



# St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup



## BULLETIN

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st August 2016



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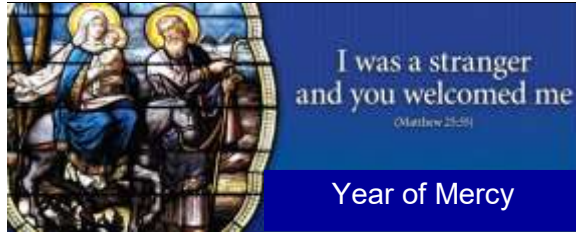
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**FREE FAMILY FUN DAY,**  
Sunday 28th August,  
Sawyer Park 12pm to 4pm.  
Facepainting, animals,  
music, Dan Warlow,  
Sean W Smith singers,  
Blue Ribbon ribbons and  
coloring competition, food,  
BBQ, children's train rides.  
sponsored by the Horsham  
Churches. *All welcome.*



### Migrant & Refugee Sunday TODAY 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. 'How can we experience these changes not as obstacles to genuine development, rather as opportunities for genuine human, social and spiritual growth, a growth which respects and promotes those values which make us ever more humane and help us to live a balanced relationship with God, others and creation?'  
To all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.  
*Pope Francis.*

**Fr Robert McCulloch, Columban from Pakistan and Rome,** will be celebrant at our Horsham Masses this weekend.  
**We welcome Fr Robert.**

**There will be a LEAVING COLLECTION** at the end of each Mass to support Fr Robert's work in Pakistan

### 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 on Sunday:  
**Rosie Jayne King**  
daughter of Shane and Tracey.  
and  
**Oliver Bitar**  
son of Elie and Rita

SMJ Years 1/2 Prayer Liturgy this Wednesday August 24th at 12.15 in their Learning area. All welcome

### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 23rd Aug	5.30pm	St Rose of Lima
Wednesday 24th Aug	9.30am	St Bartholomew
Thursday 25th Aug	9.30am	Jack & Michael Hogan annivs.
Friday 26th Aug	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Anointing Mass Lutheran Home</b>
Saturday 27th Aug	<b>No Mass</b>	St Monica

### 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:** Bernard Hynes (Carmel O'Connor's brother-in-law), Carmel Haby, Phonse Taggart, Josie Bird.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Oscar Jacobs, Evelyn Duffus, Mary Rabl, Barry Lattanzio, Ellen Fewster-Hynes, Monique Wren, Hugh Byrne, Doreen Booker. Alan Tunk, Neville Ely, Corrie Cross, Maria Murphy, Colin Cross, Bernie Nolan.

**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**

**No Mass and no Confessions next Saturday 28th**

**Saturday Morning Devotions:**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20.  
Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.35.

**Next Sunday - 4th Sunday of the Month**  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th August 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** held on the 3rd Thursday of the  
month at 7.30pm. Contact 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.

**ST VINNIE'S SHOP** seeks donations of bric-a-brac,  
furniture, clothing. All gratefully accepted. Leave at shop

## THE SHARED TABLE

Parishioners are invited to give \$1 per day to help  
the children of Lima and the work of the "Shared  
Table" Forms are available in the Narthex.



## ROSTERS

Aug 20/21	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Anne Newton Silvana Foster Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Roberts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice	Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Kingsley Dalgleish Judy Reid
Aug 27/28	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Maree Plazzer	Anna Robertson
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Joan Parker Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Volunteer	Faye Wills Cate Rigby Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane
<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Alison McKinnon
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Roberts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pat Strachan Connie Besselaar	Lise Egan Bales Bridget Bales
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Sharon/Lise
<b>Prayers</b>	John & Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>28th August</b> Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hemon-Spasic	<b>4th September</b> Lucille Peking Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

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

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 69.00
Horsham	\$ 906.00	Dimboola	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 975.00</b>

### 2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 40

Envelopes	\$ 1216.00	Loose	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1246.00</b>

**Making Connections:** Make choices for the 'narrow door' this week. Don't take the easy option which requires so little of us. The more difficult option is often the one which brings greater reward. Go out of your way to be of service to others. Make extra time for prayer and reflection. Put yourself last and others first.

**Marriage Tip:** Do not be afraid when loving another becomes challenging, for "life is not about waiting for the storm to pass; it's learning to dance in the rain"

**Daily Prayer:** From east to west, from north to south, O God of all nations and tongues, you gather a multitude at your welcome table. Teach us how narrow the door by which we must enter, and how urgent the time for answering your summons.

**A Vocation View:** Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today.

**St Augustine** "Those are patient who would rather bear evils without inflicting them, that inflict them without bearing them."  
"Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness."

### Country Mass Times in August/September:

August 28: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30  
September 4th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.  
September 11: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.



### BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Envelopes for this collection will be available next weekend.

**The Collection will be taken up on Father's Day weekend - 3rd/4th September - as a Second Collection.**

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund currently supports and cares for eighteen retired priests. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding needed for these commitments is ongoing.

Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly \$1.7 million since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year.

Along with the priests' own contribution of \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will be supported by the fund.

A credit card facility is available on the envelope, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Envelopes may be returned to the collections or left at the Office.

Caring For Those Who Cared For Us –  
The Church Community's Responsibility

### St Brigid's College School Production, Darwin Awards Hall of Fame

has been **postponed** to a later date due to safety issues at the Wesley Performing Centre.

Getting through the narrow door is difficult and we may feel tempted to go around instead. Is there a narrow door in your life which you must go through rather than go around?

### Words of Wisdom

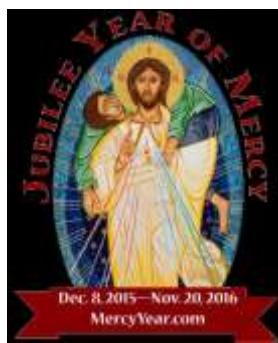
You have a choice each and every single day...

I choose to feel blessed, to feel grateful, to be happy, to be excited, to be thankful, so many more choices, to spread the love and peace of God.

### Mother Teresa of Calcutta's favourite Prayer.

She will be Canonised on 4th of September in Rome. Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere. Flood my soul with your Spirit and your life. Penetrate and possess my whole being, so utterly, that all of my life may be only a radiance of yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence within me. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus. (John Henry Newman)

### 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 in Parish life and ministries.

Thank you for CFA volunteers



### ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2016

### RETHINK HOMELESSNESS

#### How Can You Help?

**Make a financial donation.**

**Envelopes available at the Piety Stall in the Narthex.**

**Donation of Goods**

### 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: Isaiah 66:18-21**

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 116**

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

**2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13**

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

**Acclamation John 14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-32**

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 weeping 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.'

**Gospel Reflection - 21st Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

We all know people or groups who seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement or privilege, people who put themselves first without regard for the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of over-indulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family and workplace and community. Those who consistently put themselves first will often find themselves last in the sense that they are often simply tolerated rather than welcomed in most circles. As Jesus makes his way from one town to another on his way to Jerusalem, "someone" puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: "Will only a few be saved?" or, more accurately, "Are only the few saved?" Jesus treats it as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as

affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. While the question comes from one person, Jesus' response is "to them". These people have shared table fellowship with him. Their insistence that they have eaten with him may suggest they are part of the crowd who has been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus' less than desirable table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). They have heard his teaching: "You taught in our streets". Jesus' reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kingdom belongs to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets. Jesus' assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, "from east and west and north and south", might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as "first" in the schema of salvation. Those who share in the banquet in God's kin-dom,

the "saved", have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the "narrow door". Entry is by no means restricted to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: it belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or "salvation" of outsiders will cause grief among "evil-doers". These evil-doers include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God's reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the "door" to salvation may be "narrow", the Lukan Jesus has already declared that all who hear the word of God and "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, will bear fruit with patient endurance"

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 14:1. 7-14**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to

go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor,

the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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"As our body cannot live without nourishment, so our soul cannot spiritually be kept alive without prayer." - St Augustine.