



# St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup



## BULLETIN

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd October 2016



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We pray for God's blessings on the final Term of the School Year.

All classes for SBC, SMJ, OLHC begin this Monday October 3rd.

We pray for VCE Students in their final weeks of formal schooling, before their exams begin with English on October 26th.

SBC final Assembly for Year 12 students in on Thursday October 20th at 12.15.

SBC Year 10 Presentation Night is Friday October 21st at the Events Centre.

Mission Sunday is October 23rd.

SMJ School and SBC will have their Mission Day Fetes of Friday October 28th.

SMJ School Mission Day Mass on Oct 28th is at 9.30 in the Church, with their Fete from 11 to 12 in the School Grounds.

SBC Mission Day Mass on Oct 28th is at 12 noon in the College Gym with their Fete Day activities from 1pm to 3pm.

### 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 this weekend Oct 2. Fr John will be here with us October 9, 16, 23, 30th.



**SENIORS WEEK IN VICTORIA**  
 October 1-8

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday Oct 20th at 5.30.

Agenda: Baptistine Sisters to visit Horsham November 14th to 18th. Parish 140th Mass and Dinner Nov 20. Remembrance Wall.



**CWL Annual General Meeting this Tuesday October 4th at 1.30pm in the Meeting Room.**

All financial and active members are asked to attend this Meeting as a number of issues will be discussed. Ladies a plate please.



We welcome to the family of God in Baptism on Saturday morning: Zachary Laurence Liston son of Laurence & Katrina



**DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS**  
 Turn your clocks FORWARD ONE HOUR TONIGHT Saturday, before you go to bed.

### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 4th Oct	5.30am	St Francis of Assisi
Wednesday 5th Oct	9.30am	St Faustina
Thursday 6th Oct	9.30am	
Friday 7th Oct	9.30am	Our Lady of the Rosary. <b>Rosary at 9.50.</b>
Saturday 8th Oct	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:** Terry Sheehy - Hopetoun (father of Cathy Taylor), Sr Agnes Connellan, Brian Frawley, Laura Grace

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bernie Bourke, Gid Mullins, Jack Mooring

**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 - 2nd Sunday of the Month**  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th October 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** 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

Oct 1/2	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes	Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Neville Strachan Julie Antonoff Karen Hill
Oct 8/9	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Geordie Butler	Michael Connellan
<b>Commentator</b>	Anita Masiero	Emelia Sudholz
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer John Parker Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster	Shirley Hoffmann Kingsley Dalgleish Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Mary Marshall
<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Alison McKinnon
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Roberts	Men's Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Joan Whiley Lorraine Clancy	Lise Egan Bales Bridget Bales
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Kelly Trebicki
<b>Prayers</b>	Lesley Price & Mary Dalgleish	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>9th October</b> Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	<b>16th October</b> Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Kath Atkins
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)</b>		
Natimuk	\$ 35.00	Murtoa \$ 104.00
Horsham	\$ 815.00	Dimboola \$ 87.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1041.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 46</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 1584.00	Loose \$ 92.40
Direct Debit	\$	Credit Card \$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1676.40</b>

**Making Connections:** Perform as many small acts of service as you can this week.

**Marriage Tip:** Listening well says to the other person, "I care about what you're saying; I care about you." It helps love to grow.

**Daily Prayer:** Do you see, O God of love, the violence that stalks us, the destruction that frightens us, the wrongdoing that surrounds us? Increase our faith that we may wait upon your appointed time, and work at our appointed tasks, useless servants, doing our duty, at peace in the knowledge that you see and will save!

**A Vocation View:** Oh, that today you would hear His voice! Listening brings faith; faith brings hope. Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to follow the Lord.

"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful... My true rest is in the service of my neighbour."  
- Saint Faustina Kowalska

Copies of Social Justice Statement available this weekend

### Country Mass Times in October:

October 9th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am  
 October 16th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am  
 October 23rd: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30.  
 Murtoa 10.30.  
 October 30th: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30



*Reach out. Give life.*

### Mission Sunday is October 23rd

The 2016 Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal is inspired by the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi, 'Lord,

make me an instrument of your peace', and in 2016 is raising awareness of the issue of domestic violence in Papua New Guinea. Violence, and in particular domestic violence, is sadly not uncommon in families around the world. In recent years, in Australia, significant campaigns have raised awareness of domestic violence and tried to bring out into the open this often sensitive and stigmatized issue. In Papua New Guinea domestic violence is just as real as it is in our country. Coupled with poverty and isolation, and the fact that it has yet to become as public as it is in Australia, its effects are especially dire. With your support of Catholic Mission, you can help Mercy Works train inspirational local community leaders, so they can engage with communities experiencing family and domestic violence by listening, caring and advocating, and allowing them to find peace through mercy.

### 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 that reminds us of the faith, commitment and giving nature of our forbears and all loved ones. More details after PPC on Oct 17

### 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.

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

You are important. You cannot spell Church without you. Admittance without you. Youth without you. Success without you. Sunday Mass without you. Community without you. The Community and Church needs you. **THANK YOU**



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 this year has raised **\$2592.00**.  
*Thank you.*

### 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.

### Beyond the Year of Mercy

A Retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30 p.m. concluding with 5.00 p.m. Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy."

Registrations at the Cathedral Parish Office [ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph: 5331 2933.



St Francis 1181 to October 4th 1226. He was a wealthy man of privilege, served as a soldier and was a prisoner of war. On hearing God's call "to rebuild my Church", Francis gave away all his wealth and lived a life of total poverty. He designed the first Christmas Crib. He is the first known person to receive the stigmata (the wounds of Christ). He is the Patron Saint of merchants and of animals.



### Prayer of Saint Francis for Animals

God Our Heavenly Father, You created the world to serve our needs and to lead us to You. By our own fault we have lost the beautiful relationship which we once had with all your creation. Help us to see that by restoring our relationship with

You we will also restore it with all Your creation. Give us the grace to see all animals as gifts from You and to treat them with respect for they are Your creation and our friends.

**1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.  
Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we the people

who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.  
O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'  
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14**

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**Acclamation: 1 Peter 1:25**

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

**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."'

**Gospel Reflection - 27th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Today's gospel seems to be telling us that faith is somehow linked with doing what we ought to do without looking for accolades. The apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. As usual he responds obliquely and with two seemingly unconnected images. As usual, he leaves his hearers puzzled and puzzling. Given his earlier refusal to engage in demonstrations of power (Luke 4:1-12), Jesus' words about the mulberry tree are strange indeed. Trees simply don't transplant themselves on demand. Would they do so if we believed it possible? I think not. So what is going on here? Jesus often uses hyperbole to make a point. He seems to be asserting the power of faith to "save". When some faith-filled people brought their paralysed friend to him for a cure, or when the centurion appealed to him on behalf of his dying slave, or when the woman massaged his feet with

perfumed oil, it was their faith that "saved" them. This time he uses metaphorical language to the same end. In effect he is saying that even the faintest glimmer of faith has the most extraordinary effects. Later in Luke's gospel, Jesus will contrast those who have faith with those who "trust in themselves that they are righteous and regard others with contempt" (18:9). The slave story provides some interesting, even disturbing insights into the institution of slavery in the world of the first century. Slaves have no expectation of sustenance when they come in from a hard day's work. They attend first to the master's needs, and even then they deserve no recognition or credit. This is simply how it is for slaves. Jesus does not challenge the master-slave relationship whereby the slave receives no special thanks for doing the master's bidding. We may want to critique this aspect of the story. When they have done everything expected of them, the

apostles are to consider themselves as "unworthy servants" (literally "worthless slaves"). We might note that "worthless" is a misleading translation of the Greek *achreiai*: slaves are extremely valuable to their owners, even if nobody actually owes them anything. How can undeserving slaves provide a prototype for gospel leadership? How can this image fit with the supposedly inclusive vision of the gospel as a whole? Our church tradition has always distinguished between those elements in the text that are situation-bound and those that have enduring significance. We need the wisdom to discern the latter and the insight to refuse to re-inscribe oppressive first century societal practices. The story invites us to have faith and to do what we ought to do without looking for undue recognition. As for claiming the status of "slaves", that can have little if any value in our times.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of

them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

"The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." - Pope Francis

"Without Sunday (Mass), we cannot live" (North African Martyrs)

"We don't have a mission, we are mission! We are a missionary Church. Our encounter with Jesus should turn us into missionary disciples, who go out and share the good news with others."

**October is Catholic Missions Month**

**We welcome Georgia Kirby who will speak at 6.30pm Mass tonight on her World Youth Day trip. She will speak at 10.30 Mass next Sunday October 9th**