

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - 29th May 2016



We welcome the children, their families and Sponsors, as the children celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at our

SMJ Church Masses this weekend. We pray for the children to be guided by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to be filled with the life and love of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Saturday May 28th at 6.30 Mass:
Summer Campey, Neeve Kelly, Holly Luciani, Max Sudholz, Jessica Dunn

Sunday May 29th 10.30 Mass:
Greta Arnel, Grace Bales, Acacia Blake, Kirby Brown, Maddie Carracher, Drew Harris, Grace Hermans, Christian Macalinga, Cooper McCallum, Grady McCourt, Niamh McDonald, Tadhg McGrath, Scarlett Munday-Terry, Amber Pietsch, Olek Trebicki, Rome Villafuerte, Peter White

Next weekend June 4/5 we welcome more children for their Sacraments .

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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We welcome Anita back from her holidays. The Office hours will be Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Thank you to Angela and Sue for their help in the Office whilst Anita was away.

Fr John returns from his holidays on June 1st and will be with us next weekend.

Next Sunday we return to the Ordinary Time of the Church's Year. It is the 10th Sunday, and the Readings are from Year C.



MASS for the POOR this Friday June 3rd at 9.30am in SMJ Church



St Brigid's College and Sts Michael and John School students attend the Mass. They have been bringing items of non-perishable food and clothing to School and these will be presented to the St Vincent de Paul and Christian Emergency Food Centre for distribution to the needy of our community.

We thank our Schools for their support

ANOINTING MASS this Wednesday June 1st at 2pm in SMJ Church.

*Begin Winter with the Lord's blessing upon us.
Cuppa in the Parish Centre afterwards.
CWL Ladies two plates please.*

* At our weekday Masses this week, we pray for the CWL Mass Crusade.
* **Mass at Rupanyup this Wednesday at 6.30pm at Davison's.**
* Rehearsal 2 for Sacraments this Thursday at 10am in SMJ Church.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 31st May	5.30pm	Visitation of Our Lady. Ken Kennedy
Wednesday 1st June	2pm	Anointing Mass. St. Justin. Jean Ives
Thursday 2nd June	9.30am	Theo Buwalda 1st anniv. Ray Ellis.
Friday 3rd June	9.30am	Sacred Heart. John Parker ann
Saturday 4th June	10.00a	Immaculate Heart of Mary

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: Terry Vincent. Ray Fischer (brother of Alan),	
ANNIVERSARIES: Chris Starr, Betty Strauss, Fr Brendan Smith, Theo Buwalda, John Parker, Ken Kennedy	
SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Corey Panozzo, 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, Fred Webb, Frances Mitchell	
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 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th June 2016	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday Mass 8.30am
Murtoa	Sunday Mass 10.30am
Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 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	
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.	
Free counselling , support offered by Centacare Ballarat for families, individuals affected by the drought and other issues. Free call 1300 303 988 to make an appointment. Centacare can visit your home; they use our Parish Interview Room. Totally confidential, there is much Government money available, so don't hesitate to ring this number, times arranged to suit you and your needs. Support open to any family member.	

ROSTERS		
May 28/29	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes	Shirley Hoffmann Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Russell Reid Mary Marshall
June 4/5	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Paige Butler	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Marie McMillan Tess hayes Anne Newton	Rosie Taylor Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Alison McKinnon Bob Pritchett
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Chris Robarts
Welcomers	Gary Coutts Pat Williams	Angela Stephens Mary Dalglish
Children's Liturgy		None
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	5th June Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Barbara Gloury Kath Atkins	12th June Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)		
Natimuk	\$ 72.00	Murtoa \$ 57.00
Horsham	\$ 1008.00	Dimboola \$
Total		\$ 1137.00
2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 27 <i>Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals</i>		
Envelopes	\$ 1668.00	Loose \$ 88.30
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$
Total		\$ 1756.30

Making Connections: Spend a little time each day reflecting on your needs and how your journey towards Christ is helping to feed those needs. Try to help someone find a way out of their 'lonely place'.

Daily Prayer: We glorify you, O God, and ponder the mystery of the wisdom by which you created the world in wondrous beauty and order. We, your church, your new creation, reconciled in your Son and sanctified by your Spirit, ask you to lead us through endurance into hope, and from hope to full knowledge of you, who are love itself, fullness of truth and undying life.

Vocational View: Food usually becomes more when it is given than when it is taken - the more Jesus is given, the more we share Him, the more He increases.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
St Joseph, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Country Mass Times in June:

June 5th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
 June 12th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
 June 19th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
 June 26th: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola Mass 8.30
 Murtoa Mass 10.30

ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2016

RETHINK HOMELESSNESS.
 The Society's members and Volunteers provide Practical Support, Advocacy and friendship to the most vulnerable in our community. The Society also provides assistance to Migrants and Refugees seeking to rebuild their lives in a new country as well as supporting Individuals and Communities in developing Countries.



How Can You Help?

Make a financial donation. Envelopes available at the Piety Stall in the Narthex. (Donations are Tax deductible)

Donation of Goods

Donations of clean quality clothing, furniture, blankets, doonas, household goods can be left at the Vinnies Centre. Contact the Centre for furniture etc to be picked up

Volunteer

Volunteers in the Centre or in the Conference are always welcome - call in anytime. With our continuing generosity we could never continue our Mission.

You can bring non-perishable food to Mass



The average attendance at our Masses over the month of May (as per Diocesan info):
 Horsham 6.30pm: 142.
 Horsham 10.30am: 275

Rupanyup monthly 15. Murtoa:35. Dimboola:18. Natimuk:15
 Parish average total per week: 495.



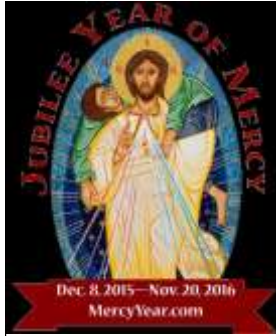
**GIVE HAPPY
 LIVE HAPPY**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER TIME, TALENT, GENEROSITY to the life of our Parish, City, organizations, sport, caring, being present, loving, respecting.
Thank you, thank you, Thank you.

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper which along with Good Friday and the Easter Vigil form our Easter Triduum commemorating the final days of Jesus' life culminating in his Resurrection from the dead. In our Holy Thursday Mass we listen to the same reading we have as our Second Reading this weekend which is the earliest account of what Jesus did with his disciples at the Last Supper and that we continue to do together each time we gather for Mass. We see in the Gospel this following the same pattern when Jesus took, blessed, broke and shared five loaves and two fish with a crowd of five thousand plus. And linked with our First Reading, going further back in time to when the priest Melchizedek of Salem, the former name for Jerusalem, used bread and wine in pronouncing God's blessing on Abraham. There are references to each of our Readings to what is Sacrifice and how these connect in with Jesus continuing to be among us.

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.



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 see Him. Show us your face and we shall be saved. Send your Spirit, and consecrate every one of us with the Spirit's anointing, so that the

Jubilee of Mercy, may be a year of grace from the Lord, and we your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor. Let your Church be your visible face in the world. We ask this of you, God of mercy and forgiveness, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy.

We pray this prayer at the end of the Intercessions

FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, goes back to the 13th century, celebrates something far older: the institution of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. In many countries the feast was also celebrated with a Eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the parish church.



National Reconciliation Week May 27th to June 3rd
Theme: "Our History, Our Story, Our Future"

As Australians, we are all here, all woven into this Country. As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow. Reconciliation is at the heart of our Nation's future. Let us pray, celebrate, reconcile our nationhood.



We are encouraged to pray this Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as part of our Diocesan Prayer renewal. **The Feast of the Sacred Heart is this Friday 3rd** Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we commend to Your merciful love our Diocese of Ballarat, our Bishop, Priests, Religious, families, youth. We seek the blessing of your Mother Mary, upon us all, for your protection upon our Church and those who are hurting at this time. Grant to us all, peace, harmony, unity, stability, growth in faith, trust and love. Keep us all free from harm, make us instruments of your peace and reconciliation. Bless our Nation to have a sincere heart of respect for life, for all of our cultures and faiths and those who are refugees. Immaculate Heart of Mary

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 109:1-4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.'

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for

ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Acclamation: John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Gospel Reflection - Corpus Christi Yr C, Sr Veronica Lawson rsm .

The gospel for today brings together elements that have traditionally formed part of Christian worship. In the first part of the story, Jesus welcomes those who follow him. He then speaks to them of God's reign and heals those in need of healing. In the second part, he takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them and puts them before the disciples who distribute the bread to the assembled people. All eat and are satisfied.

The second part of the story is full of Eucharistic symbolism. The setting is a 'desert' place, recalling the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai. The hunger of the people recalls God's care of Israel in the wilderness. God feeds God's people in the deserts of life, but only if those called to be disciples recognise their responsibility to be the hands of God. 'Send them away' is one solution, clearly not the one preferred by Jesus. Rather, he says, 'You give them something to eat'. When the people sit down in circles and share their food, they find there is more than enough for everyone.

Jesus' actions and words over the bread [and the fish] are echoed in the account of his final meal with the disciples: the bread broken and shared becomes his

body broken and 'given' for them. [In Mark's account, this final meal has been foreshadowed in the story of the unnamed woman whose actions of breaking an alabaster jar and pouring the precious ointment on the head of Jesus parallel Jesus' actions of breaking and pouring.] In the context of Eucharist, bread broken and wine poured out change their meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by thinking of the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread, but it is no longer simply the sum of its material parts. It is housed in a special place in the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery and protected with the utmost care. It is soon to be loaned to the refurbished Eureka Centre. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what that stands for in Australian history, it has taken on a meaning far greater than fabric and thread. The bread and wine of the Eucharist are likewise infinitely greater than their material parts. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. Eucharistic life is covenanted life. It means giving life for the sake of the many, sometimes to the point of heroism, simply by sharing our resources, our time with others in need.

Build bridges, not walls 'Christians who are afraid to build bridges and prefer to build walls are Christians who are not sure of their faith, not sure of Jesus Christ. When the Church loses this apostolic courage, she becomes a stalled church, a tidy church, a church that is nice to look at, but that is without fertility, because she has lost the courage to go to the outskirts.' -

Pope Francis



*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks
to do good.
Yours are the hands, with which he
blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world
Christ now has no body on earth but
yours. St Teresa of Avila*

Next Week's Gospel - Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother,

and she was a widow. A considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. The

dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' This opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.