

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31st January 2016



NO PROPHECY  
IS ACCEPTED  
IN HIS OWN  
NATIVE  
PLACE



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Monday February 1st is the Feast of St Brigid. At the SBC Assembly at 10am on Monday St. Brigid will be honoured in a Liturgical Prayer .

Wednesday February 3rd is the Feast of St Blaise, patron Saint of eyes, ears, nose, throats. Fr Peter will give the blessing with the St Blaise candle after Masses today and on Wednesday.

Fr Peter will be with SBC Year 12 students for their Retreat at Halls Gap from Wednesday to Friday. Please pray for them.

### 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

We welcome Staff, Students, Families of our Parish Schools to the new School Year

SBC, SMJ, OLHC, all begin their classes this Monday February 1st.

We pray for God's blessings upon our Schools and all children attending schools across our district. May God's Spirit of love wisdom, care and respect shine the Face of God's Mercy upon all in our Schools.

We welcome new Preps, new Year 7's at SBC, new students to all class levels, and we welcome new members of Staff:

SMJ: Louise Kemp and Billy Bennetts.

OLHC: Brenton Foott.

SBC: Darcy Taylor.

We pray for God's guiding spirit upon Gary Andrea and Peter as our Principals, and on Chris Robarts our Primary Schools Consultant.

### Opening of the Year School Masses:

**OLHC Murtoa:** Monday February 8th at 2pm at the School.

**SMJ:** Tuesday February 16th at 12 noon in SMJ Church.

**SBC:** Tuesday February 23rd at 9.30am in SMJ Church.

*All families and parishioners welcome to each Mass.*

**Blessing and Commissioning of our SBC, SMJ, OLHC School Staffs next Sunday February 7th at 10.30am Mass.**

There will be a cuppa after Mass to meet them. We pray for their role in our Schools

### 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, 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.

Tuesday February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is a Day of Prayer for all Religious. We pray for Sr Jacinta especially on this day. Candles to be used this year will be blessed at 5.30 Mass.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is on Thursday February 18th.**

**The CWL Diocesan Conference will be in Horsham on Wednesday May 18th.**

**Our CWL will host the Horsham World Day of Prayer in SMJ Church on Friday March 4, 10am.**

### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 2nd Feb	5.30pm	Presentation. Raffaele Macchia anniv
Wednesday 3rd Feb	9.30am	St Blaise, patron of eyes, ears, nose, throat
Thursday 4th Feb	<b>LLA 9.30</b>	
Friday 5th Feb	9.30am	St Agatha. Eileen Carroll anniv
Saturday 6th Feb	10.00am	Sts Paul Miki and co. William Pollard ann.

### 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:** Gwen Coyne

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marjorie Stewart, Theresa Maher, Vera Kopacz, Doreen Webb, Brian Miatke, William Joseph Pollard

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

**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 1st Sunday of the Month  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th February**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm

Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday LLA 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, 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**. 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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

## ROSTERS

January 30/31	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Ann Hermans Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch	Lesley Lannen Karen Hill Rosie Taylor Lynda Hutchinson Shirley Hoffmann Andrea Cox Faye Wills
February 6/7	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Maree Plazzer	Lise Eagan Bales
<b>Commentator</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Bridget Bales
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Peter Gutteridge Maureen Ervin John Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton	Cate Rigby Alison McKinnon Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Julie Antonoff
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Hugh & Judie Delahunty	Marina Manserra Mary Dalglish
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Angela Stephens
<b>Prayers</b>	Lesley Price & Mary Dalglish	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>7th February</b> Shirley Hoffmann Marie McMillan Margo Hogan	<b>14th February</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

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

Natimuk	\$ 36.00	Murtoa	\$ 71.00
Horsham	\$ 981.00	Dimboola	\$ 76.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1164.00</b>

### 2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 11 (Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals)

Envelopes	\$ 3849.00	Loose	\$ 388.25
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 4237.25</b>

**Making Connections:** This week reach out to someone who has experienced rejection. Offer Solace to someone in need of healing.

**Marriage Tip:** Is technology interrupting your family time? Try having a tech-free time every day, maybe for just an hour, or after dinner, or one whole evening. Enjoy just being with your family.

**Daily Prayer:** God of the prophets, your love reaches far beyond the boundaries of covenant and command. Redeemed by a love so patient and kind, may we offer that same love to others and so proclaim you to the world by the witness of our lives.

**A Vocation View:** The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.

**The Face of Mercy:** We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. Our salvation depends on it.

*Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life*

### **Country Mass Times in February:**

February 7 :Dimboola Mass 10.30am, Murtoa LLA 9am  
February 14:Dimboola LLA 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30.  
February 21:Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30  
February 28:Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30  
March 6th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30  
March 13th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.

**CWL Meeting** this Tuesday 2nd February at **10.30am** in the Parish Meeting Room

**LITURGY MEETING** this Wednesday 3rd February at 12 noon in the Parish Meeting Room

**CRAFT GROUP** resumes on Monday February 1st at 9.30 Evening Group meets 7pm. Contact Anita in the Office

**MEDITATION GROUP** resumes Tuesday 2nd February at 2pm in the Church Meeting Room. Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

**CHOIR PRACTICE** - Wednesday 3rd February at 6pm

### **Dates for the Yr 3 Sacraments in 2016**

**Wednesday February 17th:** Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm in the Parish Centre.

**Wednesday & Thursday March 16 & 17:** Yr 3 First Reconciliation in SMJ Church at either 5pm or 7pm.

**Tuesday April 26th:** Parent Meeting for Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Materials for the Sacraments given out, and Cluster Groups will be formed.

**Confirmation and First communion Sacrament Masses at SMJ Church:** Saturday May 28 6.30pm. Sunday May 29th at 10.30am. Saturday June 4th at 6.30. Sunday June 5th at 10.30. Extra Mass June 18th

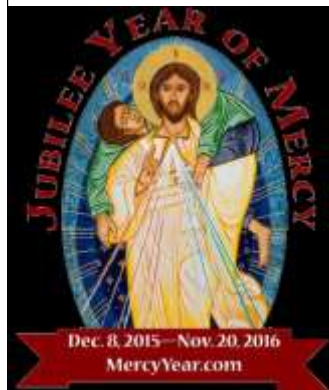
**Murtoa Sacrament Mass:** Sunday June 19th at 10.30  
⇒ *State Primary Schools will be given these dates.*

### ***Gospel Reflection - 4th Sunday Yr C*** ***Sr Veronica Lawson rsm***

This week's gospel reading continues the story of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. At first he is universally accepted: the townspeople marvel at the gracious words he utters and identify him as Joseph's son. By the end of the story, however, these same people actually try to kill him. So, what happens in between to cause such a dramatic change of heart? These are religious people, not an unruly street mob. They are friends of the family. They are familiar with their sacred texts and traditions and presumably want to understand them more fully. In fact, they are like most of us who take time out on a weekly basis to come together in worship and prayer with those who share our faith. Unfortunately, the people of Nazareth seem to be carrying a sense of exclusive entitlement to God's favour, as well as some deeply entrenched

prejudices against the neighbouring Syrians and Phoenicians. Their history is largely one of conflict with neighbours, of struggle for survival, and some are unwilling to relinquish their unhealed local and national grievances. When Jesus suggests that God's prophetic and healing power is accessible to and may even be more readily received among foreigners than within Israel, their anger knows no bounds: it spills over into violence. They have little patience with the implicit criticism and the prophetic challenge of his words. One of the problems with the narrative is that Jesus seems to deliberately provoke a negative reaction. There are other problems as well: there is no cliff in Nazareth from which the enraged crowd could cast him to his death, and it is highly unlikely that people of this tiny town of two to four hundred Galilean Jews would resort to murdering one of their own for what they perceive as a

verbal assault. So what is going on? It would seem that the gospel writer is putting elements of later stories about the violent treatment of Jesus and his followers into this episode in order to foreshadow what is to come. The story thus becomes a microcosm of the gospel as a whole. When the message is comforting, the messenger is well received. When it is less palatable, the messenger is in danger of being attacked, more often than not at the hands of people who are basically good, people like us. Unchecked assumptions, deep-seated biases, and uncontrolled emotions will function to bring the anointed prophet of the God of Israel to a violent death. This story invites us to check our assumptions and our biases lest we turn to physical, verbal, or emotional violence in the face of prophetic challenge.



“At times, we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives...a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.”

### **Year of Mercy Prayer**

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.*

*Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew*

*from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.*

*Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!” You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen*

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19**

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you it is the Lord who speaks.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17**

I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. in your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me.

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked.

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help.

My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I

proclaim your wonders still.

I will sing of your salvation.

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13**

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The

knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

**Acclamation Luke 4:18**

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

**Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they head this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking

he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at

the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**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.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. *Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.*

**Mass Times:**  
**Horsham:** Wednesday 10am  
Wednesday 5.30pm  
**Rupanyup:** Tuesday 7pm  
**Murtoa:** Wednesday 2pm at OLHC



**Project Compassion Boxes / Sets of Envelopes will be in the Church Foyers next weekend.**

**The Lenten Program begins from February 8th. Booklets available.** Please sign the sheet in the Foyer to join a Group or obtain a book for your self prayer.

**2016 Horsham Parish is 140 yrs**