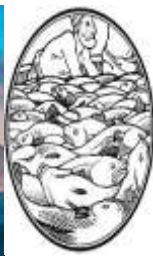


# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th February 2016



### 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.

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**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday Feb 18 at 5.30pm.** Please have reports into Anita by Monday February 15th.

**World Day of Prayer on Friday March 4th is in SMJ Church at 10am.** Our CWL will lead the Prayer.

The first Men's Breakfast for 2016 is Thursday Feb 18th.

*We congratulate the Horsham community as they celebrate the opening of the new Town Hall precinct this Friday and Saturday*

### Opening of the Year School Masses:

**OLHC Murtoa:** This 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 are welcome to each Mass.*

**We welcome the Staffs of SBC, SMJ, OLHC today for their Blessing and Commissioning for our 2016 School Year.** There will be a cuppa after Mass to meet them. We pray for their role teachers, administration, LSO.s, cleaners, in our Schools this year.



Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday.

Project Compassion Boxes or Sets of Envelopes are in the Foyers today

### Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

**Horsham:** Wednesday 9.45am  
 Wednesday 5.30pm  
**Rupanyup:** Tuesday 7pm at Sue Tylers  
**Murtoa:** Wednesday 2pm at OLHC  
**SBC Ash Wednesday Liturgy** at 9.10am in the College Gymnasium.  
*Ashes will be blessed at each Mass, Liturgy*

Fr Peter will burn the palms of last year for Ash Wednesday 2016 on Tuesday at 3pm, with SMJ children, in the school ground.



### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

magazine is now available. This edition is the first for the Year of Mercy is titled "Mercy in Spirituality" Finding forgiveness in God through the sacrament of reconciliation, and leading other to God's mercy. **Pick up your copy today.**

We pray for SBC Year 7 students and Staff on the Retreat and Welcoming at Halls Gap Wednesday to Friday. Fr Peter will join them on Thursday.

Fr John has a priest cousin visiting him from India, so he will not be with us in February

### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 9th Feb	5.30pm	St Josephine Bakhita
Wednesday 10th Feb	⇒	<b>Ash Wednesday Masses 9.45am, 5.30pm</b>
Thursday 11th Feb	<b>LLA 9.30</b>	
Friday 12th Feb	9.30am	Fred Hollows, Eileen Moroney annivs.
Saturday 13th Feb	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:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Hennessy, David Kershaw, Andrew Taylor, Fred Hollows, Fr Gordon Gebbie, Eileen Moroney, Irene Gannon

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

**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 2nd Sunday of the Month  
1st Sunday of Lent—14th February**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm  
Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday LLA 8.30am**

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**. 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**

Feb 6/7	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<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
Feb 13/14	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice	Anna Robertson
<b>Commentator</b>	Tess Hayes	Louise Kemp
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Silvanna Foster Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Anthony Amor Joan Parker Ann Hermans	Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Kingsley Dalglish Lesley Lannen Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson
<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Marie McMillan Bill Phelan	Lise Egan Bales Bridget Bales
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl & Maree Wren	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>14th February</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	<b>21st February</b> Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush Mary Ward
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)</b>		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 96.00
Horsham	\$ 919.00	Dimboola \$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1015.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 12</b> (Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals)		
Envelopes	\$ 1214.00	Loose \$ 41.35
Credit Card	\$ 3062.50	Direct Debit \$ 1872.67
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 6190.52</b>

**Making Connections:** Spend time reflecting on being 'caught up' in the net of Christ and what it means for you.  
**Marriage Tip:** Lent starts this week! Discuss with your spouse about how you want to observe Lent this year, both individually and as a family.  
**Daily Prayer:** Lord God, all-holy One, you came among us in Jesus, who sat teaching among the fishermen. He would not depart from us sinners but invited us to follow him and become his disciples, his friends. Place on our lips this good news of salvation, and in our hearts a welcome from which no one is excluded, a love that delights in befriending all.  
**Vocation View:** God does not ask you to be successful: God does ask you to be faithful. Vocation leads to your career.  
**The Face of Mercy - Pope Francis.** Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.  
**The Prayer of Ash Wednesday** speaks of Lent as a 'campaign of Christian service'. Our campaign of service is spelt out for us in today's gospel. Fasting, prayer, doing good deeds for others in the form of almsgiving, are the ways we are invited to live our discipleship during Lent.

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

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  
March 20th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

### **Lenten Discussion Groups**

Thursday morning 10.15 - 11.45am in the Church Meeting Room starting on Thursday February 11th. Contact Eileen McManus Ph: 53824745

There are Groups led by Sr Jacinta, Mary Brown, Margaret Howison at Natimuk, Dimboola, Murtoa, Rupanyup, and individuals, over 40 people involved. We pray for them.

### **SMJ School Community 4 Meeting for all Families**

this Tuesday February 8th in the Parish Centre at 7.30. All aspects of Community 4 will be discussed.

### **Murtoa InterChurch Council Harvest Thanksgiving Service**

on Sunday February 21st at OLHC School at 5pm, followed by a shared meal. Perishable goods (jams, fresh fruit and vegetables etc) will be auctioned. Non-perishable goods given to the Food Centre. All welcome to the service, meal and auction.

### **Dates for the Year 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 at 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 have been given these dates.*

### **Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission.**

Bishop Paul Bird invites expressions of interest from parish communities, organisations and individuals in regard to the work of the Diocese of Ballarat as members of the BDSJC. During February all Expressions of Interest for membership will be considered and the composition of the Commission finalised. The link to the Expression of Interest form is <http://tinyurl.com/bdjsc2016> any queries, please contact Vin Dillon, of the BDSJC 0409175273, or [vindillon@gmail.com](mailto:vindillon@gmail.com)

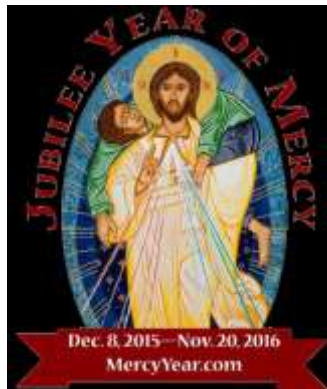


### **In conjunction with the Readings of today consider the following Church Teaching:**

The faithful are by baptism made one body with Christ and are constituted among the People of God; they are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out the mission of the whole Christian people

### **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.



### **Pope Francis' 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. 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. 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.*

***We will pray this prayer each week at the end of the Prayers of Intercession.***



Project Compassion  
Lent Calendar



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. In Pope Francis' words, "*Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ,*" You will be helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes,

### **Next Week's Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all ways of tempting him, the devil left him .....

**1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5. 7-8**

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. . On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and

this is what you all believed.

**Acclamation Matthew 4:19**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

**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.

**Gospel Reflection-5th Sunday Yr C.**

**Sr Veronica Lawson rsm.** The gospel opens with Jesus by the lake shore looking for a little space from the people who are pressing around him to hear "the word of God". The listener/reader has been gradually prepared, in the baptism scene and in the synagogue at Nazareth, to receive this momentous statement. Jesus is the anointed of God who brings good news/God's word to the destitute. Jesus spots two empty boats, gets into the one that belongs to Simon Peter, whom he seems to know since he feels free to do this and even to ask Simon to move the boat out from the shore. Having gained the distance he needs, Jesus sits down and teaches the crowd from the boat. God's word thus comes to the people from the potentially regenerative waters of the lake. Simon no doubt has one ear on Jesus' teaching as he and his

despondent business partners clean the nets and pack up ready to go home without any fish. They have fished all night without a single catch. Evoking the creation story of Genesis where God's spirit moves over the face of the deep, Jesus invites Simon and his companions to put out into deep water and lower the nets for a catch, even though the odds of a catch seem very slim. Simon Peter hesitates, noting that they have laboured without success all night. He nonetheless follows Jesus' instructions. The dramatic result of his attending to Jesus' word brings Simon to his knees: he acknowledges his limitations, his "sinfulness" in gospel terms. Jesus then commissions him to engage fearlessly in a new mission of reaching out beyond his present business enterprise to "catch people". This commission is not to be understood as a recruitment drive for the reign of

God movement. As the gospel story unfolds we discover that it is, rather, a mission to bring the vulnerable safely to shore where they can know the compassion and justice and "hospitality" of God. While Peter and his companions are said to "leave everything" and "follow" Jesus, the subsequent narrative makes it clear that they do not abandon their fishing activities. They simply re-centre their lives on the following of Jesus. In other words, they undertake to live out in their lives the pattern of Jesus' life amid the ordinary concerns of daily life. The previous chapter has provided glimpses of that pattern: bringing good news to the destitute, release to the shattered, healing to the sick and the broken. In our times, we are beginning to realise that the "shattered" includes the despoiled Earth and its often polluted waters

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Fasting for those aged 18 until 59 - one full meal, 2 smaller meals. Abstinence from meat from age 14 onwards.

During Lent, prayer, works of charity, giving to Project Compassion, giving up something, visiting the lonely, etc help us prepare in body and spirit for the joy of Easter