



# Sts Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th January 2016



### Australia Day Mass

SMJ Church on Tuesday  
26th January at 10am



Tuesday 26th is INDIA 'S  
NATIONAL DAY we  
acknowledge the Indian  
families in our parish

**Ash Wednesday is on February 10th.** Lenten Discussion Books are available for Groups or individuals. Please sign the sheet in the Foyer to join a group or form a Group.

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**Making Connections:** Offer the gift of yourself to someone who is downtrodden or be good news to someone who is in need.

**Marriage Tip:** Courtesy goes a long way in marriage. Pope Francis calls "May I?" one of the three "magic words" of family life. Being polite and kind to your family members is always a good idea.

**Daily Prayer:** O God, you have sent Jesus among us as prophet of your covenant and king of your anointing, the Messiah who proclaims to the poor the good news of your kingdom. Build us into one body, make us instruments of freedom and salvation for all.

**A Vocation View:** The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be another Christ.

Luke's gospel sets the tone for the whole gospel. If we had no other part of Luke's gospel than these twelve verses, we would know a great deal about the gospel and about its author's intentions. Luke is not an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus but endeavours to provide an orderly account of reliable eyewitness handed down to the community by "servants" of the word. The gospel is carefully researched and addressed to a person of influence called Theophilus, which means beloved of God. We know from the grammatical construction that the author is male. And most importantly, we know that Luke sets out to place on a firm foundation the teaching that Theophilus has received about Jesus. Luke wants the gospel message to be well grounded. When we turn to Luke 4:14-21, we find a dramatic scene set in the Nazareth synagogue, a scene that sets the tone for the whole gospel. Luke's gospel story is

about the release that comes from the gracious and expansive love of God mediated through God's anointed and Spirit-filled Son. Every significant event in Luke is powered by the Spirit of God. The Spirit-filled Jesus searches out and proclaims a passage from the prophet Isaiah, a combination of Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:9. He then points to his own mission as a fulfilment of the Isaian prophecy. Jesus presents himself as the anointed one of God who brings good news to the destitute or homeless poor, release to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. The Greek word translated as "oppressed" literally means "shattered". It evokes images of asylum seekers in detention centres and of the hundreds of thousands displaced by war. It evokes the pain of the Earth itself suffering the effects of climate change and ecological destruction. The gospel message is well-grounded for our times, for the "destitute" and "shattered"

**CHOIR PRACTICE—**  
Wednesday 3rd Feb at 6pm

**DEATH:** Paddy Merrigan -  
*Ireland, formerly Longernong*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian Calvin, Silvino Sartori, Kent Schaefer, Linda Gambino, Simon Butler, Eileen Carroll

**SICK:** Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Corey Panozzo, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Joy Flynn, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, John Coleman Carmela Baviello, Madeleine Cameron, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Jill and Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Peter Kelly, Rodney Clarke.

### Next Sunday 4th in Ordinary Time - 31st January

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|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Horsham  | Saturday - 6.30pm.         | Sunday - 10.30am          |
| Dimboola | <b>Sunday LLA 8.30am.</b>  | <b>Feb 7th Mass 10.30</b> |
| Murtoa   | <b>Sunday Mass 8.30am.</b> | <b>Feb 7th LLA 9am</b>    |

**Rosary, Litany of Mary, Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.**

### FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

|              |           |                   |          |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| Natimuk      | \$        | Murtoa            | \$ 59.00 |
| Horsham      | \$ 925.00 | Dimboola          | \$ 66.00 |
| <b>Total</b> |           | <b>\$ 1134.00</b> |          |

### 2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 10

|              |            |                   |          |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|----------|
| Envelopes    | \$ 1960.00 | Loose             | \$ 73.60 |
| Credit Card  | \$         | Direct Debit      | \$       |
| <b>Total</b> |            | <b>\$ 2033.60</b> |          |

### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday 26th Jan</b> | <b>10.00am</b>  | <b>Australia Day</b>   |
| Wednesday 27 Jan        | 9.30am          | Silvino Sartori anniv. |
| Thursday 28th Jan       | <b>LLA 9.30</b> | St Thomas Aquinas      |
| Friday 29th Jan         | <b>5.30pm</b>   |                        |
| Saturday 30th Jan       | 10.00am         | St John Bosco          |



Welcome to the Family of God in Baptism: Elliot Crocker son of Leslie & Monette

### 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



**1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-10. 15**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The

command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.' What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts

which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

**Acclamation: cf Luke 4:18**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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| January 23/24                             | Vigil 6.30pm  | Sunday 10.30am  |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Anne Newton<br>Silvanna Foster<br>Lorraine Clancy<br>Micky Robarts<br>Peter Gutteridge<br>Anthony Amor<br>Joan Parker | Zita Cannane<br>Judy Reid<br>Anna Robertson<br>Bob Pritchett<br>Noreen O'Connor<br>Neville Strachan<br>Kingsley Dalgleish |
| Jan 30/31 Readers                         | Les Butler  | Kingsley Dalgleish  |
| Commentator                               | Anita Masiero   | Bob Pritchett   |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Ann Hermans<br>Chris Velthuis<br>Cathy Taylor<br>Pat Glaubitz<br>Bob Hayes<br>B. Trounce<br>Simon Lynch               | Lesley Lannen<br>Karen Hill<br>Rosie Taylor<br>Lynda Hutchinson<br>Shirley Hoffmann<br>Andrea Cox<br>Faye Wills           |
| Projector                                 | Peter Gutteridge  | Shayne Keenan   |
| Welcomers                                 | Garry Heinrich<br>Carolyn Boseley   | Mary Brown<br>Helene Bush   |
| Prayers                                   | John & Joan Parker  |   |

**LITURGY MEETING** this Monday January 25th at 12 noon in the Meeting Room.

**Our Parish School Staffs** return this Wednesday 27th for the 2016 School Year. The School Offices are open this week.

**St Brigid's College Staff** are having a Retreat at Hall's Gap on Thursday and Friday this week. The SBC Office will be closed.

**School begins for all classes at SBC, SMJ, OLHC on Monday February 1st.** *We pray for all families preparing this week for school*

**The Blessing of our School Staffs will be at 10.30 Mass in SMJ on Sunday February 7th.** A cuppa after Mass to meet them

2016 is the 150 year of the foundation of the Josephites. Next Sunday January 31st, 10.30 Mass in All Saints Church, Portland, 150 years since Mary moved from Portland. At 1pm there will be a walking tour of Mary MacKillop sites leaving from Bayview College, 119 Bentinck St. March 19/20th in Penola will be the official celebrations of the 150 years.

**Church Cleaning and Flowers:**

**Jan 31st:** Pauline Barber, Pat Williams, Louise Guest, Kate Hernon-Spasic  
**7th February:** Shirley Hoffmann, Marie McMillan, Margo Hogan