



St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th February 2017



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We welcome Fr John this weekend.

We are in urgent need of **Computer Operators** at both 6.30pm and 10.30am Masses. Anita will train you, a ministry open to any age.. Please contact the Anita in the Office 53821155 or see Fr Peter.



Project Compassion Boxes and Sets of Envelopes are available in our Churches

Ash Wednesday Mass Times Wednesday March 1st

Horsham: 9.30am, 5.30pm
Murtoa: 2pm at OLHC School
Dimboola: 6.30pm
Rupanyup: 7pm at Sue Tyler's.

SBC: Liturgy at 12.15 in the College Gym.

All welcome to the Masses or Liturgy. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each Mass and at the Liturgy.

Burning of Palms for Ash Wednesday at SMJ School Tuesday Feb 28th at 3pm

PRAYER for SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source of all healing power. We pray for your blessings and care be upon all those in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, palliative care.

May You be their source of comfort in times of pain, of hope in moments of despair, sorrow and woundedness, their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with the courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and love. Bless **caregivers**, to be channels of your tender love, for they are your hands on this earth. Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, to 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, in Homes and in the Hospital.

SBC Year 10 Mass in SMJ Church this Tuesday Feb 28th at 11.30am.

Bishop Paul Bird has appointed Fr Neville Stanislaus as Parish Priest of Camperdown and Timboon Parishes, effective from May 1st.

From May 1st Bishop Paul has asked the Horsham Parish to look after **Nhill Parish** until arrangements for a Priest to serve Warracknabeal and its other Parishes can be filled. *Please pray for our Diocese over these days and months.*

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GREG O'KELLY, CARITAS AUSTRALIA CHAIR.

I invite you to join with us for Project Compassion 2017. Our Theme this year is "Love your neighbour." The six stories we share with you for the six weeks of Lent reveal some of the ways lives can be transformed when we follow Jesus' instruction to "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matt 22:39). The call of Jesus shakes us out of preoccupation with ourselves. Christ asks us to acknowledge in our lives that we are all members of the one human family. Each one of us is equally worthy of respect and compassion. In Project Compassion 2017 we will demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. When mutual respect is fostered, communities become stronger and more resilient. This can only lead to a better future for our world, the world that Pope Francis has recently called "our common home".

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday Feb 28th	5.30pm	
Wednesday Mar 1st	9.30, 5.30	Ash Wednesday
Thursday Mar 2nd	9.30am	Edward Jackman anniv
Friday Mar 3rd	9.30am	
Saturday Mar 4th	10.00am	Bill Fitzpatrick anniv.

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: Sr Mary Griffiths csb

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonio Chincarini, Dorothy Shalders, Jim Moloney, Mary Grogan, Bill Fitzpatrick, Edward Jackman, Fr John Shanley

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Heather McPhee, Lorraine Holland, Xavier Reicha, Eileen & Bob Arnott, Joan White, Terry Turvey, Joan Glen

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
1st Sunday of Lent - 5th March 2017

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 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

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 3rd.

Natimuk: Our Catholic
Community lead the Service at
the Uniting Church. Gather 9.30
for morning tea, Service at 10.

Horsham: Service is at the
Salvation Army at 10.30am.

Rupanyup: at the Hall at 10am

Murtoa: Anglican Church 10am

Dimboola: Lutheran Church at
10am.



ROSTERS

Feb 25/26	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Tess Hayes Ann Hermans Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts	Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish
March 4/5	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Andrea Cox
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Simon Lynch Joan Parker Peter Gutteridge Sr Jacinta Rice Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz	Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Julie Antonoff
Projector	Gabby Mills	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Gary Coutts	Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalgleish	
Children's Liturgy		Lisa Hermans
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	5th March Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	12th March Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hernon-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 74.00
Horsham	\$ 1139.00	Dimboola	\$ 126.00
Total			\$ 1339.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)

Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals

Envelopes	\$ 1570.00	Loose	\$ 91.40
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1661.40

Making Connections: Put your energy into the really important things of life this week. Let the day to day worries about material comfort go. Set your sights on the kingdom of heaven.

Marriage Tip: "Taking time to rest is not a waste of time." (Susan Vogt) Give yourself a break today or tomorrow – from kids, a chore, worries. It doesn't have to be long to refresh. Take your cue from God, our Creator, who rested on the seventh day.

Daily Prayer: Sustain us with the power of your Spirit, that, in the midst of each day's anxieties and troubles, we may not succumb to self-centeredness or greed, but, as trustworthy stewards of your mysteries, seek first your kingdom and its righteousness.

A Vocation View: "The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness." He can only bring that light if you will be his hands and his feet and his heart in the world. Be people of light.

8th Sunday: Stewards of the mysteries of God— that's what St. Paul says we are in today's second reading. And the first requirement, he says, is that we be trustworthy. Entrusted with the gift of faith, do I share it as gratefully and as generously as I do my time, my talent, and my treasure?

Country Mass Times

March 5th: **Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 8.30am**
March 12th: Dimboola AWC 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30
March 19th: Dimboola Mass 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 10.30
March 26th: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola 8.30.
Murtoa 10.30
April 2nd: Dimboola Mass 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 10.30
April 9th: Dimboola Mass 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 10.30

2017 Lent Program -

Up from the Waters - Brisbane Program.
Hope - Woollongong Program

Both Resources are based on
the Gospel of Matthew (Year A):

**Please sign the list in the Foyer today to join a
Discussion Group or for an individual book**

The cost of the booklet will be \$8.

A copy of the CD is provided.

Eileen McManus Group on Thursday mornings
from 10am in the Church meeting room.

SBC Staff will meet each Thursday at 3.45

There are 60 people involved in groups or studying
individually the Lenten Programs. Thank you.

There are Brisbane books still for sale \$8.

LENTEN REGULATIONS – 2017

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting
and Abstinence from meat.**

On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of
penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

- (a)Prayer: for example, Mass attendance; family prayer,
a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making
the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary.
- (b)Self-denial: for example, not eating meat, not eating
sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or oth-
er entertainments.
- (c)Helping others- for example, taking the family to visit
the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting
the sick or someone who is lonely.

All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet
begun their 60th year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252).

All who have completed their 14th year are bound to
abstain.

*"To love God and neighbour is not something abstract,
but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person
the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concrete-
ly. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Je-
sus" - Pope Francis*



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

U are important.

You cannot spell Ch_rh without u.

You cannot spell Ad_it without u.

You cannot spell Yo_th without u.

You cannot spell S_ccess without u.

You cannot spell S_nday Mass without u.

You cannot spell Comm_nity without u.

The Community and Church needs u. **THANK U**

O God, thank you for a great harvest, may prices improve.

SACRAMENT DATES for Children in 2017

First Reconciliation Times and Dates:

Wednesday & Thursday March 22/23, either day
at either 5pm or 7pm, in SMJ Church

**Parent Meeting for Confirmation and First
Communion:** Thursday April 20th at 6pm in
the Parish Centre.

Masses for Confirmation / First Communion:

Sunday May 28th 10.30am Mass

Saturday June 3rd 6.30 Mass.

Sunday June 4th 10.30 Mass

Saturday June 17th 6.30 Mass

Sunday June 18th 10.30 Mass.

Confirmation and First Communion for
Murtoa and Rupanyup will be on Sunday
October 8th at 10.30 Mass at Murtoa.

Reconciliation will be celebrated in September

Ss Michael and John Parish Remembrance Wall

Our Parish plans a Remembrance Wall near to SMJ
Church, to acknowledge and celebrate people who
have died and who have been part of the story and
history of our Parish, and of your family life.

Parishioners will be invited to purchase a plaque with
name/s and date/s of people. 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.

We are in the process of having a Wall made.

A number of people have left details with Anita for a
Plaque. You can do the same at any time.

A Plan of a wall is below.

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

*This Memorial Wall has spaces for 252 plaques and
is in the shape of a Book*



Child Safety Standards

Ss Michael & John Parish has appointed **Bob Pritchett** as
our Safeguarding Officer.

We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and
wellbeing of children in our care.

A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all
who work with children in the Parish.

Next Sunday March 5th is

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY. May we all
do our bit to keep Australia clean.

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Zion was saying, The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me. Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 61:2-3. 6-9

Rest in God alone, my soul.

In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm.

In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm.

In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him.

Rest in God alone, my soul.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be

found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes: he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

Acclamation: Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one can be the slave to two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money. 'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor

about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry, do not say, 'What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?' It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow, will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

Gospel Reflection – 8th Sunday Yr A Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

"Today's trouble is enough for today!" These are the concluding words of the gospel for this Sunday. We are "not to be anxious". Rather, we are invited to be single-minded in our commitment. The challenge of this gospel is to live in the present, in right relationship and connection with the whole Earth community and to trust in the goodness and providence of God. That is not always easy, especially for certain personalities and under certain difficult circumstances. In *What Makes us Tick? The Ten Desires That Drive Us*, Hugh Mackay claims that there is an epidemic of anxiety in the Western world. He reflects on our need to embrace our connectedness with ourselves, with each other, and with nature. If our innate desire to connect is frustrated or neglected, Mackay believes that the

desire to control and the desire to be taken seriously will "expand unhealthily". It is all a question of balance and of daily attention to the right ordering of our relationships with the material world, with one another and with God. Anxiety inhibits healthy living and impacts negatively on ourselves as well as on our community environments. The challenge not to be anxious appears six times in various forms in this one gospel reading. Three times in this passage Jesus tells the assembled crowd, including his disciples, not to worry. They are not to be anxious about food or drink or clothing. Neither are they to worry about what tomorrow might bring. It is clear that Jesus does not discount the human need for food and drink and clothing, for he states explicitly that God knows that they need all these things (6:32). Jesus' concern is with their "little faith" or their lack of trust in God's

capacity to provide for the needs of all living beings. He challenges his listeners to be attentive to the processes among all living things, such as the way the birds of the air are fed and the lilies of the field are clothed. He also invites attentiveness to the life-sustaining processes at work in our own bodies. The hairs of our head, for instance, grow without any effort or anxiety on our part. Jesus places all this in the context of the right ordering of our relationships with the whole Earth community, expressed in terms of seeking God's kingdom and God's "righteousness". There is an echo here of Matthew 5:6 where those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are said to be blessed and told that they will "be filled". In other words, God will care for them in the same way as God cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields.

Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on

their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Do I really believe that my 'Heavenly Father' knows what my basic needs are and will prompt others to provide for me if I can't manage myself? The first reading brilliantly captures this. The prophet Isaiah gives us a maternal image of God: 'Does a woman forget her baby at the breast ... Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.' Being made in the image of God, if each of us expressed the maternal traits of God to others then they would not need to be anxious about food or clothing.