



St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th November 2015



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We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism at Dimboola:



Ciaran Mark O'Dwyer
 son of Michael & Madeleine

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday Nov 19 at 5.30pm. Please have your reports into Anita at the Office by Monday Nov 16. Thank you.

Liturgy Meeting this Friday 13th at 12 noon in the Meeting Room.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 10th Nov	5.30pm	St Leo the Great. Jimmy O'Beirne anniv.
Wednesday 11th Nov	9.30am	St Martin of Tours. Noreen Ellis family intentions
Thursday 12th Nov	9.30am	Mass for deceased members of St V de Paul Natimuk Nursing Home Mass at 4.15pm.
Friday 13th Nov	9.30am	Brian Howley and Gid Murphy family intentions
Saturday 14th Nov	10.00am	Jack Foley anniv.

PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT TO END THE STEWARSHIP PROGRAM

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

The new Program begins next weekend November 14th/15th. Envelope sets, and envelopes for those who are Direct Debit or Credit Card, or who will use an envelope monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly, or those who roll over from the last Program, are in the Foyers today **Thank you to our 331 pledge givers and to those who give cash.**

Ss Michael & John's Primary School

Spring COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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

SMJ Church Mass next Sunday Nov 15th is at 9.15 am, to lead into the Festival.

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.


SMJ SCHOOL FESTIVAL next Sunday November 15th.

There are two High Tea sessions in the Parish Centre. One from 10.30-11.30 and 1.30-2.30. Tickets are \$15 a person, needed to be purchased beforehand from the School Office.

A variety of stalls, activities, food, and fun, for all ages. Come and enjoy and support our School.

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: Tony Chincarini - *Melbourne, brother of Gabby Lattanzio and Andrew Chincarini*, Brian Howley, Cecilia Dean, Colac - *sister in law to Lucille Pekin*

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Becker, Jack Foley, Nell Perritt, Jimmy O'Beirne, Anthony Bissinella, Vin Mugavin, Kevin and Denis Conheady

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

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 3rd Sunday of the Month
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th November 2015

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm

Next Sunday November 15th - 9.15am

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, 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

Nov 7/8	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
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
Nov 14/15	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 9.15am
Readers	Tess Hayes	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Geordie Butler	Shayne Keenan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Sr Jacinta Rice	Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan
Projector	Anita Masiero	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bob Hayes Gavin Hynam	Nanette Freckleton Helene Bush
Children's Liturgy		Lisa Hermans
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
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 Hernon-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 90.00
Horsham	\$ 930.00	Dimboola	\$ 169.00
Total			\$ 1285.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 4833.67	Loose	\$ 150.65
Total			\$ 4984.32

Making Connections: Make a generous contribution of time, money, energy or service this week. Seek no acknowledgement for this.

Marriage Tip: What does your spouse do that makes you laugh? Often it's the silly idiosyncrasies or foibles that can be special secrets between you.

Daily Prayer: O God, protector of the widow and orphan, safe haven for strangers, justice for the oppressed, uphold the poor who hope in you and sustain those who place their trust in your love. Let no one be deprived of the bread and freedom you provide, but may all people learn to share freely and generously of the good gifts you have bestowed.

A Vocation View: Jesus says when we give alms we "do not sound a trumpet before [us]" According to St. Ambrose, 'God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.' Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

Grant them eternal rest, Lord. Welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed this present life to be with you. Grant them rest and a place with the spirits of 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 15th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
Sunday 22nd: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola Mass 8.30
Murtoa Mass 10.30.
Sunday 29th: Dimboola LLA 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30

CWL Annual Meeting this Tuesday November 10th at 1.30pm in the Meeting Room. All members welcome. Fr Peter is guest speaker.

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY November 11th

In Australia November 11th is a day to remember those who died in war. The 11th of November 1918, saw the end of the First World War. Remembrance Day was originally called Armistice Day. After the end of the Second World War in 1945, the Australian and British Governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead. Australians observe one minute's silence at 11.00 am on Remembrance Day. We reflect on and thank the many brave men and women who served during the war, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice ensuring the freedom of our great land.



• **SMJ School Years 3 & 4 will attend the 9.30 Mass in the Church this Wednesday 11th**, with a Remembrance Day theme.
• **SMJ School Advisory Council AGM** this Tuesday 7.30 in the Parish Meeting Room.

• We pray for the success of the SMJ Festival next Sunday from 10am to 3pm in the School grounds. All Parishioners are welcome.

• **CHILDREN'S WRIST BANDS FOR THE THEME PARK** need to be purchased this week from the School. Prices from \$20 single.

November 9th 1989 the Berlin Wall was opened.



St Vincent de Paul Society
Mass for Deceased Members *good works*

This Thursday November 12th at 9.30am in SMJ

November - Holy Souls Month

There are cards in the Foyer for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones, and to place the card in the basket provided. These will be carried to the Altar at each Mass to be remembered and prayed for.

HOLY SOULS MASS ENVELOPES are in the Foyers

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.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the Church. The next choir practice is this Wednesday **November 11th**.

AVAILABLE NOW IN THE PIETY STALL

* Christmas Cards. * Columban Calendars

Men's Group - End of Year Dinner

Date: Thursday, November 19th, at 6.30pm
At Silvana & John Foster's home, 50 Mardon Drive.
Cost: \$10-00 per person. BYO drinks
Exact numbers are required.
Please let Patrick Ellis know - 0428 847 455

Coughlin Park. Permit for asbestos removal was given and started on Friday, and permit for demolition of the old building given and begins this week.

Meeting for those who expressed interest in the Time and Talent Sheet to be Readers, Commentators, Ministers of the Eucharist, on Wednesday November 18th at 2pm in the Parish Meeting Room. **Details will be given.** A night meeting for those who cannot attend then, will be held on Thursday November 26th at 7pm.

Natimuk Nursing Home Mass this Thursday Nov 12th at 4.15pm. All welcome.

For your Diary:

Christmas Anointing Mass in SMJ Church is on Thursday December 10th at 2pm with afternoon tea in the Parish Centre after.

SMJ Church Mass next Sunday November 15th is at 9.15 am, to lead into the Festival.



We congratulate and pray for **JOHN ROBERTSON and VICKI NEWALL** married in SMJ Church on October 31st.

We pray for students currently studying for and completing exams - VCE, University, VET, school exams.

Pope Francis has announced a **Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy** to commence on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Feast 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 Sunday December 13th at 10.30 Mass. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10
Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are

oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself

only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

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.'

*Gospel Reflection -32nd Sunday.
Sister Veronica Lawson.*

Jesus is teaching the crowds in the Jerusalem Temple. He knows the vulnerability of many of the people around him and issues a warning about the grandiose behaviour of the Jerusalem scribes.

The scribes were generally learned men on whom the people relied for rulings in matters of sacred law as well as for drawing up contracts and other important documents. They commanded the respect of many of the people. Jesus is not impressed by the behaviour of some of the scribes. He sees their pomposity as a mask for dishonesty and exploitation: they will receive the "greater condemnation". They "devour the houses of widows" and hide behind the pretext of long prayers. Widows included women who had lost their husbands through death or divorce as

well as single unmarried women. They were women alone without male protection in a patriarchal society and without the benefit of a social security system. They were dependent for survival upon the care of family and community. Jesus' words of condemnation are strong words that will provoke a reaction. It is no surprise that the Jerusalem scribes are among those who later conspire to kill him (Mark 14:1) It is easy enough to be taken in by the posturing of those who present as superior and who look for status recognition. It is also easy to miss the goodness of those on the edge even if it is happening before our very eyes. The context presents Jesus as attuned to the plight of the widows. He now notices and draws the attention of his disciples to the action of one particular "destitute" widow. Her tiny contribution to the treasury of two copper coins for the

upkeep of the Temple is far more significant than the big sums contributed by the wealthy out of their excess. Is this woman being presented as the victim of an unjust system that extracts from her what she cannot afford, as some commentators insist? Or is the Markan Jesus presenting her as a free agent, a model of discipleship, who offers everything she has to live on? It may not be necessary to choose between these two interpretations.

It is clear that this woman's action provides a striking contrast to that of the scribes, like the action of another woman who, a little later in the story, breaks a precious jar and pours an abundance of healing ointment over the head of Jesus as he faces the prospect of death. As the gospel draws to a close, then, we find two stories of extravagantly generous unnamed women, stories told in memory of their gospel foolishness.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then

too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly,

before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'