



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th July 2016



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Today is
Apostleship of the Sea - Seafarers Sunday

which offers pastoral care for people who work at sea, and all who for whatever reason have undertaken work or a voyage by ship. As a Catholic ministry, Seafarers can attend centres in seaports around Australia and are provided with a range of pastoral care services and sacraments.
130,000

Australians work on our seas
Envelopes to support Seafarers Sunday are in the foyers.

We pray for God's blessings on the 3rd Term of the School Year.
* SMJ School begin classes this Monday July 11th.
* OLHC Murtoa begin classes Tuesday July 12th.
* SBC College begin classes Wednesday July 13th. The College has Staff In-Service days on Monday and Tuesday.



We welcome and pray for our Indian families, and families at home, and thank them for their faith and culture in our Parish.

Next Sunday July 17th at 10.30am Mass our Parish celebrates Fr Damien Heath's 60th Jubilee of Ordination.

You are all welcome to a sit down Dinner in the Parish Centre at 12noon.
Please sign the sheet in the Foyer, if you can come to the Dinner, for us to cater for you.

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.

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.

Coughlin Park Board of Management Meeting at 5pm this

Wednesday July 13th at the new Coughlin Park Centre Board Room.



Ss Michael & John School
GRANDPARENTS DAY
on Friday July 22nd.
Mass at 9.30am.

Morning Tea and meeting the children after.

All parents, grand parents, special friends, are welcome

We welcome Fr John today.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

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| Tuesday 12th July | 5.30pm | Kevin Sharry |
| Wednesday 13th July | 9.30am | Michael Rowe anniv. |
| Thursday 14th July | 9.30am | St Camillus de Lellis, patron of Doctors |
| Friday 15th July | 9.30am | St Bonaventure |
| Saturday 16th July | 10.00am | Our Lady of Mount Carmel |

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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Carlene Munn, Kevin Gaylor, Bill Hickey, James Doyle, Jack Fallon, Peter Fowler, Fr Bill O'Connell, Tommy Finnigan, Bid Keegan, Michael Rowe

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Peter Kelly, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Teresa White, Helen Brennan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Joy Flynn, 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 3rd Sunday of the Month
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th July 2016

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Saturday July 16th Mass at 6pm**

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

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 inquires 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 the work of our Schools this 3rd Term.

We are not called to be like others, we are called to be like Christ.

"Jesus said, 'Go and do likewise.'" This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. The moral of the story is to love our neighbour, who may be someone you don't know, someone who looks different to you or someone you don't like, without expecting anything in return.

Affordable Counselling, by Centacare Ballarat, for families and individuals, **Free call 1300 303 988** to make an appointment.

ROSTERS

| July 9/10 | Vigil 6.30pm | Sunday 10.30am |
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| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Marie McMillan | Russell Reid Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson |
| July 16/17 | Vigil 6.30pm | Sunday 10.30am |
| Readers | Anita Masiero | Eileen McManus |
| Commentator | John Parker | Emelia Sudholz |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Lorraine Clancy Micky Roberts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice | Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Kingsley Dagleish Shirley Hoffmann |
| Projector | Shayne Keenan | Julie Antonoff |
| Musicians | | Combined Choir |
| Welcomers | Marie McMillan Gavin Hynam | Mary Uebergang Alistair Castle |
| Children's Liturgy | | Emelia Sudholz |
| Prayers | Mary Brown & Anita Masiero | |
| Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging | 17th July Josie Phelan Claire Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley | 24th July Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi |

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

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| Natimuk | \$ | Murtoa | \$ 60.00 |
| Horsham | \$ 1032.00 | Dimboola | \$ 50.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 1142.00 |

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 34

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| Envelopes | \$ 4606.00 | Loose | \$ 157.05 |
| Credit Card | \$ 3787.50 | Direct Debit | \$ 2376.67 |
| Total | | | \$ 10927.22 |

Making Connections: Respond with generosity to someone in need this week. Give a donation to an agency which works with the poor or needy.

Daily Prayer: God most merciful and kind, you have established the great commandment of love as the summary and soul of the entire law. Fill our hearts, then, with compassion and generosity toward the sufferings of our brothers and sisters, so that, like Christ, we may be good Samaritans to the whole world.

Vocational View: Treating others with compassion is a mark of a follower of Jesus, whether known as Priest, Sister, the Good Samaritan, Mother, Deacon or Brother.

Marriage Tip: Are you and your spouse retired? Humbly offer your life's wisdom for the good of others. Your experience is priceless. Consider sharing it with your church or community.

"We are called to be the good Samaritan on life's roadside; One day the whole Jericho road must be transformed. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it understands that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring." – Martin Luther King, Jr,

Country Mass Times in June:

July 17th: Dimboola Mass **Saturday July 16th 6pm.**

Murtoa Mass Sunday 8.30am.

July 24th: Natimuk 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30

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

ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2016

RETHINK HOMELESSNESS

How Can You Help?

Make a financial donation. Envelopes available at the Piety Stall in the Narthex.



The Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday to discuss Bishop Paul Bird's request to our Parish if we would consider accommodating two Baptistine Sisters from the Philippines.

Bishop Paul has invited the Sisters to come to the Diocese, and, if our Parish agrees to this, they will live here, with costs shared with the Diocese.

One of the Sisters will be employed by the Diocese and travel from here.

The other Sister will work in our Parish and across the Wimmera Region.

The Parish Council responded *optimistically* to the Bishop's request, but said there were a number of issues to be considered before we could make a final decision.

Some of those issues are :

** To have a review of our Parish to assess our present and future needs (last review was 8 years ago).

** Do we want the Sisters to live here?

** What can we do for the Sisters?

** Costs involved.

** What is the Bishop's time frame for the Sisters .

** The Sisters approach to contemporary theology and spirituality as a help to enriching our Parish Life?

** Further information on the Sisters Ministry and work experience.

** The need for the Sisters to visit our Parish before we can make a decision.

Thank you to the Parishioners who have contacted a Parish Councillor with your views.

We continue to seek your input and ask you to contact any of the following Parish Councillors:

Chris Roberts (away), Sr Jacinta, Mary Marshall, Peter Gutteridge, Alison McKinnon, Lesley Price, Gary Typuzak, Andrea Cox, Daryl Wren, Margaret Lingham, Fr Peter, Joan Lane-Storey, Gary Heinrich, Bob Pritchett.

We pray for Georgia Kirby and other Pilgrims going to Krakow in Poland for the 2016

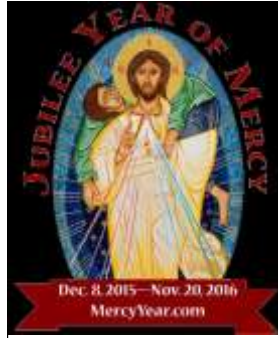
World Youth Day, July 25-31.

Thank you again for your financial and prayerful support for Georgia.



Men aLive Weekend in Hamilton July 30-31. More details available at the Parish Office.

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

Coughlin Park Community Centre

Bookings for the Community Centre, which can seat up to 180 people, are welcome.

Bookings can only be made with the Parish Office, phone 53821155 or email

horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au

The Parish is the only Booking Centre to book Coughlin Park

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 are available on inquiry from the Parish Office.

A Booking Brochure will be available soon

Celebrating Volunteers

Thank you for all Parish life and ministries.

Thank you for CFA volunteers



Prayer Cards for the 30th year of

Pope John Paul 2 speech in Alice Springs are in the foyers.

GIVE HAPPY LIVE HAPPY



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.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:14. 17. 30-

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his

servants in their chains.

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah and men shall dwell there in possession. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there.

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2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Powers, Dominations, Sovereignities, - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him, all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Acclamation: cf John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him,

'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

Gospel Reflection - 15th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally, and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is Source and Sustainer of all Creation. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being a neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's Gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions

Jesus is trying to catch him out. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another 'test' question: 'Who is my neighbour?' Jesus replies with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: 'Which of these three was neighbour...?' The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word 'Samaritan' he answers obliquely, 'the one who showed mercy'. The Samaritan is 'moved with compassion', literally 'moved in the depths of his being'. The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on all his resources to care for him: wine and oil to dress the wounds,

his 'own animal' as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in Temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who 'pass by'. If we substitute 'Al Qaeda' or 'Taliban operative' for 'Samaritan', we might begin to understand the power of this parable and the grace that it can offer. Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on people from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove, and the silver coins formed of material extracted from the earth and engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.

Next Week's Gospel - Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my

sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

- * Today is World Population Day.
- * July 20th Man lands on the moon 1969
- * July 22nd Schools' Tree Day.
- * July 24th Missing Persons Week
- * July 31st International Friendship Day.
- World Day against Trafficking in Persons.