



# St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th September 2016



Jubilee Year of

Mercy

### E Conference on the Year of Mercy.

this 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

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#### BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND



#### Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The collection to date this year  
has raised **\$2142.00**. *Thank you.*

The Fund relies on your generosity to enable it  
to continue supporting our sick and retired  
priests. **You are still able to contribute,  
by using the special envelope provided.**

**A credit card facility is available for your  
convenience, and contributions over \$2.00  
are tax-deductible.**

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US**

### 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.

### SMJ Parish celebrates 140 years this year.

**Mass to celebrate this event  
is on Sunday November 20th  
in SMJ Church at 10.30am,  
the Feast of Christ the King.**

We will have a Parish Dinner  
after Mass.

Depending on numbers it will  
be either in the Parish Centre  
or the Coughlin Park Centre.

To help us know numbers  
please sign the sheet in the  
Foyer and please indicate if  
you can bring a soup or slice.

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St Brigid's College  
Principal: Peter Gutteridge  
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Our Lady Help of Christians  
Principal: Gary Typuszk  
Phone: 5385 2526

Fr Damien cannot come today  
or next month because of  
medical procedures  
he is having.

Fr John is helping in Stawell  
for September 18th, 25th and  
Oct 2. Please note changes to  
Country Mass or AWC times  
on the Bulletin each week.  
Fr John will be here with us  
October 9, 16, 23 and all of  
November. We thank him.



**HOLY HOUR  
TODAY  
SUNDAY  
2pm to 3pm**

**in SMJ Church for the  
Season of Creation.**  
Prayer materials available.

#### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

|                     |         |   |
|---------------------|---------|---|
| Tuesday 20th Sept   | 5.30pm  | St Andrew Kim and Companions              |
| Wednesday 21st Sept | 9.30am  | St Matthew                                |
| Thursday 22nd Sept  | 9.30am  |   |
| Friday 23rd Sept    | 9.30am  | St Padre Pio. Leo O'Connor, Patrick Kenna |
| Saturday 24th Sept  | 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:** Bill Carr (Moama, brother of Sr Veronica),

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Don Spence, Mark Hennessy, Fr Peter Claridge, Jack Ivess,

**SICK:** Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Fred Webb, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Teresa White, 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, Nora Tinker

**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 - 4th Sunday of the Month**  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th September 2016

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

**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** in Church Meeting Room Tuesdays  
2.00pm. Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

**CWL Meetings** 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. 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., 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.

Travel safely on our wet and damaged roads over these days

**ST VINNIE'S SHOP** seeks donations of bric-a-brac,  
furniture, clothing. Gratefully accepted.  
Please leave at the shop or phone them 53824003

## THE SHARED TABLE

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



## ROSTERS

| Sept 17/18                                       | Vigil 6.30pm  | Sunday 10.30am  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Cathy Taylor<br>Pat Glaubitz<br>Bob Hayes<br>Bernadette Trounce<br>Simon Lynch<br>Maree Plazzer<br>John Parker  | Mary Dalgleish<br>Russell Reid<br>Zita Cannane<br>Alison McKinnon<br>Anna Robertson<br>Bob Pritchett<br>Noreen O'Connor |
| Sept 24/25                                       | Vigil 6.30pm  | Sunday 10.30am  |
| <b>Readers</b>                                   | Anthony Amor  | Emelia Sudholz  |
| <b>Commentator</b>                               | Paige Butler  | Michael Connellan   |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Tess Hayes<br>Ann Newton<br>Silvanna Foster<br>Anthony Amor<br>Lorraine Clancy<br>Micky Roberts<br>Rosie Taylor | Julie Antonoff<br>Karen Hill<br>Kingsley Dalgleish<br>Judy Reid<br>Faye Wills<br>Cate Rigby<br>Mary Marshall            |
| <b>Projector</b>                                 | Shayne Keenan   | Gabby Mills   |
| <b>Musicians</b>                                 | Chris Roberts   | Teresa Bottoms  |
| <b>Welcomers</b>                                 | Gary Coutts<br>Pat Williams   | Helene Bush<br>Marina Manserra  |
| <b>Prayers</b>                                   | Mary Brown & Anita Masiero  |   |
| <b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>    | <b>25th September</b><br>Anna Robertson<br>Jenny Clarke<br>Bernie Lakin<br>Rhonda Tursi                         | <b>2nd October</b><br>Helen Hunter<br>Margaret Fischer<br>Dianne Quinn<br>Maureen McLnerney                             |

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

|              |           |          |                   |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| Natimuk      | \$        | Murtoa   | \$ 244.00         |
| Horsham      | \$ 894.00 | Dimboola | \$ 86.00          |
| <b>Total</b> |           |          | <b>\$ 1224.00</b> |

### 2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 44

|              |            |             |                   |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes    | \$ 1715.00 | Loose       | \$                |
| Direct Debit | \$ 870.00  | Credit Card | \$                |
| <b>Total</b> |            |             | <b>\$ 2585.00</b> |

**Making Connections:** Use your talents for others this week. Be good stewards of creation and act in an ecologically sound way.

**Marriage Tip:** Pope Francis encourages parents to "waste time" with their children. The same could apply to spouses, too! "Waste time" today with your family.

**Daily Prayer:** Not by what we say, God of justice, but by how we treat one another do you decide if our worship is acceptable, our service pleasing in your sight. Let the sincerity of our worship be matched by the depth of our commitment to justice. In a world where money rules supreme, may you alone be our master, and may we find our delight in serving each other.

**A Vocation View:** Who is motivating you? Do you think it is the Lord? God motivates us to attend to the needs of others.

"I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice." - *Abraham Lincoln*.

"Prayer is a plant the seed of which is sown in stewardship such that anyone can tell? the heart of every Christian; but its growth entirely depends on the care we take to nourish it." *Catherine McAuley*

"Let us rejoice in the goodness of God who has made our world so full of beauty." *Fr. Julian Tennison Woods 1881*

## Country Mass Times in August/September:

September 25: **Dimboola AWC 8.30**. Murtoa Mass 8.30  
 October 2nd: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30  
 October 9th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am  
 October 16th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am



### Book Launch

Sr Bernadette Wallis from the Missionary Sisters of Service in Melbourne will launch her book in Horsham next Saturday September 24th at 11.00am in the Parish Centre.

It is titled: *The Silent Book – A Deaf Family and the Disappearing Australian-Irish Sign Language*. The book begins with the story of her Deaf parents, Don Wallis & Kathleen Walsh in rural Victoria, their education in the Catholic national school in Newcastle and Sydney in the 1920s. It continues to tell the story of their adult lives and includes the history of Deaf education and the Deaf community in the Catholic system with its Australian-Irish Sign language which is fast disappearing - in contrast to Auslan (Australian Sign Language) which is based on British Sign Language. Kathleen is connected to the Walsh families at both McKenzie Creek and Remlaw. She was born in Hamilton and also lived in Nhill. It is a fascinating and enlightening book. The book costs \$30. Proceeds go to The John Wallis Foundation.

### Ss Michael and John Parish Remembrance Wall

Our Parish plans a Remembrance Wall near to SMJ Church. In our 140th year, this Remembrance Wall will celebrate people who have been part of the story and history of our Parish. Parishioners will be invited to purchase a plaque with name/s and date/s of people. This is a way of remembering and acknowledging those who have gone before us. The Remembrance Wall will not be a wall of glorification, but rather a wall that reminds us of the faith, commitment and giving nature of our forbears. More details in coming weeks.

**UNDERSTAND ALZHEIMER'S** September is DEMENTIA  
**EDUCATE AUSTRALIA** AWARENESS MONTH.  
 FIGHTDEMENTIA.ORG.AU



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.



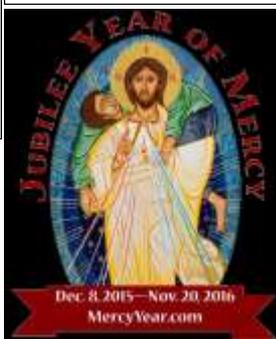
Tuesday September 27th is the Feast day of St Vincent de Paul. Mass will be at 9.30am in the Church with Morning Tea in the Foyer after Mass. All welcome.

*Thank you to all who are involved in Liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, and who volunteer time and talents to these and community organizations.*

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**



**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***

### Social Justice Sunday next Sunday 25th September.

This year, the Australian Catholic Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled:

*'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'*.

The statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life.

It challenges us to recognize the significant contribution to society of our older people, and emphasizes that this contribution should not be valued in economic terms.

The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website

([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au))

**Copies of the Statement will be on sale at \$2.**

### Coughlin Park Community Centre

**Bookings for the Community Centre, which can seat up to 200 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.



### 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

2016 reflects on Wisdom in Creation.

Each Sunday has a theme, today Storms

God, our Creator, as we face the storms of this world, we celebrate the wonders of the weather. Help us to see your presence, not only in the forces of nature, but also among those who suffer from natural disasters. Teach us to recognise that your Wisdom is imbedded in all natural forces, a Wisdom that guides, controls and limits them. In the name of Christ who is the Wisdom of God renewing all things in creation. Amen.

**Holy Hour today Sunday September 18th, 2 to 3pm**

**1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7**

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2. 4-8**

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen

on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

**2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I

have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 16:10-13**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**Gospel Reflection - 25th Sunday Yr C.**

**Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

In her insightful and engaging 2005 work, *Dancing with Strangers*, Melbourne-based historian Inga Clenninden offered a new perspective on the famous incident of the spearing of Governor Arthur Phillip at Manly Cove on September 7, 1790. The "accident" at Manly was no accident, she argued, but a carefully staged and brilliantly executed response to the indignities inflicted by the British, albeit unwittingly, on the local inhabitants. The hero at Manly Cove is Baneelon (later known as Bennelong) who secures, for a time at least, the honour and survival of his people. He does so with all the cunning, if not the subterfuge, of the steward in Luke's parable, and wins an uneasy approval. An ever present motif in the story of these early British-Australian encounters is the understanding of possessions and land peculiar to each.

From eighteenth century Manly Cove back to first-century Palestine is quite a leap. At stake in both arenas are survival and honour. Luke's unlikely hero is a property manager or steward accountable to a land owner (the master) for the collection of rent from land poor tenants who work the land and pay their rent in produce. The steward is reported for mismanagement. He is called in, asked to produce the books, and told he is about to be sacked. He thinks quickly, approaches the debtors, reduces their sizeable debts by the stroke of a pen, and thus gains their undying loyalty. He then hands over the books. While he has engaged in a series of smart moves, he is far from honest! The master is caught in a cleft stick: his steward has outwitted him and secured his own survival; the master has no honourable redress. He shakes his head and acknowledges the cunning or practical wisdom of the

steward. It must be noted that there is no critique in this parable of the injustices inherent in a system that maintains privilege and subordination. That may be a matter of consideration for disciples in our times. The parable reminds us, rather, that disciples need to have the practical wisdom or cunning of the steward, though to different ends. The parable gives way to a number of sayings about money and its use or misuse. While "money" as a means of exchange has long since been an integral part of life in the Earth community, it can become an obstacle or even a substitute for right relationship with God. The implication in the final saying is that disciples are called to "enslave" themselves to God. Contemporary attitudes to slavery might suggest that we find more appropriate expressions for our relationship with God. Not everything in the gospel parables is to be emulated.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way

off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from

your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets,

**Worth Watching** ABC TV tonight at 6.30pm *Australian Jesuit Priests in India* eg. Fr Robert Billings, one who has worked there for many years.

**DEMENTIA AWARENESS** Month 2016 Wednesday September 21st is UN Day for World Peace, a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both

