close to the smallest and to those who have been abandoned." And reminding the faithful of the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy, he said that offering shelter to the needy is a "concrete act in preparation" for the Holy Year. The Pope asked the bishops of Europe to support his appeal.

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.

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

Online diocesan training course about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

If you have a particular role in the parish, you may be contacted about providing your email address for the purpose of completing an online training course to be distributed by the Diocesan Professional Standards office. The training relates to two diocesan documents: "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults" and "Code of Conduct for Caring for Children". The training aims to ensure that all those who work with children and persons in positions of responsibility in our parishes have read and understand the documents.



St Michael & St John's Primary School

Once again we are participating in Operation Christmas Child. If you are able like to support us in this very worthy project ,

boxes and a brochure are available after Mass today or from the school office. The cost of the box is 50cents. Boxes are due back to school by **Friday, September 18th**. Many Thanks

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Resp Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord

protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me!

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Acclamation Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the

world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Gospel Reflection: Veronica Lawson rsm

Today's gospel reading leads us into a section of Mark's gospel that explores challenges confronting all disciples on their journey of faith. The first challenge is to clarify the nature of our commitment as disciples of Jesus. If we fail to understand who Jesus is, then we have little chance of understanding the nature of our own call to follow him. Two questions ("Who do people say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?") are addressed to our forbears in faith communities of the latter part of the first century and to Christians across the millennia. We are invited to hear these questions anew. Do we simply share what "the people" say about Jesus? Are we like Peter who has the right language but only partial insight? Or do we have the wisdom to seek a deeper understanding of the identity of Jesus? In response to Jesus'

second question ("Who do you say that I am?"), Peter gets the words right: Jesus is the messiah, the Christ, God's anointed messenger. It becomes clear, however, that Peter has a very different notion from Jesus of what it means to be the messiah or the Christ. This is understandable since there were diverse messianic expectations within first century Judaism. Many expected a royal militaristic figure who would drive out the Roman occupiers and restore Israel's status as an independent nation. Jesus, as God's messiah, refuses the way of violent action. His way is to be true to his mission of bringing God's empire, even if it brings the most intense personal suffering. Peter refuses to accept a suffering Messiah. He is severely reprimanded for his refusal and instructed to get out of the way, to get back to where a disciple should be, namely behind Jesus, following him, and not in front obstructing the path. The bitter experience in recent

years of global conflicts should make us wary of accepting militaristic messiahs. In our times, to know and follow Jesus as the Christos or Messiah is to seek and support more moderate and lasting responses to perceived injustice. It is to listen to the wisdom of those with insight and experience, to calculate with the utmost care the consequences of violent reactions to the problems in our world, in contemporary society, and in our homes. That may well involve hard work, personal misunderstanding, physical and emotional trauma or, in other words, it may mean "losing one's life" for the sake of the gospel. It certainly calls for profound trust in the saving power of God. Over the next few weeks, the Sunday gospels will call us into the ways of respect, of commitment, and of peaceful negotiation, to ever deeper insight into the ways of the anointed agent of God's empire.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he

has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone

wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'