



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th June 2016



We celebrate Confirmation and First Communion with the final group of candidates next Saturday night June 18th. Please pray for them and their families.

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 CONTACTS

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Hudson
Parish Secretary: Anita Masiero
10 Roberts Ave Horsham 3400
PO Box 212, Horsham Vic 3402
Phone: 5382 1155.
Fax: 5382 3016
Email: horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

SCHOOLS

Ss Michael & John Primary
Principal: Andrea Cox
Phone: 5382 3000
St Brigid's College
Principal: Peter Gutteridge
Phone: 5382 3545
Our Lady Help of Christians
Principal: Gary Typuszak
Phone: 5385 2526

We welcome Fr John this weekend.

The Priests of the Diocese join Bishop Paul Bird for the Council of Priests Meeting in Ballarat this Tuesday June 14t We celebrate the 60th Jubilee of Ordination of Frs Damien Heath, Dan Arundell and Kevin Condon OP and the 25th Jubilee of Fr Shane MacKinlay.

Mass at OLHC Wendouree on Tuesday 14th at 5pm. All welcome.

No Finance Meeting this Wednesday

+++++

Although the journey toward salvation is initiated by God, and everything that we need on that journey is supplied by God, salvation itself is never forced upon us. If we are to be saved, we must first acknowledge our need. If we are to be forgiven, we must first admit our sin. Then no sin, once admitted, is beyond the forgiveness of God. Once we admit our sin we acknowledge God as the source of the grace of salvation. We do not earn our salvation. It is granted to us through faith in Christ, which itself is a gift from God. Here the apparent tension seen in the gospel narrative takes the form of a question: Do we love because we are forgiven or are we forgiven because we first love? We are not forgiven because we love. We are forgiven because we are loved. Repentance may precede forgiveness but even repentance is a grace offered by God. There is no way that we can repay God for the magnanimous mercy shown to us. Gratitude is often expressed through service of others.

The repentant woman in today's Gospel was possessed by a desire to serve. Do we realise that the reconciliation with God, which we enjoy, makes us ambassadors of reconciliation for others? Do we do what we can, give what we have to further this ministry?

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday June 16th at 5.30pm in the Meeting Room. Agenda, Minutes, Reports will be emailed.

MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday June 16th from 7.30 to 8.30 in the Parish Centre. Men, their sons, single men welcome for free brekky, prayer and chat. Just come. All welcome.



We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Sunday: Harrison Oscar Wilson son of Jessica and Nic.

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 **this Wednesday June 15th at 5pm in the Meeting Room.** Please let Anita know if you can help or can come to the meeting

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 14th June NO MASS
Wednesday 15 June **5.30pm**
Thursday 16th June 9.30am
Friday 17th June 9.30am
Saturday 18th June 10.00am

Welcome to visitors for the long weekend, safe travelling for those on the roads.

SBC Yr 9's to attend 9.30 Mass
John Panozzo anniv.
Brent Williams anniv.

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: Ted Atkinson (grandfather of Elise Ross)
Tim Grant.

ANNIVERSARIES: Vin Delahunty, Jenny Lynch, Patrick Clarke, John Matthew Brennan, Brent Williams, Brendan Keilar, Nathan Mangiameli, Jack Giles, Ethel Walsh, Frances Rowe, John Panozzo

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, Joy Flynn, Peter Kelly, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, 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 3rd Sunday of the Month
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th 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.

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 11/12	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Silvana Foster Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker	Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Kingsley Dalglish Shirley Hoffmann Judy Reid
June 18/19	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Peter Gutteridge	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	John Parker	Kingsley Dalglish
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin	Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Russell Reid Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish
Projector	Shayne Keenan	Julie Antonoff
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Joan Whiley Lorraine Clancy	Helene Bush Marina Manserra
Children's Liturgy		Lise Eagan Bales
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	19th June Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Herson-Spasic	26th June Shirley Hoffmann Marie McMillan Margo Hogan

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 83.00
Horsham	\$ 1135.00	Dimboola	\$ 58.00
Total			\$ 1276.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 30
Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals

Envelopes	\$ 1623.00	Loose	\$ 59.15
Credit Card	\$ 3802.00	Direct Debit	\$ 1911.67
Total			\$ 7396.32

Making Connections: Be lavishly generous to someone this week - with your time, attention, care and concern.

Marriage Tip: Yesterday is over and today is a new day. Live in the present with your spouse and let go of yesterday's mistakes.

Daily Prayer: Our sins, which were many, you have forgiven; may we therefore, show great love not only to you, the source of such grace, but to all our sisters and brothers, sinners embraced by your love.

A Vocation View: The more your sins are forgiven, the more love you must show - what greater love than to lay down your life for others in your daily vocation

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Like Nathan in today's first reading, we sin when we begin to feel entitled and act as if what we have is ours by right, when we forget that everything we have is an unmerited gift from God. But God is gracious and forgiving - even when we use His gifts wrongly or squander them thoughtlessly - if, like Nathan, we confess our guilt and ask His pardon.

Country Mass Times in June:

June 19: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
June 26: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
July 3rd: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am
July 10th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am.

** AWC is Assembly for Word and Communion, which replaces the former title Lay Led Assembly

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

St Brigid's College and Ss Michael and John School donated 1403 items of food at a cost of \$4013, a marvellous response to the Mass for the Poor. Fabulous effort.

Refugee
Week



19-25 JUNE 2016

DIFFERENT PASTS, SHARED FUTURE

Refugee week is an annual week-long celebration of the positive contributions of refugees to Australian society.

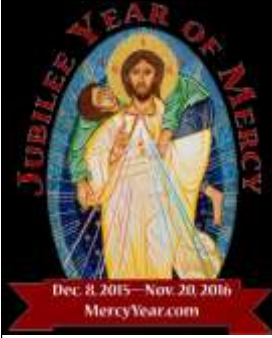
Theme: With Courage Let Us All Combine

Lay Pastoral Ministry. The Ballarat Diocese has initiated a Lay Pastoral Ministry Program that offers opportunities for formation, study, support and accreditation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers, in the diocese. Flyers are being posted to parishes and full information is on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (under Services & Agencies/Pastoral Ministry) or you can contact Amanda Smith on telephone 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Coughlin Park Community Centre will be officially opened on Saturday June 25th at 11am. Much work on the surrounds of the building is still to be done. The Coughlin Park Board of Management is Brendan Ryan (Chair), Roger Sordello, Glenn Carroll, Dennis Wade, Chris Ellis, Peter Gutteridge, Fr Peter, and Parishioners Mary Marshall, Jill Coutts, Cath Robertson

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

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a statement regarding the forthcoming federal election, "Voice for the Voiceless". **COPIES OF THE BISHOPS' STATEMENT and PRAYER ARE IN THE FOYERS TODAY.**



Tchingals: Stories of Wotjobaluk Country

Tonight 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.

"The sinful woman teaches us the connection between faith, love, and recognition. 'Many sins' have been forgiven her and therefore she has loved much ... God has wrapped each and every one of us in the same mystery of mercy; and from his love, which always comes to us first, we learn how to love." – Pope Francis, General Audience 20 April, 2016



We welcome the Members of the Knights of the SWouthern Cross Golf Club of Victoria and South Australia for their Annual Golf Tournament this weekend and for Mass in SMJ Church at 5pm tonight, Sunday.

St Brigid's College Year 11 Social Justice Retreat Assembly in the College Gymnasium on Monday June 20th at 12.15. Leaders of the Team from Adelaide will attend. All welcome. The Students are keen to follow up with a Social Justice Group. May we have Parishioners who will support them.

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10. 13

Nathan said to David, 'The Lord the God of Israel says this, "I anointed you king over Israel; I delivered you from the hands of Saul; I gave your masters house to you, his wives into your arms; I gave you the House of Israel and of Judah; and if this were not enough, I would add as much again for you. Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases him? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, taken his wife for your own, and killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. So now the sword will never be far from your House, since you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'" David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Then Nathan said to David, 'The Lord, for his part, forgives your sin; you are not to die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 7.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven. whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins: my guilt I did not hide. I said 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress. You surround me with cries of deliverance.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult,

you just! O come, ring our your joy, all you upright of heart.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

2nd Reading: Galatians 2:16. 19-21

We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ rather than fidelity to the Law is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the Law. In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that now I can live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift; if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ.

Acclamation: 1 John 4:10

Alleluia, alleluia! God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 7:36 - 8:3

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.' Now after this he made his way through towns and villages, preaching, and proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of God. With him went the Twelve, as well as certain women who had been cured of evil spirits and ailments.. several others who provided for them out of their own resources.

Gospel Reflection - 11th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm



A foot massage is a very intimate experience; children massage the feet of their parents . It is rare, however, in any culture at any time, for a woman to come in off the street, to weep profusely over the feet of a little known man, and to massage his feet with perfumed ointment. So what

is happening in the in today's gospel? What does Luke want to say about Jesus, about the woman, and about Simon the Pharisee who is hosting the dinner where all of this happens? Why does Jesus accept and even affirm such

activity on the part of a woman who is identified as a sinner in the city? This unnamed woman demonstrates that forgiveness sets one free to love in ways that might appear excessive. Unlike Simon, the host, she has already recognised that Jesus is the prophet of God. Simon has little love in his heart: he has not yet experienced the need for forgiveness and fails to recognise God's prophet. Not only does Jesus accept the continuous outpouring of the woman's tears as well as the touch of her hands and her hair on his feet, He actually affirms the goodness of her actions and compares them with Simon's neglect as host. In effect, the woman becomes host to Jesus, offering him the hospitality he has been denied. The story of the

forgiven woman gives way to the story of a group of women who take to the road with Jesus and the 'twelve' and contribute their resources for the sake of the mission. These courageous Galilean women have known the healing power of God. Mary of Magdala has been perfectly healed. She becomes the lead figure in this circle of prophetic women. The women continue in the company of Jesus all the way to Jerusalem, that they witness his death and burial and bring the message of the resurrection to the 'apostles' who refuse to accept their word. They form part of the assembly in the upper room with Mary the mother of Jesus and the rest of the community who pray in expectation of the coming of God's Spirit.

Next Week's Gospel - Luke 9:18-24

One day when Jesus was praying alone in the presence of his disciples he put this question to them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets come back to life.' 'But you,'

he said, 'who do you say I am?' It was Peter who spoke up. 'The Christ of God,' he said. But he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone anything about this. 'The Son of Man', he said, 'is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be

raised up on the third day.' Then to all he said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it.'