



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th September 2016



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We welcome SMJ School today to 10.30 Mass, as they lead our Ministries **on this Father's Day.**

Bless their families with happiness and peace.

Thank you to Chris Robarts for leading our singing. The children will give a gift to fathers, grandfathers, special friends after Mass.

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Funeral Mass for Maurie Gerdtz this Monday at 10am in SMJ Church. Catering at RSL



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Envelopes for this collection are available today

The Collection will be taken up this weekend - Father's Day - 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. Funding for these commitments is ongoing. **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.

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Happy & Blessed Father's Day

God, bless Fathers, grandfathers, special friends. May your Spirit guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. Bless fathers who are alone, widowed or separated. Bless all families with the gifts of your love, patience, care. Bless them to balance marriage, work, children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifices. Warm the hearts of parents who have lost a child with precious memories. Bless those couples who are not able to have children. Bless parents and grandparents whose day is heavily burdened by no contact with a child or grandchild. Thank you for fathers who are teachers, mentors, coaches and guides. We praise you God for your love for us all. Embrace all our deceased fathers with your heavenly love.

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.

Fr Peter will be with SBC College Year 10 students and Staff on their Retreat in Melbourne from Monday to Wednesday this week.

Mass at Natimuk Nursing Home this Thursday Sept 8th at 4.15.

Rupanyup Mass this Thursday 8th at 6.30 at Sue Tyler's home.

We wish OLHC School all the best for their Annual Concert at the School this Wednesday at 7pm. All welcome

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 6th Sept	NO MASS	
Wednesday 7th Sept	AWC9.30am	
Thursday 8th Sept	9.30am	Birthday of Our Lady.
Friday 9th Sept	9.30am	St Peter Claver. Kath Delahunty anniv
Saturday 10th Sept	10.00am	Enid Matheson anniv

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: Lourdes Stanislaus (in Canada. Fr Neville's mother)

ANNIVERSARIES: Ann Reinsma, Ivan Keegan, Bob Neri, Paul Connors, Rocco Carbone, Kosta & Katarina Muszkieta, Enid Matheson, Silvio Marchesini, Kath Delahunty, Maria Panozzo

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 McLnerney, Michael De Jong,

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Confessions Saturday 10.25

Saturday Morning Devotions:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20.
Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.35. Mass 10.

Next Sunday - 2nd Sunday of the Month
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th 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.



Mother Teresa will be
canonised a Saint in
Rome today Sunday 4th

ST VINNIE'S SHOP seeks
donations of bric-a-brac, furniture,
clothing. Gratefully accepted.
Please leave at shopPh 53824003

THE SHARED TABLE
You are invited to give \$1 a
week to help children
in Lima through the
"Shared Table" **Forms**
are in the Foyers.



ROSTERS

Sept 3/4	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
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
Sept 10/11	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Paige Butler	Emelia Sudholz
Commentator	John Parker	Shayne Keenan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Ann Hermans	Kingsley Dagleish Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Willis Cate Rigby Mary Marshall Tim Lannen
Projector	Anita Masiero	Julie Antonoff
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Volunteer Gavin Hynam	Judy Bryan Mary Dowsley
Children's Liturgy		Lise Eagan-Bales
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	11th September Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush Mary Ward	18th September Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$ 32.00	Murtoa	\$ 98.00
Horsham	\$ 923.00	Dimboola	\$ 63.00
Total			\$ 1122.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 42

Envelopes	\$ 1518.00	Loose	\$ 52.70
Total			\$ 1570.70

Making Connections: Do something which 'costs' you this week. Identify someone who has a cross to carry and try to assist them, even in a small way, to shoulder that burden.

Marriage Tip: True love between spouses, which images Christ's love for the Church, inspires husbands and wives to continually seek each other out for advice, affection, and affirmation. Encourage your spouse today and remind him/her that you are there no matter what!

Daily Prayer: You have given us, O God, your only Son, our dearest treasure, and he has challenged us to give our all if we would be disciples. Let the extravagance of your gift call forth from us a love beyond cost or measure; let your Son's self-sacrificing death urge us to carry our cross each day and follow in his footsteps.

A Vocation View: Jesus says clearly; "Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." You and Jesus can carry your cross.

Thank God For Fathers. Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gift of our fathers and those who have been father-figures to us. We thank you for the life and love they have brought to our world. May we raise our children to use their qualities for the glory and honour of your name, and for the respect and good of each other in daily life. Amen.

Country Mass Times in August/September:

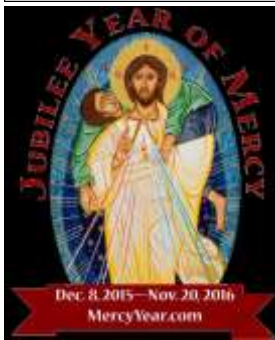
September 11: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
September 18: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
September 25: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am
October 2nd: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30



CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th

The Australian Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday stresses the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse, violence and neglect. The focus this year: **'Stronger Communities, Safer Children'**
The Catholic Church works to create stronger communities to ensure our children are kept safe in Church, Schools, Parish, homes and community.
More on this next weekend.

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



Jubilee Year of
Mercy

E Conference on the Year of Mercy. Tuesday September 20th 10.30am to 2.45pm.

In the Parish Meeting Room.
Lunch and cuppa provided.

Theme: **MERCY:**

*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.*

Speakers:

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Brisbane
Member Pontifical Council for Social Communications
Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Ballarat
Doctor of Scripture, author of "The Blessing of Mercy"
Mr Phil Glendinning
Director of Edmund Rice Centre, and President of the
Refugee Council of Australia

Enrolments are being accepted now.
Please contact the Office 53821155



Birthday of Mary Sept 8

On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to anyone. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany. September 8 marks the end of summer and beginning of autumn in the northern Hemisphere, this day has many thanksgiving celebrations and customs attached to it: the blessing of the Summer harvest and Fall for the planting seeds. The winegrowers in France called this feast "Our Lady of the Grape Harvest".
In the Alps section of Austria this day is "Drive-Down Day" during which the cattle and sheep are led from their summer pastures in the slopes and brought to their winter quarters.

SEASON OF CREATION IN SEPTEMBER



As Christians we contribute to resolving the ecological crisis across our world. We must first rediscover in our own rich spiritual heritage the deepest motivations for our concern for the care of creation. We need always to keep in mind that, for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for our sake, *"the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all surrounding us"* Pope Francis
We will have prayer resources in September and a Holy Hour on Sunday Sept 18th, 2pm to 3pm



The National Police Remembrance Day Memorial Service in SMJ Church on Thursday September 29th at 11am.
There is no March this year.
All are welcome to the Service, gather at the Church by 11am.
Lunch in the Parish Centre after the Service.



Tuesday September 27th is the Feastday of St Vincent de Paul.
Mass will be at 9.30a with Morning Tea in the Foyer after Mass. All welcome.



SMJ SCHOOL FUN RUN this Friday September 9th. Students run around the School block or grounds. **Students seek SPONSORS for their FUN RUN.**

Please contact the School or a student with your sponsorship. Thank you.

Dear Jesus, stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. The light will be all from you. Radiating the Light of Christ: The Call to holiness is not the luxury of the few, it is a simple duty for each one of us.
- Mother Teresa

**GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY**



ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE MISSION DAY

Friday September 16th
Mission Mass in the College Gym at 11am
Mission Day activities follow Mass.
All are welcome to Mass and to support the Students' Mission Day stalls
Term 3 ends on September 16th for all Schools.

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of

heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10. 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means

anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Acclamation: Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

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.'

Gospel Reflection - 23rd Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

For many centuries the northern Syrian city of Aleppo pulsed with life. That life was fuelled by culture and commerce and pride in a long and colourful history. Five years of civil war has more than decimated the population and virtually reduced the city to rubble. Amidst all the turmoil and danger, medical personnel from the international community risk their lives on a regular basis to cross the Turkish border and travel under cover of darkness to bring some measure of relief to a suffering people. Whether explicitly motivated by the Christian gospel or not, these people embody its spirit of self-giving for the sake of others. On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge

following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? Implicit in Jesus' teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one's life for the sake of others. In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is thus shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint hearted. The term "hate" (misein) in this

context seems harsh. To "hate" in biblical terms is to "leave aside". Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to "leave aside" the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice, compassion, and right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message. Finally, there is a call in this gospel passage to "leave aside" unnecessary possessions. In Luke, for Jesus there is for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others, or for self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home,

call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she

would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



CWL Meeting this Tuesday 6th at 1.30pm in the Meeting Room.