



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th August 2016



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Principal: Gary Typuszak  
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We welcome Fr John today.

Fr Brendan Davey's Funeral  
Mass is in Ararat this Wednesday  
August 17th at 11am.  
Mass here is at 9am Wednesday.

SBC School Advisory Council  
Meeting Wednesday at 7.30pm.

SBC Year 8A Class Mass at SBC  
Room 5 Friday at 10.05am.

**ST VINNIE'S SHOP** seeks  
Bric-a-brac, furniture, clothing.  
All gratefully accepted. Drop  
into bins or phone 53824003



If you are interested, or  
know someone who is  
interested in thinking  
of becoming a Catholic,  
please contact Anita at the  
Office 53821155.

Monday August 15th  
Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady  
and a holy day of Mass obligation.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a  
defined dogma of the Catholic Church.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII,  
declared "that the Immaculate Mother of God,  
the ever Virgin Mary, having completed her  
earthly life, was assumed body and soul into  
heavenly glory."

### Mass Times for Monday

SMJ School and St Brigid's College will  
celebrate a Combined Schools Mass on at  
**11.30am**, in the Church.

All families and parishioners are welcome.

### Mass at 5.30pm on Monday 15th

OLHC School Murtoa Mass on August  
15th at 2pm at the School,  
and a cuppa after. All welcome.

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### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday

**August 18th at 5.30pm  
in the Meeting Room.**

Reports into Anita, please, by Monday  
August 15th. Agenda, minutes, reports  
will be emailed to Members.

Bishop Paul Bird is arranging for the  
Baptistine Sisters to visit us here in  
Horsham, either late October or mid  
November. More details as they come.

### 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.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday August 18th 7.30am to 8.30am in the Parish Centre.

Fathers and sons, single men,  
widowers are welcome.  
Free breakfast with prayer,  
chat and support.

All the best to local teams in  
their sporting finals over these  
coming weeks.

### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 16th Aug	5.30pm	St Stephen of Hungary
Wednesday 17th Aug	<b>9am</b>	
Thursday 18th Aug	9.30am	
Friday 19th Aug	9.30am	
Saturday 20th Aug	10.00am	St Bernard

### 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:** Maurice Gerdtz, Chris Hansen (Melb), Fr Brendan Davey, Carmel Sheehan (Melb)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Robert Robertson, Edith Turnbull, Fr Rodger Shepherd, Les Jones, Florence Pollard, Eliza & Walter McPhee, Carmel Howe

**SICK:** Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Fred Webb 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, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Sr Barbara May, Fr Adrian McInerney.

**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**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st August 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

**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 resume on August 18th.** Baptism inquires made to 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.

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



**MARY'S ASSUMPTION  
 INDIAN INDEPENDENCE  
 DAY CELEBRATION  
 August 15th**



We congratulate and pray with our Indian families. Tonight, Sunday, you can come and share a meal with them in the Parish Centre at 6.30pm.

**ROSTERS**

Aug 13/14	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer John Parker Tess Hayes	Cate Rigby Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon
Aug 20/21	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	John Parker	Lise Eagan Bales
<b>Commentator</b>	Maree Plazzer	Bridget Bales
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Roberts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice	Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Kingsley Dagleish Judy Reid
<b>Projector</b>	Shayne Keenan	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bob & Tess Hayes	Marina Manserra Mary Uebergang
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Amanda Carracher
<b>Prayers</b>	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>21st August</b> Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	<b>28th August</b> Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hernon-Spasic

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

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 120.00
Horsham	\$ 762.00	Dimboola	\$ 113.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 995.00</b>

**2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 39**

Envelopes	\$ 1659.00	Loose	\$ 56.15
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1715.15</b>

**Making Connections:** Reflect this week on the things which divide your family or friends. Try to overcome those divisions and work to re-establish harmony.

**Marriage Tip:** The stage of 'falling in love', while beautiful and irreplaceable, can fade in the later years of a marriage. True Lasting love is a product of intentionality, choice and sacrifice. Jesus' death on the cross is proof of this.

**Daily Prayer:** Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Let us be consumed in the fire he kindles, and immersed in the baptism of his death, that he may remember us when he comes into his kingdom.

**A Vocation View:** Jesus wants his followers to light a fire on the earth. His followers, as His fire, are bright, blazing, consuming, enlightening and warm.

**Families** today need not be surprised when conflict erupts. They are to remain steadfast and rely on the strength of the Spirit to withstand the test.

**In Jesus' time** Meals were a sacred time when God's presence was awaited and welcomed. Families recognized that their daily bread was earned and God gave them all they had. Fellowship in a meal was always fellowship before God.

## Country Mass Times in August:

August 14: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am  
August 21: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30  
August 27: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

## Diocesan Liturgy Formation 2016

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission presents Liturgy Formation sessions on Funeral Ministry, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the Sacramental Program, "Let the Children Come" - August 21st at Hamilton. More information and registration is available on the Diocesan website, [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## Migrant & Refugee Sunday 21st August Migrant and Refugee Week August 22-28th

Pope Francis has chosen as this year's theme 'Migrants and Refugees challenge us: The Response of the Gospel of Mercy'.

This is a time when we celebrate the cultural diversity of our community.

Dear brothers and sisters, migrants and refugees! At the heart of the Gospel of mercy the encounter and acceptance by others are intertwined with the encounter and acceptance of God himself. Welcoming others means welcoming God in person! Do not let yourselves be robbed of the hope and joy of life born of your experience of God's mercy, as manifested in the people you meet on your journey! I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Mother of migrants and refugees, and to Saint Joseph, who experienced the bitterness of emigration to Egypt. To their intercession I also commend those who invest so much energy, time and resources to the pastoral and social care of migrants.

To all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing. *Pope Francis.*

**You are invited to bring memorabilia of the Country of your birth to display at either 6.30pm or 10.30am Mass next weekend August 20/21.**

**Fr Robert McCulloch, Columban from Pakistan and Rome, will be celebrant at our Horsham Masses next weekend August 20/21.**

## WE ARE CHURCH

Life can be full of different activities and there are many unsung heroes within our Parish who work behind the scenes and in the public eye for the kingdom of God. Part of our Parish outreach that creates a flourishing parish, are the different ministries that help foster the message of Christ in people's lives and supports us to live Christ in action within our community. Having a snap shot look at some of the ministries and groups within the Parish you might find your talents and time may suit these groups.

If so, contact the Office 53821155

**Liturgy Ministries** Altar Server, Children's Liturgy, Church décor, Collector, Eucharist Minister, Lector, Liturgy Team, Musicians, Offertory, Sacramental Team, Sacristy, Welcoming at Mass, Bereavement Group, Communion to the sick, Cuppa after Mass, Home/Hospital visits, Nursing Home visits, St Vincent de Paul, Transport to Mass,

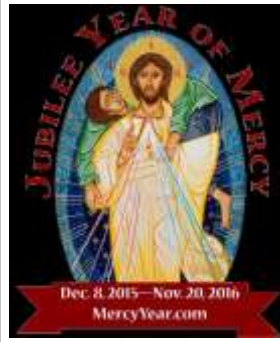
**Administration.** Counting team, Working Bees, Officer Assistance (folding/ stapling etc).

**Maintenance,** Church Cleaning, Gardening, Painting/repairs, Risk assessment, Working bees.

**Education.** Baptism Preparation, Post Baptism (Godstart), Social Justice Group, RCIA, Marriage Preparation,

**Parish Groups.** Prayer Groups, Meditation, CWL, Craft, Youth, Book Club, Walking Group. Any other Groups???

**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](mailto: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 in Parish life and ministries.

Thank you for CFA volunteers

**GIVE HAPPY  
LIVE HAPPY**

## ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2016

*RETHINK  
HOMELESSNESS*

### How Can You Help?

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

## E Conference

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

Theme: *A Way of Being in the World*, commemorating the Jubilee Year of Mercy and taking up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central faith element

Enrolments are being accepted now.

Contact the Office 53821155

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Volunteering is a great way to play a meaningful and rewarding role in our community. Many benefits exist for Volunteering including maintaining active involvement in the community, developing social links, increasing confidence, maintaining and developing skills and having fun! Volunteering can be a highly rewarding experience! Volunteer programs provide benefits to an organization and the community. Have you contemplated enhancing your experience of Church by Volunteering? U are important. You cannot spell Ch\_rh without u. Ad\_It without u. Yo\_th without u. S\_ccess without u. S\_nday Mass without u. Comm\_nity without u. The Community and Church needs u.

**THANK U**

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10**

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4. 18**  
Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!  
Lord, come to my aid!

**2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4**

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has

taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

**Acclamation: John 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

**Gospel Reflection - 20th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Prophets can get a hard time, as today's first reading demonstrates (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10). This is almost certainly because they tend to disturb the peace of the complacent as we find in the gospel reading. Jesus, the Lukan prophet, seems to be contradicting so much of what he has stood for to this point in the gospel story. At his birth, he is presented as the bringer of peace (1:79 and 2:14). He tells the hospitable woman of 7:50 and the faith-filled woman of 8:48 to "go in peace". He instructs his disciples to bring peace to the homes they visit (10:5-6). He refuses to be a divider (12:13-14). And now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division: his hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against another. How can

this be? The Lukan Jesus is probably describing the status quo rather than prescribing what ought to prevail. In other words, by the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace and justice and compassion and others within the same families have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah would have involved a monumental shift for Jews on the one hand and for adherents of the diverse philosophies or faiths of the Roman world on the other. Today's families of mixed faith might be able to get inside this experience and to understand the suffering involved when a family member makes a life choice that other members of the family find hard to accept. There is a sense of urgency in the text. Jesus feels constrained or under stress until the "fire" he has come

to cast on the earth is kindled and the baptism of fire that John the Baptist foreshadowed in 3:16 takes effect. Elsewhere in Luke's writing, fire is associated with judgement (3:9, 17; 9:17; 17:29), and with the presence of the Holy Spirit (3:16), especially in the Lukan story of Pentecost (Acts 2:3) where "tongues as of fire" appear and rest on all those assembled in the upper room. Fire is a sign of the end times when the Spirit of prophecy descends on all God's people, young and old, female and male, slave and free (Acts 2:18-19). Those who have experienced the effect of the all too frequent bush fires in our part of the world can appreciate the power of this image. Fire can take all before it. It can also bring the most astonishing new life in its wake. This is not an easy text to understand. We need to struggle with its ambiguity.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the

door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weep-

ing and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, those now first who will be last.'

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, in the face of conflict and division, is one way of our discipleship.



**Ballarat East Parish**

Bishop Paul Bird has announced that Fr Adrian McInerney will be retiring at the end of January 2017 due to ill health.