



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th July 2016



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Mass at Rupanyup this  
Wednesday July 20th at 6.30  
at Weideman's. Three  
children will celebrate their  
First Reconciliation.

\* Anointing Mass on July 29th

\* Congratulations to Daisy  
Sudholz who won the Under  
10 Victorian Primary Schools  
Cross Country in Melbourne  
on Thursday. Fabulous effort.

\* *Thank you to all who have  
contributed to the celebration  
of Fr Damien's Jubilee Mass  
and Dinner. To the choir, food  
donations, helpers, SBC girls.*

**Our Parish welcomes  
Fr Damien Heath  
and his family  
to our Parish celebration of  
Fr Damien's  
60th Jubilee of Ordination.**

**Welcome to parishioners and  
visitors to our 10.30 Mass, and to  
our celebration Dinner at 12 noon  
in the Parish Centre.**

We congratulate Damien on his  
60 years of priestly ministry to our  
Diocesan Church.

Damien was ordained on July 16th  
1956. His first Diocesan appointment  
was to Colac.

Damien ministered in a number of  
Parishes.

Damien was the first of our  
Diocesan Priests to go to  
work in South America.

Damien was on the Staff of the  
Seminary in Fiji, and was a member  
of the Staff of Corpus Christi College  
Seminary in Melbourne.

We as a Parish have been privileged  
and blessed with Damien's ministry to  
our Parish over many years, and  
have been inspired by his homilies.

We as priests of the Diocese are  
blessed with the knowledge and  
wisdom Damien shares with us in  
theology and spirituality.

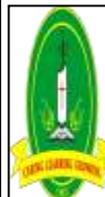


Thank you,  
Fr Damien,  
we pray for  
you.

*Ad multos  
annos*

### **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.



### **Ss Michael & John School**

\* School Photos  
this Monday July 18th.

\* SAC Meeting this  
Tuesday July 19th at 7.30  
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### **GRANDPARENTS DAY this Friday July 22nd.**

Mass at 9.30am in the Church.  
Morning Tea and meeting the  
children in School after Mass.

All parishioners, parents,  
grand parents, special friends,  
are welcome

### **WEEK-DAY MASSES:**

Tuesday 19th July	5.30pm	World Peace
Wednesday 20 July	9.30am	Health
Thursday 21st July	9.30am	
Friday 22nd July	9.30am	St Mary Magdalene. <b>Grandparents Mass</b>
Saturday 23rd July	10.00am	

### **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:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Agostino Masiero, Elena Rossi, George Johanovih, Sharon Sinn, Roma Bouma, Fr Peter Elder,

**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 - 4th Sunday of the Month**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th July 2016**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am  
 Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**  
 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

**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.

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

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham did for his guests all that desert hospitality required. Martha busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful giver or a grudging giver?

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

**ROSTERS**

July 16/17	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice	Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Kingsley Dalglish Shirley Hoffmann
July 23/24	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Taylor Butler	Alison McKinnon
<b>Commentator</b>	John Foster	Anna Robertson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Cathy Taylor Ann Hermans Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch	Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Russell Reid Mary Marshall Rosie Taylor
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	
<b>Musicians</b>	Embedded Music	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Sharon Creasey Beth Johnson
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Angela Stephens
<b>Prayers</b>	Joan & John Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>24th July</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	<b>31st July</b> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

**FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)**

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 115.00
Horsham	\$ 800.00	Dimboola	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 965.00</b>	

**2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 35**

Envelopes	\$ 1843.00	Loose	\$ 51.00
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1894.00</b>	

**Making Connections:** Make time this week to 'sit at the feet of the Master'. This could mean reading the Scriptures or other religious literature or listening to someone who can teach you something of the life of faith.

**Daily Prayer:** Wise and merciful God, grant us a heart thirsting for your truth, longing for your presence and ready to hear you in the word of your Son. As that word resounds again today here in the church you have gathered help us to welcome Jesus, your living Word, and to serve him as a guest in our brothers and sisters.

**Vocational View:** How enjoyable to sit and talk with a friend. How vocational to sit and talk with your friend Jesus. Take time just to BE WITH Jesus.

**Marriage Tip:** Prayer is good for anyone, at any time, but many couples are afraid to pray together. It may feel like letting another into one's private world. Start with something simple, like an Our Father and Hail Mary together before bed "As little birds learn to sing by listening to their parents, so children learn the science of the virtues, the song of Divine Love from parents responsible for forming them."  
 - St Therese of Lisieux

**Country Mass Times in July/August:**

July 24th: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.  
July 31st: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.  
August 7th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.

**ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2016**  
*RETHINK HOMELESSNESS*



**How Can You Help?**

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

**CWL Christmas in July** will be held on **Tuesday 26th July** at the Commercial Hotel, Firebrace Street, Horsham starting at 12 noon. Cost \$18 per head. RSVP Joan 53812411, Barbara 53823182 by 24th July. All Welcome

PARISH ADULT FAITH EVENTS

**Discernment Refresher Night**

Thursday July 28th from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

*For 2015 participants - a time to review how you have made your choices since our Discernment Workshop since St Ignatius' Feast last year.*

*For new participants - a time to discover a wise pathway towards knowing what God wants of you.*

All welcome, newcomers with the 2015 participants.

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**Discussion Night** Wednesday August 3rd

from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Theme: What is it like to be an adult Catholic in the 21st century?

Visiting Priest, Fr Iain Rodvan SJ, Campion Director, will accompany Sr Jacinta in facilitating this discussion.

**Please book at the Parish Office 53821155 for both events as soon as possible.**

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**E CONFERENCE on the Year of Mercy**  
**Tuesday September 20th 10am to 2.30pm**

Keep free.

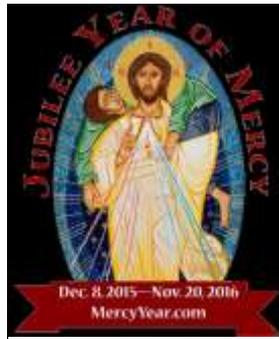
**The Parish Pastoral Council has responded optimistically to Bishop Paul Bird's request to our Parish to accommodate two Baptistine Sisters from the Philippines.**

There are a number of issues to be considered before we make a final decision. Costs will be 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.

**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.
  - \*\* The Bishop's time frame for the Sisters .
  - \*\* Further information on the Sisters Ministry and work experience, and how they will enrich our Parish Life?
  - \*\* The need for the Sisters to visit our Parish
  - ++ Please contact a Parish Councillor with your views.
- Thank you to the Parishioners who have done so.

**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

Bookings will be confirmed once the User's Calendars are referred to, 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.

**Celebrating Volunteers**  
Thank you for all Parish life and ministries.

Thank you for CFA volunteers



We pray for Georgia Kirby & Pilgrims

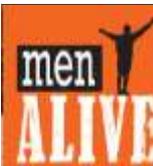
going to Krakow Poland for the 2016 World Youth Day, July 25-31.



**Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults**

- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Religion?
- Have you thought about 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 you have these or other questions** please contact the Parish Office on 53821155 with your name, and more information will be given about dates and times.



**Men aLive Weekend in Hamilton July 30-31.**

\$50 per person (concessions available) Includes: Workshops, morning and afternoon tea and BBQ dinner on Saturday. To register phone John Hockey 0439 319 823

Address: 23 Dinwoodie St, HAMILTON,

Email: manager@stmaryshamilton.org.au

Starts 8.30 Saturday, ends with Mass Sunday 12.30,

**1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5**

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**2nd Reading : Colossians 1:24-28**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message

which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**Acclamation: cf Luke 8:15**

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**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.'

*Gospel Reflection - 16th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus is generally affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus is seen as less desirable. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things". Some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry. One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of

women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women over against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter between them, approving Mary's choice over against Martha's. The judgment of Luke's Jesus reflects the views of a certain group in Luke's churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth. A more women-friendly voice in the text presents Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women, Martha is a generous host who uses her resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus, among them her sister Mary. The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote blood

relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who gather to hear the teaching of Jesus. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (periespato) by many ministerial tasks (peri pollēn diakonian), and most leaders can sympathise with her in this. There is no indication in this description that she is distracted. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus: coming from the lips of Jesus, the expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's leadership. It forms part of a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This is in contrast with the ways that women are presented elsewhere in the gospels, especially in John.

**Next Week's Gospel - Luke 11:1-13**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the

night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.' So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock,

and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!