



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup



BULLETIN

Feast of Christ the King-20th November 2016



Welcome to our Celebration of 140 years as a Parish.
Our Mass celebrates thanksgiving to God for the faith and witness of Parishioners over these 140 years.
Welcome to our Lunch at Coughlin Park at 12 noon.
There is a Commemorative Place Mat for you to take as a memento.

Below is a brief history of the Parish:

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1857 First Mass in the new village of Horsham was celebrated at the home of Michael Healy by Fr. Patrick Madden from Ballarat. 18 children baptised
1876 Horsham became a Parish with the appointment of Fr. John Doyle O'Sullivan the first Parish Priest, until 1878
1878 New Parish Priest, Fr. James O'Farrell built the first Presbytery, a four room brick building facing Splatt St (original name for Roberts Avenue)
1879 Bishop O'Connor, opened and dedicated the first church to St Michael and St John, a wooden building facing west to McPherson Street. The first Catholic School opened in the Temperance Hall next door (now the car park off Roberts Avenue) before transferring to the rear of the new wooden Church, then to a new wooden school room built by Fr. Joseph O'Brien.
1881 St Mary's Church, Murtoa, opened by Dean Moore VG, on June 10th.
1889 St John's Church, Natimuk, was opened by Fr J Hogan, September 15th
1906 St Joseph's Church, Dimboola, opened by Bishop Higgins on October 29th
1912 St John the Baptist Church, Murtoa, opened by Bishop Higgins, April 21st.
1913 On 14th December, Bishop Higgins of Ballarat opened the new red brick Church facing Roberts Avenue, the Parish Priest was Fr. Michael Meade. The Co-Adjutor Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Daniel Mannix, was the special guest and preached a long and learned discourse on the "True Church". The 1879 Church then became the school, being turned on it's axis to face McLachlan St.
1919 On 14th September 1919 the foundation stone of the Convent was laid by the Bishop of Ballarat, Dr. Foley. Following the arrival of five Brigidine Sisters in April 1920, the first Mass was celebrated in the Convent Chapel on 12th April. The first day pupils and boarders arrived. Called St. Brigid's Convent.
1937 The brick building of four class rooms on the corner of Roberts Avenue and McPherson Street for St Michael & St John's Primary School, was opened by Bishop Foley on 29th February 1937.
1963 Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School Murtoa opened
1968 St Brigid's Secondary College in Robinson Street, on land purchased by the late Fr. John Coughlin, was officially opened on 3rd December 1968
1987 On 10th May the new Church of St Michael & St John on the corner of McLachlan and Urquhart Streets, was blessed and Bishop Mulkearns. The 1913 Red Brick Church was used by the primary school until it demolished in 1997.
1995 The Parish Centre, incorporating hall, meeting room and Pastoral Associates office was built on the site of the old church.
2000 The 1878 Presbytery was demolished to make way for a new home for the Priests. The Parish Centre was extended to incorporate the parish offices. Opened and blessed by Bishop Connors on 1st October 2000.
2010 Ss Michael and John School was re-opened on its new site.
2011 The Convent was demolished.
2015 Coughlin Park Clubrooms demolished
2015 New Coughlin Park Community Centre was opened on June 25th 2016.

Celebrating 140 years

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

4th Session

this Wednesday
Wednesday 23rd
November from 7.30 - 9pm
Conversation on our Common Home.
Contemplating Mercy
In the Meeting Room

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

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday Nov 22nd	5.30pm	St Cecilia
Wednesday Nov 23	9.30am	St Columban
Thursday Nov 24th	9.30am	St Andrew Ding-Lac and companions
Friday Nov 25th	10.30	Anointing Mass Lutheran Home Holy Souls - John and Joan Parker
Saturday Nov 26th	10.00am	Holy Souls - Ada Macchia

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: Thomas Cantwell (Birchip), Gerry Griffiths (Tamworth, brother-in-law of John Byrne)	
ANNIVERSARIES: Wayne Mills, Barbara Pfeifer, Yetty Glaubitz, Sara Hunter, Marion Derbas, Phillip Ryan	
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., Lorrain Holland, Xavier Reicha, Carmel Cannard.	
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 1st Sunday of Advent - 27th November 2016	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Natimuk	Sunday Mass 8.30am
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.	

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 Book** in the Foyers.

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.

ROSTERS		
Nov 19/20	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	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
Nov 26/27	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Louise Kemp
Commentator	John Foster	Shayne Keenan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Parker Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch	Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Judy Reid Karen Hill Neville Strachan Kingsley Dalglish
Projector	Gabby Mills	Julie Antonoff
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Alistair Castle Sharon Creasey
Children's Liturgy		Kelly Trebicki
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	27th November Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	4th December Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 92.00
Horsham	\$ 705.00 !!!	Dimboola \$ 92.00
Total		\$ 889.00
2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 1202.00	Loose \$ 29.00
Direct Debit	\$	Credit Card \$
Total		\$ 1231.00

Making Connections: Place a crucifix in a place of honour in your home, spend some time each day in prayer before the crucified Christ.

Daily Prayer: You have rescued us, O God, from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son, that we might share the justice and love of Christ's reign. Grant that we may walk in the footsteps of Jesus, the path of obedient faith and self-sacrificing love, laying down our lives, as he did, for our brothers and sisters, Let Christ the King's cross become the shape of our lives, and the Lord's compassion form our hearts, and the Good Shepherd's embrace welcome us, in the sure and certain hope that Jesus will remember us when he comes into his kingdom and share with us the glory of Paradise.

A Vocation View: Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News? YOU!

Marriage Tip: If your goal is to have a satisfying marriage with longevity, make sure you are accountable for the part you play in the relationship — good or bad.

Let us ponder what is in our minds and hearts when we say "Come Lord Jesus!" this Advent

All praise and glory be to you Jesus Christ, our Saviour and King

Country Mass Times in November

Novem 27: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
December 4: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
December 11: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
December 18: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
Christmas Day Dec 25: Natimuk 8.30am. Horsham 9am

The Baptistine Sisters. Our PPC will continue to discern with our Bishop the future ministry of the Sisters. We have enjoyed their presence among us. We welcome your comments. Please pray with and for us and the Sisters as we resolve a few issues before a final decision is made.



CWL Christmas luncheon Ladies are invited to join the CWL members for their Christmas Luncheon at the Commercial Hotel, Tuesday 6th December at 12 noon. Price \$18. RSVP to Joan Whiley 5381 2411 or Frances Plazzer 5382 1546 by

CWL Christmas Raffle

1st Prize - Hamper from CCI Insurance
2nd Prize - Christmas Cake. 3rd Prize - 2 bottles of wine
\$1 per ticket, to be sold after Masses from 19th November till 18th December

The Season of Advent

"Is come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captives hence!"



PARISH ADVENT / CHRISTMAS DIARY

Advent Reflection Groups begin this week.

Anyone who would like to belong to a group, please contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807. Booklets available also for individual use, \$5 each.

Advent River Walk is on Tuesday December 13th at 7am beginning from the Bennett Road Carpark. Walk to the Weir for prayer and breakfast. All welcome.

The Jesse Tree will be decorated by the Children's Liturgy group at each Sunday Advent Mass, with the Jesse Tree Symbols.

The White Christmas Tree will be in the Foyer from the Third Sunday of Advent, to which you can add the "The Remembering Family Who Are not With Us at Christmas" names. Tags will be in the Foyer.

Christmas Anointing Mass on Thursday December 8th at 2pm in SMJ Church. Cuppa after Mass.

Anointing and Reconciliation at Dimboola 8.30 and Murtoa 10.30 Mass on Sunday December 11th.

Advent Reconciliation Service Tuesday Dec 22nd at 7pm at SMJ Church. Two priests present.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Horsham: Christmas Eve Children's Mass 7pm
Christmas Eve Mass with Choir 10.15pm

Murtoa: Christmas Eve Mass 6.30pm.

Dimboola: Christmas Eve Mass 8.30pm.

Horsham: Christmas Day Mass 9.00am.

Natimuk: Christmas Day Mass 8.30am.

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

The last session Sr Jacinta offers us in our Parish 140th Year and on Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si (*Praise Be*) about the Environment

Wednesday 30th November 7.30 - 9pm

Breathing in communion with Nature. Creative activity

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 a wall that reminds us of the faith, commitment and giving nature of our forbears and our loved ones.

A Plan of a wall is on display in the Foyer.

The plaques can have whatever symbol you wish and wording you wish. The cost of a plaque is \$120.

This weekend marks the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

May the blessings of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst! We have been called and graced to become more effective signs of God's mercy in the world. We offer this Mass in thanksgiving, for the 140 years of our Parish faith witness, and we pray that the face of mercy continues to characterise the life of our community. We pray in thanks for the grace and blessings given and received during this Year of Mercy. May the seeds of compassion and forgiveness planted in our minds and hearts, help us in our healing and help us to re-focus our efforts to continually reach out with love to all those in need, within and beyond our parish community.



Available NOW in the Piety Stall

- Columban Calendars \$9.
- St Vinnies Christmas Cards
- Daily Mass Book \$15



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 this week November 20th.

Please pick up your envelope boxes or letters from the Foyer.

Credit card givers continue with your current arrangements.

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

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers—all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Acclamation: Mark 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: 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.'

Gospel Reflection - Christ the King Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves feel threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned. There may be some comfort for such people in today's gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of the bullies.

The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then

turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee: "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God" Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me..." "Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the

courage to rise above his own suffering and challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, he was and continues to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum in our midst only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness.

The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a merciful God. This feast might serve as a reminder that every year needs to become a year of mercy and of justice.

Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44 First Sunday of Advent Year A

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone

grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

- SMJ Years 5 & 6 celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday and Wednesday.
- SMJ Yr 5 & 6 Mass this Thursday 9.30am in the Church.
- SBC Year 8 Mass in SMJ Church this Thursday at 2pm.
- The Season of Advent begins next Sunday November 27th. See inside for Advent Timetable