



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th June 2016



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We welcome Fr John this weekend.

Fr Peter joins the Priests of the Diocese for their annual In Service in Ballarat on Tuesday and Wednesday. The In Service will be given by Jewish scripture scholar Dr Amy-Jill Levine. She is an expert in the Jewish background of the life of Jesus.

Congratulations on all who have contributed over the years and now to the Coughlin Park Community Centre Development and Opening.

June 29th is the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul.

Today, June 25/26, at all Parish Masses, we have the Annual Collection for the Pope as a Leaving Collection.

Each Diocese in the world is levied an amount each year for the charitable works and pastoral outreach of the Vatican. Through your generosity to this Leaving Collection you help our Parish in its support to the Diocesan levy.

Parish Planned Giving Program

Whilst our Program Year runs from November to November, a number of people have indicated they want to bring their contributions up to date to meet the Financial Calendar Year which ends with June 30th.

You are welcome to do this.

The Finance Committee will meet in July and prepare a November to June Programme report for the Parish. Thank you for your giving.

Fr Damien Heath 60th Jubilee of Ordination

Our Parish will celebrate with Fr Damien on Sunday July 17th at 10.30am Mass, and then with a sit down Dinner in the Parish Centre at 12noon.

The Dinner will be soup, meats and salads, and slices.

If you can donate soup, cakes or slices, please indicate this on the sheet in the Foyer, or let Anita know at the Parish Office 53821155.

If you can attend the dinner please sign the sheet in the Foyer

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.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism: Saturday:

Addison Elsie Childs daughter of Brianna and Shaun.

Sunday:

Imogen Parish daughter of Brooke and Joseph.

We pray for a safe and blessed School holidays. We pray for VCE students in their break and study.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 28th June	NO MASS	St Irenaeus
Wednesday 29 June	5.30pm	Sts Peter & Paul
Thursday 30th June	9.30am	First Martyrs of Rome. Dominik Wajszel
Friday 1st July	9.30am	Jack & Gwen Robertson anniv
Saturday 2nd July	10.00am	Camillo Ciricola 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 Margo Driscoll (Fr Justin's mother), Mark Cook,

ANNIVERSARIES: Camillo Cericola, Maureen Campbell, Michael Kennett, Dominik Wajszel, Jack & Gwen Robertson, Lucy O'Neill, Cornelius Ivess, Frank Panozzo.

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Peter Kelly, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Helen Brennan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Joy Flynn, Teresa White, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Fred Webb, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Jack Slattery

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

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
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd July 2016

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

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. NO PROGRAM UNTIL AUGUST. Baptism inquiries still are made to the
Parish Office 53821155, and date confirmed with Fr Peter

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.

God bless and protect our CFA Volunteers in Victoria

We are not called to be like other Christians,
 we are called to be like Christ.

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 25/26	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Parker	Zita Cannane
	Marie McMillan	Alison McKinnon
	Tess Hayes	Anna Robertson
	Anne Newton	Bob Pritchett
	Silvanna Foster	Noreen O'Connor
	Lorraine Clancy	Neville Strachan
	Micky Robarts	Julie Antonoff

July 2/3	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
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Readers	Tess Hayes	Michael Connellan
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Commentator	Anthony Amor	Angela Murphy
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosie Taylor	Karen Hill
	Sr Jacinta Rice	Kingsley Dalgleish
	Peter Gutteridge	Shirley Hoffmann
	Joan Parker	Judy Reid
	Ann Hermans	Andrea Cox
	Cathy Taylor	Faye Wills
	Pat Glaubitz	Cate Rigby

Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
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Musicians		Combined Choir
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Welcomers	Pat Strachan	Angela Stephens
	Connie Besselaar	Mary Dalgleish

Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
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Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	3rd July	10th July
	Lucille Pekin	Lynda Hutchinson
	Pauline Breen	Silvanna Foster
	Sue Chalkley	Helene Bush
	Judie Delahunty	Mary Ward

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 157.00
Horsham	\$ 852.00	Dimboola	\$ 81.00
Total		\$ 1090.00	

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 32

Envelopes	\$ 2608.00	Loose	\$ 155.60
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total		\$ 2763.60	

Making Connections: 'Your duty is to spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Reflect on the ways available for you to spread the news of the Kingdom of God. Make an extra effort to do just that this week.

Daily Prayer: You call us, O God, to follow where Jesus has gone before, without compromise or condition and without counting the cost. Make us strong to fulfil this commitment, but keep us gentle and patient toward those who choose other ways. Balance in our discipleship the conviction of faith and the compassion of charity. Sustain us in our decision to follow where Jesus leads, and by the power of your own love, at once both strong and gentle, keep us faithful to Christ and compassionate in serving others.

Vocational View: Can you imagine Jesus, facing His fate in the Garden of Gethsemane, deciding, "No, I'll not go through with this?" No, vocation means perseverance.
 "...you don't come to God by doing it right; you come to God when doing it wrong, and then falling into an infinite mercy."
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: **Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service.**

Country Mass Times in June:

July 3rd: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am
July 10th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30am.
July 17th: Dimboola Mass **Saturday July 16th 6pm.**
Murtoa Mass Sunday 8.30am.

** AWC is Assembly for Word and Communion

ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2016

RETHINK HOMELESSNESS

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.

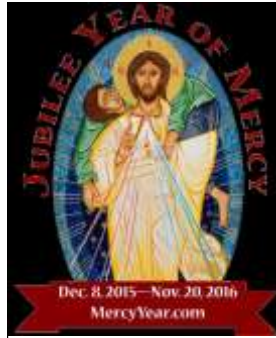
Contact the Centre for furniture etc to be picked up

Volunteer Volunteers in the Centre or in the Conference are always welcome - call in anytime.

You can bring non-perishable food to Mass



PRAYER FOR RAIN: Thank you, Lord God, for the lovely 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



19th to 26th June 2016

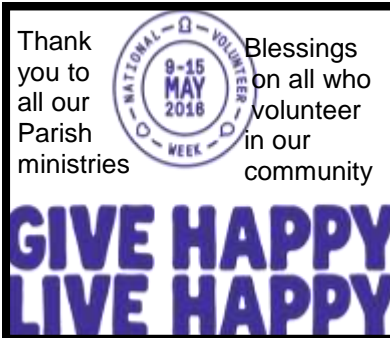
Different Paths, Shared Futures

Theme: With Courage Let Us All Combine

Refugee Week celebrates the positive contributions of refugees to Australia.

Information Sheet in the Foyer.

++Flanked by a group of refugees, Pope Francis appealed to Christians at his weekly general audience to welcome and care for those whom society often excludes. "Today I'm accompanied by these young men. Many people think they would have been better off if they had stayed in their homelands, but they were suffering so much there. They are our refugees, but many people consider them excluded. Please, they are our sisters and brothers." Francis discussed the Gospel story of the leper who begged Jesus to heal him, saying: "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." The leper asked to be "purified" in both body and heart, Jesus' act of touching and healing the leper, is an example for all Christians in helping the poor, the sick and the marginalised.



Thank you to all our Parish ministries

Blessings on all who volunteer in our community

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a statement re next Saturday's Federal Election, "Voice for the Voiceless".

COPIES OF THE BISHOPS' STATEMENT and PRAYER ARE IN THE FOYERS TODAY.

Coughlin Park Community Centre

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.

From today the Community Centre is totally under the control of the Parish and the Coughlin Park Board of Management.

Bookings for the Community Centre, which can seat up to 180 people, can only be made with the Parish Office, phone 5382115 or email horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au

The Parish is the only Booking Centre and the email is the only email to use to book Coughlin Park
No User Group nor others can make a booking to the Calendar.

The Parish will co-ordinate the calendar with the Users of Coughlin Park - football, bowls, cricket, tennis, the Schools. User Groups have the Calendar to view.

Bookings will be confirmed once the User's Calendar is referred to, and the lease signed and the bond paid. The cost of hiring the Community Centre is \$500 plus a bond of \$500 (which is refundable). Other hiring fees available on inquiry from the Parish Office.

A Booking Brochure will be available soon



Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Religion?
- Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic?
- Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Are you a Baptised Catholic, but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Do you have a Catholic Partner/Children?
- Are you taking the responsibility of the faith education of your children but are not Catholic?

If these or other questions are on your mind, you are invited to join our Inquiry in August, and then continue on the RCIA journey if you wish.

Please contact the Parish Office on 53821155 with your name, and more information will be given about dates and times.



Next Sunday July 3rd begins NADOC WEEK with its theme: *Let the earth cry out to God with joy and compassion for all.*

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:16. 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came to Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-
You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is

glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Galatians 5:1. 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Acclamation: 1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury the dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him. 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Gospel Reflection - 13th Sunday

Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Gary Cohen's film, Judah &

Mohammad, depicts the separate lives and education of two teenage school boys, one a Jewish Israeli and the other a Palestinian Arab. They have never met and are unlikely ever to do so. They are near neighbours, but their lives are separated by a "security wall" that keeps them and their people separated and suspicious of each other, despite the desire for peace of many on both sides of the wall. Sandy Tolan's heart-wrenching novel, *The Lemon Tree*, tells a similar story of women on either side of the divide. Both stories reflect a contemporary story of violent conflict and hostility. That is more or less how it was between Jews and Samaritans in

the first century, although the hostility in that instance had endured for centuries. A gracious welcome for Jesus could hardly have been expected in that climate. The problem for the Samaritans is his decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the centre of Jewish life and worship. The Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem". James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for

those who mistreat them (6:28-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God, even in the face of *rejection*. Jesus has no word of condemnation for the villagers who failed to receive him but simply moves on to another village. Jesus turns and rebukes those disciples Jesus is relentless; he has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him. Jesus moves to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news of God's kingdom is the purpose of the journey. We are invited to enter into that journey with all its demands and deprivations. There is no room on this journey, it seems, for clinging to familiar securities.

Next Week's Gospel - Luke 10:1-12,17

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go

and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the

kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'