

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th June 2016



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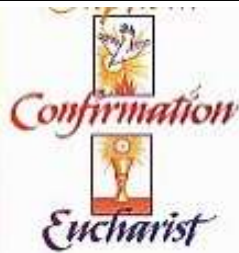
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We welcome Fr. John back from his holidays.

Natimuk Nursing Home Mass this Thursday June 9th at 4.15pm.

SBC Year 8 Mass in SMJ Church this Wednesday June 8th at 2pm. All welcome.

The Winter edition of **Australian Catholics** is in the Foyers today. Please take. *Continuing reflections on the Year of Mercy*



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 June 4th at 6.30pm Mass:
 Bella Carr, Eva Mansera, Sally Sellens, Spencer Wilde, Murphy Wright.

Sunday June 5th at 10.30am Mass:
 Hugh Dougherty, Wil Dougherty, Bailey Eder, Zac Hausler, Deacon Perkins, Ayva Robertson.

Congratulations to the children who celebrate Confirmation and receive the Eucharist for the first time. Thank you to their parents and families who have accompanied them throughout their preparation for these Sacraments.

As we know, the Eucharist is not a "one off sacrament".

The invitation of Jesus is to be present each Sunday as the Community gathers to celebrate Christ's ongoing presence amongst us, and to be continually nourished with His life through our communion with Him in the Eucharist.

I thank Alison McKinnon as our Sacrament Co-Ordinator and SMJ School for their support.

Meeting of those interested in helping to cater for Fr Damien Heath's 60th Jubilee of Ordination Dinner on Sunday July 17th in our Parish Centre **will be on Wednesday June 15th at 5pm in the Meeting Room.** Please let Anita know if you can help or come to meeting

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday June 16th at 5.30pm.

Could members please have their reports into Anita by Tuesday June 14th, thank you.

Finance Meeting Wednesday 15th at 12 noon in the Meeting Room.

Coughlin Park Board of Management Meeting this Wednesday June 8th at 5pm in the Meeting Room.

CWL Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room this Tuesday 7th June at 1.30

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 7th June	5.30pm	Also Funeral Mass 2pm in SMJ
Wednesday 8th June	9.30am	Rita Mugavin. Margaret Doyle
Thursday 9th June	9.30am	
Friday 10th June	9.30am	
Saturday 11th June	10.00am	St Barnabas. Sarah Connellan

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: Leon Woodhart,
ANNIVERSARIES: John Panozzo, Terry Bottoms, Betty Faux, Terrence Keenan, Michael Kierce, Aaron O'Keefe; Theo, Ann and Julie Buwalda; Sarah Connellan, Vern Jobe
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, Judy Francisco, Jack Slattery
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 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th 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 in the 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. Practice this Wednesday June 8th at 6pm. <i>All the darkness of the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.</i>

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 Government money available, so don't hesitate to ring this number, times arranged to suit you and your needs. Support open to all.

ROSTERS		
June 4/5	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Marie McMillan Tess hayes Anne Newton	Rosie Taylor Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Alison McKinnon Bob Pritchett
June 11/12	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Anthony Amor	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Louise Kemp
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Silvanna Foster Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker	Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Kingsley Dagleish Shirley Hoffmann Judy Reid
Projector	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Nanette Freckleton Denise Vallance
Children's Liturgy		Amanda Carracher
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	12th June Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	19th June Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Herson-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 76.00
Horsham	\$ 1123.00	Dimboola	\$ 110.70
Total			\$ 1309.70

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 29
Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals

Envelopes	\$ 1431.00	Loose	\$ 180.45
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1611.45

Making Connections: Spend some time this week about those situations in our world today which need compassion. Do something about one of those situations. Act on your compassionate response to others.

Daily Prayer: Lord God, ever attentive to the cry of the lowly, you sent Jesus among us as the prophet of your compassion, with healing in his touch and power in his word. Raised up by our Saviour from the death of our sins, may we glorify you and share with all your gift of life restored.

Vocational View: Today we are reminded just how much Jesus loves and cares for us - do you replay Him for the life he has given you by offering that life to Him?

Marriage Tip: Often the simple act of rebooting can remedy a computer problem. Sometimes marriages need a reboot. If a problem is not resolving readily, try this: Stop. Let both of you cool off. Forgive. Ask for a "do over." You and your spouse are one unit: make time to talk about each other's days, both big and small events.

'Wisdom was born before the earth was made'

Country Mass Times in June:

June 12: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
 June 19: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
 June 26: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 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, 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 out your continuing generosity we could never continue our Mission.

You can bring non-perishable food to Mass

Thank you to St Brigid's College and Ss Michael and John School for their marvellous response to the Mass for the Poor on Friday. 45 baskets of non-perishable food items and goods were donated. Fabulous effort.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have released a statement regarding the upcoming Federal election, "Voice for the voiceless". A prayer for the election, and the Bishops' Statement, is on the Bishops' website www.catholic.org.au

The Priests of the Diocese have a Council of Priests Meeting with the Bishop in Ballarat on Tuesday June 14. We celebrate the 60th Jubilees of Frs Damien Heath & Dan Arundell.



"What is the fruit of (God's) love and mercy? It is life! God's mercy gives life to the widow's son; it raises him from the dead. The Lord watches over us with mercy. Let us not be afraid of approaching him! He has a merciful heart! If we show him our inner wounds, our inner sins, he will always forgive. It is pure mercy. Let us go to Jesus!" – Pope Francis



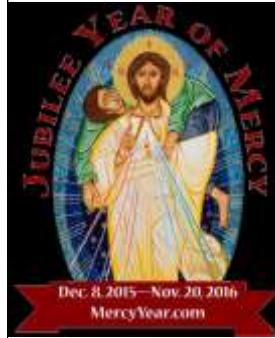
World Environment Day

Pope Francis' Prayer for our earth
 All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of

your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

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

Thank you to all our Parish ministries

Blessings on all who volunteer in our community

GIVE HAPPY LIVE HAPPY

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

In 2016 we support Angola in its efforts to safeguard elephants

GO WILD FOR LIFE

National Reconciliation Week 2016
 27 May to 3 June

OUR HISTORY, OUR STORY, OUR FUTURE

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Tchingals: Stories of Wotjobaluk Country

Saturday June 11th: 8pm
 Sunday June 12th: 2pm
 Horsham Town Hall.

Created by the Elders of the Barengi Gadjin Land Council, local artists and students, will bring to life local Indigenous dreaming stories, using large-scale puppets and interactive animations.

Yanga Track Walk on Saturday June 11th at 11am, meet at the Weir. Walk along the Wimmera River, to hear stories of how Aboriginal communities (Wanjab, Gadjin, Murnong) used native plants as medicine, hardware and supermarket in their everyday lives.

Cardinal Pell turns 75 on June 8th, and Fr Ed Moloney has his birthday on June 8th also.

Can you see those who are vulnerable? Can you perceive in our society how some people are denied the necessities of life: food, shelter, health care, education, companionship? Does the seeing and perceiving send a shudder of compassion through your body, as it did for Jesus? We could pause for a moment to ask for the grace to see how we might respond in life-giving ways to those who need to know that 'God has visited his people'. The root word of humble and human is the same: humus: earth. We are dust. We are created; it is God who made us and not we ourselves. But we were made to be co-creators with our maker.'

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

The son of the mistress of the house fell sick; his illness was so severe that in the end he had no breath left in him. And the woman said to Elijah, 'What quarrel have you with me, man of God? Have you come here to bring my sins home to me and to kill my son?' 'Give me your son', he said, and taking him from her lap, carried him to the upper room where he was staying and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, do you mean to bring grief to the widow who is looking after me by killing her son?' He stretched himself on the child three times and cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, may the soul of this child, I beg you, come into him again!' The Lord heard the prayer of Elijah and the soul of the child returned to him again and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. 'Look', Elijah said, 'your son is alive.' And the woman replied, 'Now I know you are a man of God and the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth itself.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the

dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

2nd Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

The Good News I preached is not a human message that I was given by men, it is something that I learnt only through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You must have heard of my career as a practising Jew, how merciless I was in persecuting the Church of God, how much damage I did to it, how I stood out among other Jews of my generation, and how enthusiastic I was for the traditions of my ancestors. Then God, who had specially chosen me while I was still in my mother's womb, called me through his grace and chose to reveal his Son in me, so that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans. I did not stop to discuss this with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were

already apostles before me, but I went off to Arabia at once and later went straight back from there to Damascus. Even when after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days, I did not see any of the other apostles; I only saw James, the brother of the Lord.

Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

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. And 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'. And 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.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

Gospel Reflection - 10th Sunday Yr C, Sr Veronica Lawson rsm .

Liberation or release for the most marginalised is at the heart of the mission of the Lukan Jesus. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus had gone into his hometown synagogue of Nazareth and appropriated to himself the words of the prophet Isaiah: the Spirit of God is upon him. When he encounters a funeral cortege at the gates of Nain, he is moved with compassion for the plight of one who is shattered and under threat of a life of destitution. Women who lacked the protection of a husband or adult son

were among the most destitute in first century Palestine. For a widow to lose her only son was nothing short of shattering. She would be dependent on the goodwill of neighbours and friends and whatever extended family she may have had. Nain was a tiny village in the Valley of Jezreel in the southern part of Galilee. As in every town, the gate would have been the place where legal cases were determined and justice was delivered. Now, at the gate of this town, Jesus of Nazareth brings both justice and mercy. He feels the pain of the widow, has compassion for her, and responds by restoring life, not only to

the young man, but to his mother, to the extended family and to the grieving village community. Jesus was the only son of a woman who had possibly been widowed by the time he began his public ministry. His mother is to know the same pain of loss as her unnamed "sister" in Nain. The verb "to have compassion" denotes a deeply felt response in the depths of a person's being. It implies not just an emotional response but action for mercy and justice. As an instrument of hospitality, the Gospel tells us that tears and touch bring life to a son who was lost and restore life to a community.

Next Week's Gospel - Luke 7:36 - 50

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal. When he arrived at the Pharisee's house and took his place at table, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town. She had heard he was dining with the Pharisee and had brought with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a

prophet, he would know who this woman is that is touching him and what a bad name she has.' Then Jesus took him up and said, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Speak, Master,' was the reply. 'There was once a creditor who had two men in his debt; one owed him five hundred denarii, the other fifty. They were unable to pay, so he pardoned them both. Which of them will love him more?' 'The one who was pardoned more, I suppose,' answered Simon. Jesus said, 'You are right.' Then he turned to the woman. 'Simon,' he said, 'you see this woman? I came into your house, and you poured no water over my feet, but she

has poured out her tears over my feet and wiped them away with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she has been covering my feet with kisses ever since I came in. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. For this reason I tell you that her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love. It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' Those who were with him at table began to say to themselves, 'Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?' But he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'