



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup



BULLETIN

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd October



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We welcome Fr John today

Celebrating 140 years

Sr Jacinta offers us these sessions on Pope Francis' Encyclical

Laudato Si (Praise be..) about the environment.

Process: *talk, discussion, reflective prayer.*

1st Session this Wednesday 26th from 7.30 to 9pm in the Meeting Room.

Topic: how do you view the world of science and religion?

Other dates: Wednesday Nov 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Fr Damien cannot come in October because of medical procedures he is having.

October is the Missions month. MISSION APPEAL ENVELOPES are in the Church foyers.

TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

The focus of this year's Mission Appeal is Papua New Guinea, supporting programs in the communities of the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga, to help people heal wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships and find peace through mercy. The Mission Appeal helps these communities where peace, love, forgiveness, faith, hope, light and joy, are being nurtured for all to have life to the full. The work of local leaders engages with the community - listening, caring, advocating and training - so that all can experience consolation, understanding and love.

Young Couples and Families Group

Inviting all young parish couples and families to come along to our first gathering

next Saturday the 29th of October.

The idea behind this group is to build social networks and community connectedness for our younger parishioners (target group - those under 40 - but all are welcome).

The group will gather at the Parish Centre at 5:30pm before the Vigil Mass (at 6.30pm) for a meal.

\$5 per person / \$10 a family.

To RSVP please contact Justin Amor on 0409356728.

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 SMJ School as they lead our Ministries at 10.30 Mass this Mission Sunday.

All families are welcome to SMJ **MISSION DAY** this Friday 28th **Mass 9.30 in the Church, then the Mission Day Fete in the School Grounds 11.30 to 12.30**

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 25th Oct	5.30pm	Graham Taylor anniv
Wednesday 25th Oct	9.30am	Helen Sheehan
Thursday 27th Oct	9.30am	VCE exams
Friday 28th Oct	9.30am	Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles
Saturday 29th 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: Giuditta Penzo - Melbourne (sister of Livio Apolloni), Frank Keane - St Arnaud (brother of Jose Phelan)

ANNIVERSARIES: Sandra Murray, Kathleen "Topsy" Edwards, Graham Taylor, John McPhee

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, Michael De Jong, Heather McPhee

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 - 5th Sunday of the Month
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th October 2016**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 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.

A Priesthood Vocations Day for young men.

Saturday November 12th, at St Patrick's College Ballarat. A bus will leave the College at 10.30 for Scarsdale, then a 13km walk to Linton, with Mass and lunch there. The day ends back at the College at 3pm. Fr James Kerr and two Corpus Christi College Seminarians will lead the Retreat/Walk. For more information or to register for the day contact Fr Ed Moloney, Diocesan Vocations Director, email edward.moloney@cam.org.au

ROSTERS

Oct 22/23	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer	Noreen O'Connor Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Neville Strachan Shirley Hoffmann Kingsley Dalglish
Oct 29/30	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Anita Masiero	Angela Murphy
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Alison McKinnon
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Parker Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Peter Gutteridge	Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Judy Reid
Projector	Gabby Mills	Julie Antonoff
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judy & Hugh Delahunty	Denise Vallance Lyn Starr
Children's Liturgy		Jo Martin
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	30th October Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hermon-Spasic	6th November Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 188.00
Horsham	\$ 1045.00	Dimboola	\$ 110.00
Total			\$ 1343.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 49

Envelopes	\$ 1539.00	Loose	\$ 57.55
Direct Debit	\$ 580.00	Credit Card	\$
Total			\$ 2176.39

Making Connections: Notice occasions this week when it may be easy to judge someone badly. Do something positive for someone we may feel in some way superior to.

Marriage Tip: Communication in your family is key. Don't let wounds fester. Instead, calmly address hurts and ask for the grace to forgive.

Daily Prayer: Silence our prayer when the words praise ourselves. Turn your ears from our cry when our hearts judge our neighbour. Place always on our lips the prayer of the publican: "O God, be merciful to us who are sinners!"

Vocation View: If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do.

A RETREAT BEYOND THE YEAR OF MERCY.

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat Sunday October 30th, 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The Retreat will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." All welcome. Register with the Cathedral Office: phone 53312933 or email ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Country Mass Times in October/November

October 30th: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
 November 6th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am
 November 13: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
 November 20: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILIES for Sundays in October

Sunday 23rd October For a respectful and fair national discussion on marriage and an outcome that preserves God's plan for marriage. "Holy Heavenly Father, grant that all Australians may show mutual respect for one another. Guide the hearts and minds of all who vote that our nation may uphold your plan for marriage and families."

Prayer for Families in the Foyers.

Fr Peter hosts the Horsham Ministers Meeting this Thursday October 27th from 4pm to 5pm in the Meeting Room.

From the Parish Council Meeting (9 present)

1. Three Baptistine Sisters from the Philippines will visit our Parish from November 14 to 28. They will attend a Home Mass at Rupanyup on Monday 14th. The Sisters will be at the Parish Office each day, and visit our Schools and be at weekday Masses. We will have Morning Tea after 9.30 Mass Wednesday 16th to chat with them. They will attend a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 17th. More details of their visit later.
2. The Parish 140th Mass and Dinner on Sunday November 20th is open to all to attend.
3. Bob Pritchett will be our Parish Safeguarding Officer to help us conform to Government guidelines
4. **Parish Finances.** The Finance Committee and PPC thank you for your generous response to **your pledges. Our first year of the Program concludes on November 13th. We ask that all pledges be fulfilled by this date, please. Thank you**

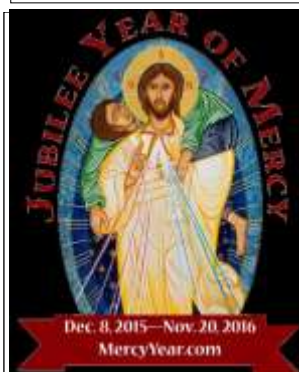
SMJ Parish celebrates 140 years this year. Mass to celebrate this event is on Sunday November 20th in SMJ Church at 10.30am, the Feast of Christ the King.

After Mass, all are welcome to a Parish Dinner at the **Coughlin Park Centre**, with a game of bowls and activities for the children to follow.

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

Drinks, meat, will be supplied. No cost.

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.

These are the sessions Sr Jacinta will offer us in our Parish 140th Year and Year of Mercy on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si* (Praise Be) about the Environment.

Process - Talk, Discussion and Reflective Prayer

Wednesday 26th October 7.30pm - 9pm

1. How do you view the world of science and religion? Some

Wednesday 9th November 7.30pm - 9pm

Creation Spirituality for these times - *life beyond paralysis.*

Wednesday 16th November 7.30 - 9pm

A call to Mercy. Pope Francis on our Planet and the Poor.

Wednesday 23rd November 7.30 - 9pm

Conversation on our Common Home. Contemplating Mercy

Wednesday 30th November 7.30 - 9pm

Breathing in communion with Nature. Creative activities.

Each session in the Meeting Room. All welcome.

Please let Anita know 53821155 if you can come, for Jacinta to have enough copies of her handouts. Thank you

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 died and 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.

Plans of similar walls will be on display in the next few weeks.

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

Ss Michael and John Parish Planned Giving Program GIVING SUMMARY 11/11/2015 to 19/10/2016. 49 wks

Pledge Period	Giver Count	Pledge Amount	Giving Amount	Giving per week	Giving %
Weekly	109	\$67,142.	\$59,383.	\$1,211.80	88.44%
Fortnight	14	\$9,990.	\$7,651.	\$156.14	76.59%
Monthly	94	\$61,352.04.	\$52,720.20.	\$1,075.92	85.93%
Quarterly	20	\$9,620.	\$10,625.	\$216.84	110.45%
Half Year	17	\$12,580.	\$8,250.	\$168.37	65.58%
Yearly	81	\$30,491.	\$19,258.	\$393.02.	63.16%
Total	335 pledges	\$191,175.04	\$157,887.20	\$3,222.19	82.59%



Thank you for your pledges and for the loose money givers.

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14. 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:2-3. 17-19.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly

kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Gospel Reflection - 30th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated "virtuous") and justified (translated "at rights with God"). It is addressed to "certain people" who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people's lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus' harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in this. That's what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays "to himself" or "by himself" or "about himself": any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God's mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who "have confidence in themselves that they are righteous", this portrait of the tax agent

in right relationship with God is confronting. For such people, being a tax agent is synonymous with being unrighteous.

The language of the toll collector's prayer, "God be merciful (hilasthēti) to me a sinner", evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in God's way of being in the world.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and

welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

We pray for all VCE students as they begin their exams this Wednesday with English

**Holy Souls Month Masses
Wednesday Nov 2nd.** Mass at Horsham Cemetery 6pm.

Please bring a chair.

Thursday Nov 3rd. Mass at Dimboola Cemetery 6pm.

**Parish Mass for loved ones who have died this year
Weekend of November 26/27**
Candle available to take home