



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th September 2016

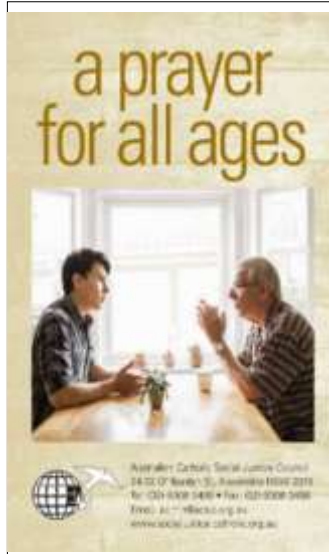


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Social Justice Sunday TODAY

The Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled: *'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'* celebrating 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.



Copies of the Statement on sale at \$2.

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 Damien cannot come in October 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, 30th.

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



Bishop Paul Bird has announced that Fr Anthony Nagothu, currently at the Cathedral, is now incardinated into the Ballarat Diocese, one of us now. Anthony came from the Salesians in India in 2014, we welcome his full time ministry in our Diocese.

The Parish Office will be closed this Friday 30th a Public Holiday



The National Police Remembrance Day Memorial Service in SMJ Church this Thursday September 29th at 11am. There is no March this year. All are welcome, and to Lunch at the Horsham International Hotel.

Mass at Dimboola Church this Tuesday September 27th at 6pm with a shared tea to follow Mass.


Murtoa Big Weekend Ecumenical Service next Sunday October 2nd at 11.30am in the Mechanics Hall. All welcome. Theme: Year of the Pulses

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 27th Sept	9.30am	St Vincent de Paul.	Funeral Mass 1.30
Wednesday 28th Sept	9.30am	Mark Hennessy anniv.	
Thursday 29th Sept	9.30am	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	
Friday 30th Sept	10.30	Lutheran Home.	Feast of St Jerome
Saturday 1st Oct	10.00am	St Therese of the Child Jesus	

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: Terrence Keenan (nephew of Eileen Keenan), Lorraine Preuss, Sr Barbara May csb,

ANNIVERSARIES: Dom Zarlenga, Beverley Delahunty, Evelyn Peach.

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, Fr Adrian McInerney, 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 - 1st Sunday of the Month
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd October 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 24/25	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Tess Hayes Ann Newton Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor	Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Kingsley Dalglish Judy Reid Faye Wills Cate Rigby Mary Marshall
Oct 1/2	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Peter Gutteridge	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Les Butler	Anna Robertson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes	Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Neville Strachan Julie Antonoff Karen Hill
Projector	Shayne Keenan	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Mary Uebergang Alistair Castle
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	2nd October Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	9th October Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 49.00
Horsham	\$ 1032.00	Dimboola	\$ 90.00
Total			\$ 1171.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 45

Envelopes	\$ 1231.00	Loose	\$ 124.90
Direct Debit	\$	Credit Card	\$
Total			\$ 1355.90

Making Connections: Share what you have with someone who has less this week

Marriage Tip: "Committing oneself exclusively and definitively to another person always involves a risk and a bold gamble." – Pope Francis. The grace of God gives us strength for lifelong commitment!

Daily Prayer: You hear, O God, the prayer of those whose faith is the size of a mustard seed. Give us humility of heart, that we may work with all our strength for the growth of your kingdom, yet recognise that we are only useless servants, whom you have called in order to reveal to all the wonders your love has accomplished.

A Vocation View: Courage! Courage when you follow the Lord. Remember, people may not be convinced, even if one should rise from the dead - Live, in order to testify to resurrection and life.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

"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 October:

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
October 23: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
October 30th: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30

Summary: Social Justice Statement 2016-2017 A Place at the Table:

Social justice in an aging society

The number of Australians aged 65 and over will more than double by the middle of the century. This has been rightly described as 'the great success story of human development'. Increasing numbers of older people have an excellent chance of enjoying good health and an active life for many years.

The Statement celebrates the value, dignity and significant contributions of older people to the life of the community. In solidarity with all generations, older people have a rightful place in the heart of community life.

The Bishops confront the utilitarianism in our society that values people only for what they produce and contribute economically and that, at worst, can regard older people as burdensome or dispensable. In a society in which older people are being asked to work beyond the traditional retirement age, the bishops call for the benefits of work to be shared equitably. We must be especially aware of the needs of those who enter retirement in poverty or are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, social isolation or exploitation.

The Statement considers the circumstances of those who are approaching the end of their lives and warn of the loneliness, ageism and abuse that older people can experience.

In particular, the Bishops warn about implications of the current community debate on euthanasia.

The Bishops call for communities of mercy and love—where people reach out and minister to vulnerable older people, where bonds between generations are built up, and where no one is cast as being a burden or as rivals to younger generations

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.

SMJ Parish celebrates 140 years this year, with Mass 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.

Thank you, O God, for the beautiful rain on our lands.



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



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The collection to date this year has raised **\$2592.00**. 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

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September is DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH.

Thank you for all Parish ministries in daily life and in the wider Community

**GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY**

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

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 the Universe Prayer:

God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mysteries of the cosmos, we celebrate the wondrous design of the universe and the Wisdom that guides its course. Help us to discern how we are connected with all members of the world community. Teach us to value and sense the presence of Jesus Christ, whose presence fills and reconciles all forces in creation. Amen.

1st Reading: Amos 6:1-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

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." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

Gospel Reflection - 26th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Social Justice Sunday 2016 invites us to make "a place at the table" for all and, in particular, to consider what that means in an ageing society. The gospel reading calls us to look at the wealth we enjoy as a nation, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty that we claim for ourselves, and to notice the poor who wait for justice at our gates and who seek a place at the table of life. This Sunday's parable presents a nasty unnamed character who is mega rich and who uses his wealth to support a totally self-centred life-style. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly on a daily basis. He has no concern for or interest in the destitute and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a

share in whatever falls ('scraps' in our translation) from the rich man's table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare. Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is "sorely wounded"; he is "cast" at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores. Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel's iconic ancestor, Abraham. In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no mention of angels to transport him to the

place of his ancestors. The rich man's suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now "a long way off" in Abraham's embrace. Earlier in Luke's story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will call the toll-collector Zacchaeus a "son of Abraham". To be "of Abraham" is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel's ancestor in faith. It is to "hear" Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship. Riches belong, not to the few, but to all. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. All the honour and status they might bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. The rich man came to this realisation a little too late. Find a place at our tables for most vulnerable of God's people.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat

and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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A Prayer Card for today's Social Justice Day on the Ageing is in the Foyers today

Daylight Saving begins next Sunday October 2nd. Put clocks forward one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

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Welcome to visitors for the school holidays. We pray for blessings on a successful Horsham Show today, Sunday, and for Murtoa's Big Weekend Friday Sept 30th, October 1 & 2