



# St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup



## BULLETIN

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th



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### 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

**SMJ Parish celebrates 140 years this year with Mass next 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.

Mass at Rupanyup this Monday 14th at 6.30pm at Weidemann's home.

Mass at Natimuk Nursing Home this Thursday 17th at **4pm** (note earlier time)

### 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 other names who are 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.

### Celebrating 140 years

Sr Jacinta offers us sessions on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si* (Praise be..)

about the environment. Process: *talk, discussion, reflective prayer.*

**3rd Session** this Wednesday  
**16th November 7.30 - 9p**  
*A call to Mercy. Pope Francis on our Planet and the Poor.*

*In the Meeting Room*

Please let Anita 53821155 know if you are attending,

### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday Nov 15th	5.30pm	St Albert the Great
Wednesday Nov 16th	9.30am	St Margaret of Scotland
Thursday Nov 17th	9.30am <b>4.00pm</b>	St Elizabeth of Hungary <b>Natimuk Nursing Home Mass</b>
Friday Nov 18th	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SVDP Conference Mass</b>
Saturday Nov 19th	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:** Wendy Ahern (Minyip)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Becker, Pat James, Robert Hayes, Albie Kennett, Jack Foley, Gavan Merrett, Patrick Brennan, Diosma Chandler

**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., Gerry Griffiths, Lorrain Holland

**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 - 4th Sunday of the Month**  
**Feast of Christ the King - 20th November 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.

*We pray for VCE students as they complete their  
 exams. We pray for those from SBC going to help in  
 Cambodia, for those who start work or in a current job.*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**this Thursday November 17th from 7.30 to**  
**8.30am in the Parish Centre.** All fathers and  
 their sons, and single men, are welcome.  
 Breakfast provided, chat, prayer.

## ROSTERS

Nov 12/13	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	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
Nov 19/20	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	John Foster	Anthony Dowling
<b>Commentator</b>	Betty Heinrich	Kingsley Dalglish
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Peter Gutteridge Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Micky Robarts	Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson
<b>Projector</b>	Shayne Keenan	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pat Williams Joan Whiley	Lise Eagan Bales Bridget Bales
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Lise / Sharon
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl & Maree Wren	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>20th November</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan	<b>27th November</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

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

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 95.00
Horsham	\$ 1130.00	Dimboola	\$ 101.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1326.00</b>

### 2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 52

Envelopes	\$ 2172.00	Loose	\$ 56.20
Direct Debit	\$ 1911.67	Credit Card	\$ 2452.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 6592.37</b>





## Country Mass Times in November

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

We welcome the Baptistine Sisters from the Philippines to our Parish -

Sister Jesuita, vice-provincial leader, together with Sister Manuela and Sister Tirsa - from this Monday to Friday, as we our Parish discern their coming to live in Horsham in the future.

They will attend a Home Mass on Monday at Rupanyup.

The Sisters will be at the Parish Office each day, and visit our Schools and be at weekday Masses, and visit the Parish.

We will have Morning Tea after 9.30 Mass this Wednesday 16th to chat with them.

They will attend Mass at Natimuk at 4pm on Thursday and be at the Parish Council Meeting at 5.30pm 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.

Please pray for the Sisters and our Parish at this time.

The CEO Principals will be having their end of year Mass in the Church on **November 16th at 5pm.** Celebrant will be Bishop Paul Bird and everyone is welcome.



## CWL Christmas luncheon

Ladies! Ladies!

You are invited to join the CWL members fir their Christmas Luncheon at the Commercial Hotel, Wilson Street, on 6th November at 12 noon. Price \$18.00

RSVP to Joan Whiley 5382 411 or Frances Plazzer 5382 1546 by no later than 3rd December 2016

## DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Where: Nazareth House , 218 Mill street, Ballarat, Vic 3350

When: 7.00 pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to 2 .00 pm Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

With: Fr Joseph Chua OSCO

Cost: Donation

Register by: 25<sup>th</sup> November

[srlinh@hotmail.com](mailto:srlinh@hotmail.com)



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 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.

## 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.**



## Available NOW in the Piety Stall

- Columban Calendars
- St Vinnies Christmas Cards



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

The new envelopes for our **Parish Planned Giving Programme** begin

November 20th. Please pick up your envelope boxes or letters from the Foyer. Credit card givers continue. Thank you for your pledges and for the loose money givers.

**1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20**

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:5-9**

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness.

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**2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without

paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

**Acclamation Luke 21:38**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

**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.'



**Gospel Reflection - 33rd Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Sixty years ago there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago there was no Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. A few years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments. In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. It functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship. It was also

an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final judgment. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict and persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time (kairos) of God's visitation. Like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has

Jesus commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They don't have to worry about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own troubled times, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts, and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life, even when the world seems to be collapsing around us.

**Next Week's Gospel Feast of Christ the King: Luke 23:35-43**

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they

said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he

did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'