



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th August 2016



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We welcome Fr John for Masses on Sunday.

Next Sunday September 4th is Father's Day. SMJ School will lead our Ministries at 10.30 Mass, and the children will have a gift for fathers and grandfathers and special friends.

SBC Year 7 Classes Mass in SMJ Church this Tuesday August 30th at 2pm. All welcome.

We pray for OLHC School Murtoa as they have their School Review this Thursday and Friday.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Envelopes for this collection are available today in each Church Foyer

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

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund currently supports and cares for 18 retired priests. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding for these commitments is ongoing.

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

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 today:

Edith Bond

daughter of Steven & Bridget (nee Plazzer)

SMJ School Foundation Class Liturgy this Wednesday August 31st at 12.15 in their Learning Area. All are welcome.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 30th Aug	5.30pm	
Wednesday 31 Aug	9.30am	Frank Delahunty anniv.
Thursday 1st Sept	9.30am	Bless Spring with good rains.
Friday 2nd Sept	9.30am	Frank Lloyd, Alex Smith, Peter Menz, Eunice Taylor, Princess Di annivs.
Saturday 3rd Sept	10.00am	St Gregory the Great.

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: Jessie Guest (mother in law of Louise), Patricia Tickner (sister of Bill McGrath)

ANNIVERSARIES: Ronald Wollin, Jenny Niesyty, Princess Diana, Frank Lloyd, Frank Delahunty, Megan O'Neill, Peter Menz, Charles Rowe

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 Confessions next Saturday Sept 3.

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

Next Sunday - 1st Sunday of the Month
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th September 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 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. 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 Church foyers.



ROSTERS

Aug 27/28	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Parker Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Volunteer	Faye Wills Cate Rigby Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane
Sept 4/5	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	SMJ
Commentator	Taylor Butler	Dianne Noy/SMJ
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer John Parker Tess Hayes Ann Newton Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor	Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann
Projector	Gabby Mills	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Chris Robarts
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	SMJ
Children's Liturgy		Lisa Hermans
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dagleish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	4th September Lucille Peking Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	11th September Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 98.00
Horsham	\$ 876.00	Dimboola \$ 111.00
Total		\$ 1085.00
2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 41		
Envelopes	\$ 1027.00	Loose \$ 54.60
Total		\$ 1081.60

Making Connections: Offer table fellowship and share a meal with someone who would appreciate your company this week.

Marriage Tip: If an issue arises in your marriage, communicate directly with your spouse. Talking with others about the problem will not solve it. Keep personal issues between you and your spouse.

Daily Prayer: Not for a place of honor did your son come among us, O God of the lowly, but to invite to the wedding feast the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame. Let such humility grace our table and lead us to renounce the quest for power and privilege. Taking our place with other sinners, we may share the banquet your Son has prepared for those who place their trust in your grace alone.

A Vocation View: Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way. "All created things give us glimpses of the beauty of the Creator." of the beauty of the Creator."

Thursday September 1st in UN World Day to praise Creation "As our body cannot live without nourishment, so our soul cannot spiritually be kept alive without prayer."

Country Mass Times in August/September:

September 4th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
September 11: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is often depicted as sharing meals with those people in the society of the time who were not considered to be appropriate table companions: publicans, tax collectors, sinners and women of dubious reputation. In this meal, Jesus reveals more of the radical reversal of God's way. He challenges the way the Pharisees see their status in society, urging them instead to take the more humble position at table and allow the host, or God, to choose those who should be exalted. He also shatters the Pharisees' idea of table fellowship by urging them to share their festive table with those who are the least important of the outcasts of society. The way to God cannot be organised according to human priority! It was in the ultimate humiliation of crucifixion that Jesus is exalted in resurrection and ascension.

What challenges does this text offer to society today or to the Church which sometimes excludes people of 'inappropriate status' from the Eucharist table?

Who are treated as the 'least important' in our modern world?

Who are treated as the 'most important' in our modern world?

Do we need to offer a critique on this?



FREE FAMILY FUN DAY,
today Sunday
28th August,
at Sawyer Park
from 2pm to 4pm

Facepainting, animals, music, Dan Warlow and Sean W Smith singers, Blue Ribbon ribbons and coloring competition, food, BBQ, children's train rides, bounce all, bounce castle, so much more. sponsored by the Horsham Churches.

All welcome.

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

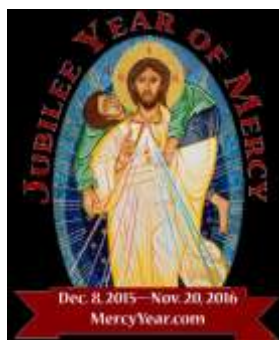
Theme: *A Way of Being in the World*, commemorating the Jubilee Year of Mercy and taking up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central faith element.

Lunch will be provided and a cuppa.

Please contact the Office 53821155 to enrol so we can know numbers for catering.

- SMJ School Father's Day BBQ Tea Friday Sept 2nd.
- SMJ School FUN RUN on Friday September 9th.
- SBC MISSION DAY Friday September 16th.
- Sunday September 25th is SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.

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



Congratulations to Daisy Sudholz on her amazing achievements in the Australian Primary Schools cross country championships. Congratulations to all students who have represented our Schools and community in State and National sporting, dancing and other activities.

All the best to all teams from our Parish who play in the WFNL Grand Finals next Saturday.
Go Saints.

CANONISATION



Next Sunday
Sept 4th
in Rome
"Carrier of God's tender and merciful love"

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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: Sirach 3:17-20. 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7. 10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people

found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

2nd Reading :Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Acclamation Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

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.'

Gospel Reflection - 22nd Sunday Yr C.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

One of the most disturbing features of life in our times is the forced displacement of peoples. Some displaced people receive the hospitality they seek. Others find themselves locked out and abandoned. These people, like Jesus, are "carefully watched" lest they disturb the lifestyle and comfort of those who have more than their share of the planet's resources. A 2016 Oxfam report indicates that the combined wealth of the world's 62 richest people equals that of 3.5 million others, the poorer half the world's population. The gospel challenge is to find a way to redress the obscene imbalance represented by those figures because the global community has the resources to provide a home for everyone and the means for all to live in the dignity of the children of God. Today's gospel has Jesus under

scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke's gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus' ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God's kingdom where

those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first. Jesus' advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kingdom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.

Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete

it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send

envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

