



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd October



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

*"Heal the wounds and may their people find peace through mercy"*

Envelopes can be returned to Mass



### November is Holy Souls Month

**All Saints Day Mass Tuesday Nov 1st at 10am in SMJ Church.**

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**All Souls Day Wednesday Nov 2nd. Horsham 9.30am Murtoa 2pm at OLHC School.**

**All Souls Day Mass this Wednesday November 2nd at the Horsham Cemetery at 6pm.** Please bring a chair.

**This Thursday November 3rd. Mass at Dimboola Cemetery 6pm.**

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**Parish Masses for loved ones who have died this year will be on the weekend of November 26/27.** Candle available at Mass to take home

### 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.

During November we pray at our Masses for family members who have died in the past 12 months, and others whose names are recorded in the Book of Remembrance

**Please add names of deceased loved ones in the Memorial Book** in the Foyers next weekend

**Holy Souls Mass Envelopes are in the Foyer**, for you to have a Mass offered for family members and others.

Please return the envelope on the Collection plate or to the Office.

### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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### **SCHOOLS**

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St Brigid's College  
Principal: Peter Gutteridge  
Phone: 5382 3545

Our Lady Help of Christians  
Principal: Gary Typuszak  
Phone: 5385 2526

### **Celebrating 140 years**

Sr Jacinta offers us sessions on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si* (Praise be..) about the environment. Process: *talk, discussion, reflective prayer.*

#### **2nd Session**

Wednesday

9th November 7.30 to 9pm

Topic: *Creation Spirituality for these times – life beyond paralysis*

Please let Anita 53821155 know if you are attending, for purposes of print outs.

### **Australian Catholics**

Summer edition in the Foyers today

### **WEEK-DAY MASSES:**

|                   |               |   |
|-------------------|---------------|---|
| Tuesday Nov 1st   | <b>10am</b>   | <b>All Saints Day</b>                                     |
| Wednesday Nov 2nd | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>All Souls Day</b>                                      |
| Thursday Nov 3rd  | 9.30am        | St Martin de Porres                                       |
| Friday Nov 4th    | <b>10.30</b>  | <b>Anointing Mass Lutheran Home.</b> Keith Rowe 10th ann. |
| Saturday Nov 5th  | 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:** Emmanuela Cook, John Quinn

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ray Bush, Dawn Moloney, Jimmy O'Beirne, Hans Reinhard, Ron Lingham, Keith Rowe, Richard Fabian Walsh, Mario Panozzo, Heinrich Moeller, Antonio Chincarini, Mollie McCallum, Jack Nevill, Kath Byrne

**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 - 1st Sunday of the Month  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th November 2016**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 9.00am**

**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 29/30  | Vigil 6.30pm   | Sunday 10.30am   |
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| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | John Parker<br>Tess Hayes<br>Anne Newton<br>Silvanna Foster<br>Anthony Amor<br>Lorraine Clancy<br>Peter Gutteridge | Andrea Cox<br>Faye Wills<br>Cate Rigby<br>Mary Marshall<br>Tim Lannen<br>Mary Dalglish<br>Judy Reid            |
| <b>Nov 5/6</b>                                   | <b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>  | <b>Sunday 10.30am</b>  |
| <b>Readers</b>                                   | Taylor Butler  | Anna Robertson   |
| <b>Commentator</b>                               | Peter Gutteridge   | Eileen McManus   |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Bob Hayes<br>Bernadette Trounce<br>Simon Lynch<br>Maree Plazzer<br>John Parker<br>Tess Hayes<br>Anne Newton        | Neville Strachan<br>Anna Robertson<br>Kingsley Dalglish<br>Judy Reid<br>Andrea Cox<br>Faye Wills<br>Cate Rigby |
| <b>Projector</b>                                 | Anita Masiero  | Alison McKinnon  |
| <b>Musicians</b>                                 | Chris Robarts  | Combined Choir   |
| <b>Welcomers</b>                                 | Gavin Hynam<br>Gary Coutts   | Mary Brown<br>Helene Bush  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                        |  | Lise Egan Bales  |
| <b>Prayers</b>                                   | John & Joan Parker   |  |
| <b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>    | <b>6th November</b><br>Lucille Pekin<br>Pauline Breen<br>Sue Chalkley<br>Judie Delahunty                           | <b>13th November</b><br>Lynda Hutchinson<br>Silvanna Foster<br>Helene Bush                                     |

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

|              |           |          |                   |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| Natimuk      | \$ 30.00  | Murtoa   | \$ 81.00          |
| Horsham      | \$ 950.00 | Dimboola | \$ 64.00          |
| <b>Total</b> |           |          | <b>\$ 1095.00</b> |

### 2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 50

|              |            |             |                   |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes    | \$ 1415.00 | Loose       | \$ 247.10         |
| Direct Debit | \$         | Credit Card | \$                |
| <b>Total</b> |            |             | <b>\$ 1662.10</b> |

**Making Connections:** Identify someone with whom you are acquainted but don't really know well. Try to move beyond superficial appearances and find out what sort of person they really are. Change your relationship with them.

**Marriage Tip:** What is something you've always dreamed of doing? Make a bucket list with your spouse and talk about how you can fulfill those "someday" dreams.

**Daily Prayer:** God of the covenant, in Jesus your Son you came to seek out and save what was lost. Make us worthy of your call. Fulfil by your power our every good resolve, that we may have the joy of welcoming you in our home, and of sharing with all people the good things of earth and of heaven.

**A Vocation View:** Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today.

With so many things on and a long weekend for many, the Young Families and Couples Tea has been cancelled tonight Saturday. Another date early next year. Thanks to Justin Amor for his commitment to this

## Country Mass Times in November

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  
 Novem 27: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

**CWL MEETING** on Tuesday 8th November in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm. All Welcome.

Three Baptistine Sisters from the Philippines - Sister Jesusita vice-provincial leader, together with Sister Manuela and Sister Tirsa - will visit our Parish from November 14th to 18th. They will attend a Home Mass at Rupanyup 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. Fr Peter will take them back to Ballarat on Friday afternoon November 18th. You can come and chat with the Sisters anytime - please ring Anita 53821155 for their availability.

The change of seasons is opportune to marvel at the magnificence of the natural world. Its colours, its textures, its smells, all reflect the limitless imagination of the God our Creator, the interconnectedness of all the elements of nature. The spirit of God is manifested through each and every aspect of the universe. And we are part of it all. The universe may be as a grain in the balance or a drop of morning dew, but each grain and each drop contains within it the possibilities of the future. Offering hospitality is a profound social act. When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives. We shift our attention from self to the needs of the other. The hospitality that Jesus offers through Zaccheus dissolves all constraints, brings justice, love, compassion, forging bonds of reconciliation, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children of God.

### Mass to celebrate our 140th year 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 at 12**, with a game of bowls and activities for the children to follow.

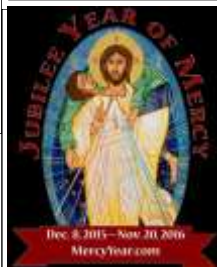
For catering, please sign the sheet in the Foyer and please indicate if you can bring a soup or a slice.

#### Ss Michael and John Parish Planned Giving Program GIVING SUMMARY 49 wks of Program

| 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%        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>335 pledges</b> | <b>\$191,175.04</b> | <b>\$157,887.20</b> | <b>\$3,222.19</b> | <b>82.59%</b> |

**Boxes and Credit Card envelopes for new Program beginning on Nov 13th, in the Foyers today.**  
 Thank you for your pledges and for loose money givers.

O God, we pray for a successful harvest for our farmers.



### 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**  
**The Jubilee Year of Mercy ends on November 20th**

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.

**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.



**St Vincent de Paul Mass for Deceased Members on Wednesday November 9th at 9.30am Mass, with a cuppa after Mass in the Foyer. All welcome.**

### 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.*

**1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2**

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned. so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11.**

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.  
I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures  
All your creatures shall thank you, O

Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2**

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

**Acclamation John 3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

**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.'

**Gospel Reflection - 31st Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Last week's gospel story featured an unnamed toll collector, someone who found devious ways to make a living, yet faced his shortcomings and came before God in openness and humility. This week's gospel features Zaccheus of Jericho who, like the toll collector of the parable, is willing to admit his failings and is unafraid to demonstrate his faith in a very public way. Zaccheus is a chief tax collector, possibly responsible for overseeing the activities of other tax collectors. Whether or not this is the case, he is a wealthy man. Zaccheus is short of stature, we are told, but fairly enterprising in facing the dilemma that this poses. His stature is not an impediment to tree-climbing in a good cause: he wants to see what Jesus is like and he lets nothing get in the way. He runs ahead and climbs the tree. Jesus looks up and tells him to come

down quickly, "for I must stay at your house today." The house of a public "sinner" is Jesus' personal choice of accommodation. There are echoes in this story of Mary's haste to visit her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, and of the joy these women share in Mary's pregnancy. Jesus invites himself to the home of Zaccheus who provides hospitality "joyfully". Hospitality, joy, haste to respond to divine visitation: these are constant themes in Luke. In any human group there are the critics. This time everyone who sees what is happening has something to say. They complain that Jesus chooses to stay with a sinner. The critics no doubt consider themselves more worthy hosts for God's prophet than Zaccheus. They have little love in their hearts. Their criticism of Zaccheus echoes that of Simon the Pharisee when Jesus allows himself to be touched by a "sinner" woman (Luke 7:36). Like Zaccheus, the woman's sins

have already been forgiven. That is why she knows how to love, according to Jesus. There are clues in the narrative that Zaccheus, though labelled as a sinner, has changed his ways. The future tense of our translation ("I will pay") obscures this important element in the story. He gives half his property to the destitute and if he has cheated anyone, he pays them back four times the amount. In other words, he already goes way beyond what is required of a faithful Jew. Jesus looks at Zaccheus and assures him that salvation has come to his house. He then turns to the crowd and acts to restore honour to Zaccheus in the eyes of those who hold him and his kind in contempt. Like the bent-over woman and Lazarus the beggar at the rich man's gate, Zaccheus is a true descendant of Abraham, his ancestor in faith.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 20:27-38**

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And

Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

**31st Sunday .** Luke 19:8 We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone

isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice.

- SMJ School and SBC have school closure days this Monday 31st and on Cup Day this Tuesday .
- We pray for all students in their exams in November, and success and happiness for those who will leave school this year for work or an apprenticeship.