



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th November



November is Holy Souls Month

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

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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

This Wednesday
 9th November 7.30 to 9pm
 Topic: *Creation Spirituality for these times – life beyond paralysis.*

In the Meeting Room

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

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

After Mass, all are welcome to a Parish Dinner at the **Coughlin Park Centre at 12noon**, 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, if you can, please sign to bring soup or a slice.

Drinks, meat, will be supplied. No cost

Or let Anita know at the Office 53821155 if you can come to dinner.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday November 17th at 5.30pm.

The Baptistine Sisters will attend as we discuss their ministry with them. Please have reports into the Office by Monday November 14th.

We welcome Fr John. John will live in the Presbytery this week and be here next weekend as Fr Peter has a baptism and an activity away this week. Fr Peter will meet the Baptistine Sisters and bring them to Horsham on Monday Nov 14th.

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 to the family of God in Baptism

Russ Isaiah Mackley

son of Russell & Rubylyn and Ruby Maeve Munro

daughter of Glen and Carmen

On the Bulletin on November 20th we will have the times for Advent Liturgies and Christmas Masses.

Anointing Mass Thursday December 8th at 2pm

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday Nov 8	5.30pm	
Wednesday 9th	9.30am	Mass for St V de P deceased members
Thursday 10th	9.30am	St Leo the Great
Friday Nov 11th	9.30am	St Martin of Tours
Saturday 12th	10.00a	St Josaphat

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: Fr Chris Reay (Nathalia), Sr Rita Hayes RSM.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Walsh, Tony Panozzo, Robert Vincent, Nell Perrett, Paul Mugavin, Anthony Bissinella, Dennis Conheady,

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 - 2nd Sunday of the Month
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th November 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.

A Priesthood Vocations Day for young men.

Next 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

Nov 5/6	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Micky Robarts Joan Parker Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz	Zita Cannane Russell Reid Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Julie Antonoff Karen Hill
Nov 12/13	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Lise Eagan Bales
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Bridget Bales
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer John Parker Tess Hayes Anne Newton	Neville Strachan Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalglish Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby
Projector	Gabby Mills	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Betty & Garry Heinrich	Marina Manserra Mary Uebergang
Children's Liturgy		Lisa Hermans
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	13th November Lynda Hutchinson Silvana Foster Helene Bush	20th November Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowlsley Margo Hogan
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 116.00
Horsham	\$ 976.00	Dimboola \$ 108.00
Total		\$ 1200.00
2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 51		
Envelopes	\$ 1143.00	Loose \$ 137.00
Direct Debit	\$ 580.00	Credit Card \$
Total		\$ 1860.00

Making Connections: Visit the graves of your loved ones at some stage during the month of November. Pray especially for friends and relatives who have passed away.

Marriage Tip: Pope Francis recently said, "If love is real, then peace is made quickly." Reflect on how you argue with your spouse. How can you be more patient and understanding?

Daily Prayer: O God, author of life and resurrection, before whom even the dead are alive, grant that the word of your Son, sown in our hearts, may blossom and bear fruit in every good work, so that both in life and in death our hearts may be strengthened by eternal comfort and good hope. A **Vocation View:** As the Church-year comes to a close, may the Lord Jesus strengthen your heart for every good work and word. May you live your vocation.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Today's Second Reading gives us two important lessons. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.

Country Mass Times in November

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
December 4: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

CWL MEETING this 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 to check for their availability.

A copy of a Letter from Sister Jesuita, vice-Prvincial, who will accompany Srs Manuela and Tirsa to Horsham, with the details of the Sisters, are in the Foyers for your information.

WHAT IS MY STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR PARISH?

- * To be an active member of our faith community celebrating weekly Mass, prayer and the Sacraments
- * To be involved in service we grow both as individuals and as a faith community
- * To make a financial commitment to the Stewardship Program which enables our Parish to provide the services that make us a community of faith that offers welcome, support and encouragement to all.
- * Stewardship - a way of living in Ss Michael and John Parish

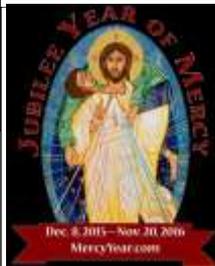
"Once one chooses to become a Disciple of Jesus Christ Stewardship is not an option"

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

Please add names of deceased loved ones in the Memorial Book in the Foyers from this 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.

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 this Wednesday November 9th at 9.30am Mass, with a cuppa after Mass in the Foyer. All welcome.



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

Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the Year of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, next Sunday, November 13 at 10.30am. Celebrant Bishop Paul. All are welcome to attend

"God's mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of its light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God."

Our current, and first year, of our **Stewardship Giving Program**, concludes today.

Our new Program begins next Sunday Nov 13th. Please pick up your envelope or boxes from the Foyer today.

Credit card givers continue as you are. Please inform Anita if you change your credit card. To date we have received \$161,000 out of \$194,000 pledged. This is 82% of pledges together with loose money.

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

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 -

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is

faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Acclamation: Revelation 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 20:27. 34-38

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 people are in fact alive.'

Gospel Reflection - 32nd Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These questions have preoccupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as "not of the dead, but of the living." As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder this mystery of the bonds of love that persist, in unimagined and unimaginable ways,

even after death. Some Sadducees "who say there is no resurrection" put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system. There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God's chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place

between God and God's people). There was room for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs. Recently, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. I knew in my heart that the life she generated and the love she knew and brought to others over almost eight decades somehow continues and is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that is sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in that God, and in hope of the resurrection.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand."

Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my

name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'