

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

Feast of All Saints - 1st November 2015



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We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism:
 Abel Joseph Rowe
 son of Michael & Rebekah



PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT TO END THE STEWARSHIP PROGRAM

All parishioners are invited to our **Parish Social Night on Wednesday 11th November at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.** *Come along to hear the results of the Program and to have a cuppa.*

At last Tuesday's Meeting Tony Biviano presented the current results of our Stewardship Program Renewal:

Figures from our last Program 2011-2015:
 Weekly average: \$3195
 Number of pledges at the end of program: 286
 We started the Program with 377 pledges
 Average amount per pledge: \$8.47

Figures for our Renewed Program 2016-2018 to date:
Amount pledged per week: \$3782.
Number of pledges: 319.
New Givers: 33
Average amount per pledge: \$11.86

At the start of the 2012-2015 Program, 377 pledged. Over these 4 years, we had 23 givers die and 20 givers move from the Parish, and some who pledged didn't begin, making the 286 pledges. The pledges of those who died or moved away, and other people's circumstances changing, amounted to a loss of \$40,000 over the 4 years. In this renewal Program some have chosen not to renew their pledges for various reasons, which is acceptable.

Thank you to those who could pledge and to those who will give in loose money.

You can still make a pledge, pledge cards are in the Churches or please see Anita in the Office.

Thank you to our Stewardship Team. Thank you to our volunteers and follow-up group. Thank you to Anita working with Tony Biviano in the Office

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.

November is the month of the Holy Souls

Monday November 2nd is All Souls Day. Mass is at 5.30pm

Mass at Horsham Cemetery this Thursday November 5th at 6pm.

Mass at entry gate to Lawn Cemetery. Please bring a chair. Fr Peter will bless the graves and have a flower for you to put on your family grave.

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:

Monday Nov 2nd	5.30pm	ALL SOULS DAY MASS. Ray Bush anniv.
Tuesday 3rd Nov	5.30pm	St Martin de Porres. Mollie McCallum anniv.
Wednesday 4th Nov	9.30am	St Charles Borromeo
Thursday 5th Nov	9.30am	Mario Panozzo anniv. 6pm Mass at Cemetery
Friday 6th Nov	9.30am	Kevin & Denis Conheady anniv.
Saturday 7th Nov	10.00am	Jack Nevill and Tony Panozzo annivs.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Mary Danaher

ANNIVERSARIES: Ray Bush, Dawn Moloney, Hans Reinhard, Mario Panozzo, Jack Nevill, Anthony Panozzo, Mary Fernee, Joyce Byrne, Kath Byrne, Mollie McCallum, Ron Lingham

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Marge Whitehead, Warren Strauss, Eileen Finnigan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Jill Higginbottom, Christie Higginbottom, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey

Emergency Care: Contact Coordinator

Betty 5382 6688

Confessions Saturday after Mass (10.25)

Saturday Morning Devotions:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20
Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church. 10am Mass

Next Sunday 4th Sunday of the Month
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th November 2015

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm
Sunday - 10.30am

Rupanyup **Mass Wednesday 4th at 6.30 at Weidemanns**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

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, 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

Oct 31/Nov 1	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy Micky Roberts John Parker	Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Kingsley Dalgleish Lesley Lannen Karen Hill
Nov 7/8	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Lyn Hutchinson	Andrea Cox
Commentator	John Foster	Alison McKinnon
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Peter Gutteridge Anthony Amor Joan Parker Ann Hermans Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz	Lynda Hutchinson Shirley Hoffmann Faye Wills Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon Marina Manserra Cate Rigby
Projector	Lyn Hutchinson	Julie Antonoff
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Carolyn Boseley Marie McMillan	Mary Uebergang Mary Dalgleish
Children's Liturgy		Emelia Sudholz
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	15th November Pauline Hinch Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry Carolyn Boseley	22nd November Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Herson-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$ 27.00	Murtoa	\$ 48.00
Horsham	\$ 1060.00	Dimboola	\$ 71.00
Total			\$ 1206.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1742.00	Loose	\$ 80.70
Total			\$ 1822.70

Making Connections: Choose two or three Beatitudes and try to live them in simple ways this week.

Marriage Tip: Take a trip down memory lane. Remember your first date or the first time you said, "I love you" to your beloved. Recall the early days of your courtship and how you came to realize that you wanted to spend your lives together. Who knew it first?

Daily Prayer: As we celebrate the witness of all the saints whose lives were shaped by the Beatitudes, form us according to Christ's teaching and their example, that, having shared in the communion of the saints on earth, we might take our place among them in the joy of your kingdom. A **Vocation View:** We remember the countless multitude of men and women who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage. **Eternal rest. Lord, welcome** into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed out of this present life to be with you. Grant them rest and a place with the just; and give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away. *St Ignatius of Loyola (16th century)*

Country Mass Times in October/November:

Sunday Nov 8: Dimboola Mass 10.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
Sunday 15th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
Sunday 22nd: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola Mass 8.30
Murtoa Mass 10.30.

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, 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.

NO DAY CRAFT GROUP this Monday November 2nd due to Cup Eve. Will resume again on November 9th.

CWL Annual Meeting on Tuesday November 10, 1.30

• Ladies....Something NEW!!!

CWL Shoe Parade, courtesy of Trends, Tuesday November 17th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Bring a friend. **Members, could you please supply a plate.**

CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on the 2nd

Wednesday of each month at 6pm,
The next choir practice will be held on November 11th.

AVAILABLE NOW IN THE PIETY STALL

* Christmas Cards. * Columban Calendars

Ss Michael & John's Primary School



The poster is for a Spring Community Festival. It features a central graphic with the word 'Spring' in a large, cursive font, surrounded by colorful flowers and leaves. Below this, it says 'COMMUNITY FESTIVAL'. There are several circular callouts: 'FREE ENTRY', 'chair-o-plane bucking bull', 'giant slide jumping castle', 'Endless Ride Wristband', 'All Day BBQ & International Cuisine', and 'Presale \$20 per child \$25 on the day'. The main text reads 'SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2015 10am - 3pm High Tea'. Below that, it lists activities: 'rides & games • arts & crafts • pony rides garden sale • garage sale of kids clothing & toys beer & wine garden • entertainment • live music'. At the bottom, it says 'A FUN-filled day out for the entire FAMILY'. A Facebook link and phone number are at the very bottom.

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2015
10am - 3pm
High Tea
10.30am or 1.30pm - Parish Centre
rides & games • arts & crafts • pony rides
garden sale • garage sale of kids clothing & toys
beer & wine garden • entertainment • live music
A FUN-filled day out for the entire FAMILY

www.facebook.com/SMJSpringCommunityFestival SMJ 5382 3000

Wanted for the Spring Festival .The Committee are seeking donations of : Wrapping paper

- Books~ Children's, Adult novels or non-fiction
 - Children's clothing and pre-loved toys
- Donations may be left at the school office

SMJ Church Mass on Sunday November 15th will be at 9.15 am, to lead into the Festival.

- Mass at Rupanyup this Wednesday 4th at 6.30pm at Weidemanns.
- OLHC School Murtoa AGM for the Advisory Council this Friday Nov 6th starting with a meal at Murtoa Hotel 6.30, Meeting after.
- *We welcome Fr John to help with our Masses today*



St Vincent de Paul Society

Mass for Deceased Members *good works*

Thursday November 12th at 9.30 in SMJ Church

HOLY SOULS MASS ENVELOPES are in the Foyers today. If you wish to have a Mass said for your loved ones in November or beyond, please write their name and preferred date on the envelope, and leave it on the plate or at the Office. Thank you.

Candles for you to light for deceased loved ones at home will be available at Masses on Nov 21/22.



St Brigid's College

Melbourne Cup Eve Gala Night

this Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm at the Horsham Showgrounds clubrooms. Tickets are available at the door for \$15, or for Calcutta only, tickets (\$10) contact Kingsley Dagleish on 0417548198. BYO drinks, nibbles and supper. This is a great fundraiser for our College

SBC November Holy Souls Liturgy in the Gymnasium this Wednesday November 4th at 12.20. All welcome.

SBC Year 7's will attend Mass in SMJ Church at 9.30 this Wednesday 4th, and SBC Year 10's will attend 9.30 Mass this Thursday 5th.

- Our Parish Schools - SMJ, SBC, OLHC - have no School this Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd, Cup Day.

When Mass prayers were re-translated in 2011, there was discussion on whether the Eucharistic Prayer should include: "this is the chalice of my blood, ... poured out for you and for many ..." or should instead be worded: "poured out for you and for all ..." It was decided to go with the word "many" as the more accurate translation of what Jesus says in the Gospels, and the Prophets before him, such as Isaiah in our First Reading. In Semitic language, "the many" refers to others rather than oneself and carries the sense of being unlimited in number.

Pope Francis has announced a **Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy** to commence on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on December 13th at 10.30 Mass. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

CWL Lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey next Saturday Nov 7th in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall 3 Lyons Street Sth Ballarat begins with Mass at 10.00 am in the Cathedral. All welcome!

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been

through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord? and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when

it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Gospel Reflection - All Saints Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

This year's celebration of All Saints Day comes just one week after the Synod on the Family closes in Rome. We await the outcome of the Synod, recognising that there may not emerge the clarity of direction we have come to expect from Synods of Bishops. Pope Francis speaks of a synod as an experience of "journeying together, laity, pastors and the Bishop of Rome." While he recognises that this may be "an easy concept to put into words", it is "not so easy to put into practice." He reminds us that "a synodal Church is a Church of listening...in which everyone has something to learn: the faithful, the College of Bishops, the Pope; each listening to the others; and all listening to the Holy Spirit". Readiness to listen demands humility and today's gospel

reading begins with blessings on the humble ("the poor in spirit" and "the meek"). We can thank Pope Francis for calling our Church leaders to a greater humility as they struggle to listen to the Spirit of God at work in family life. We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to those who suffer injustice at the hands of the not-so-humble. It seems a good time for us to listen anew to these words. God's favour rests on the humble, on the gentle, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice seekers, on the mercy-filled, on the pure in heart, on peacemakers, and on those who suffer in the cause of right. We find here a description of so many of the faith-filled families who grace our assemblies with

their presence those who are alienated from the Church. The repetition of "blessed are" echoes Israel's sacred songs and prophecies. God's favour or blessing comes in diverse forms: the hope of heaven; comfort in the face of grief; the earth for a heritage (a problematic concept); the experience of "being mercied"; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven". "Heaven" was a way of talking about God's empire of justice and compassion in contrast with the heartless empire of Rome and its modern equivalents. The greatest blessing of this feast is on those who mourn the plight of our planet the uneven access to Earth's precious resources and the resort to arms in the face of conflict. The families of our Church seek to be blessed in ways that set them free to transform our Church.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy

prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has

put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

