

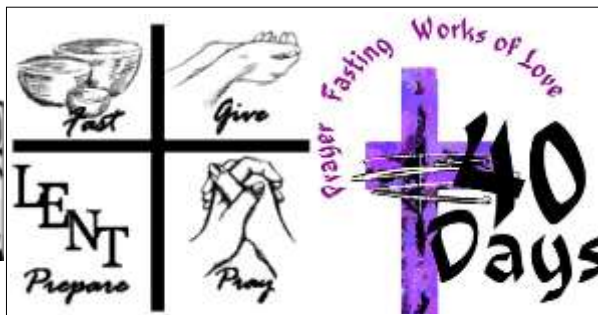


# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Lent - 12th March 2017



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We welcome Fr John.

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism  
 Isla May Burns daughter of Dalton &

Welcome to visitors and family home for the long weekend. Blessings, success on the many activities over this weekend.

Like many other women in Timor- Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. Facing poverty and an uncertain future, she sought refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program in Timor-Leste. **See story inside. Please help families like Martina's through your giving to Project Compassion.**



Project Compassion Boxes and Sets of Envelopes are available in our Churches 65 parishioner are in Lenten Groups or reflecting with a book at home. *Well done*

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday 10am in SMJ Church.**  
 Fr Peter will meet with the Nhill community on Tuesday March 28th to discuss Mass times and pastoral care of the Nhill and Kaniva Parish.

### 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.

Our Parish hosts two Diocesan Education Office Meetings this week, in the Parish Centre. On Wednesday 60 Principals from our Diocesan Primary and Secondary Schools will meet on Governance. On Thursday the Priests of the Diocese will meet with the Principals and Education Office on new protocols and Governance. Please pray for the success of these Meetings.

**WEEK-DAY MASSES:**

Tuesday Mar 14th	5.30pm	
Wednesday Mar 15th	9.30am	<b>SMJ School Years 3 &amp; 4 will attend 9.30 Mass</b>
Thursday Mar 16th	9.30am	
Friday Mar 17th	9.30am	<b>St Patrick</b>
Saturday Mar 18th	10.00am	St Cyril of Jerusalem

**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:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frank Corbani, Sr Marguerite McIntyre sgs, Ron Window, Paul Couch,

**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, Lorrain 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 - 2nd Sunday of the Month**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2017**

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

**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.

**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.



St Patrick's Day this  
Friday March 17th.  
We pray in thanksgiving  
for the faith many of our  
forebears brought from Ireland.  
We ask St Patrick to intercede for the  
Church in both Ireland and Australia.

## ROSTERS

March 11/12	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Bob Hayes Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Ann Hermans Rosie Taylor Maree Plazzer	Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish Faye Wills
March 18/19	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Betty Heinrich	Anna Robertson
<b>Commentator</b>	John Foster	Kingsley Dalglish
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	John Parker Tess Hayes Ann Hermans Silvanna Foster Peter Gutteridge Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pat Williams Joan Whiley	Mary Dowsley Nanette Freckleton
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Emelia Sudholz
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>19th March</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkey Judie Delahunty	<b>26th March</b> Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush Mary Ward
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)</b>		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 90.00
Horsham	\$ 975.00	Dimboola \$ 79.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1144.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)</b>		
<i>Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals</i>		
Envelopes	\$ 4368.00	Loose \$ 32.40
Credit Card	\$ 3082.50	Direct Debit \$ 2036.67
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 9519.57</b>

**Making Connections:** In the Old Testament, mountaintops were important as places of encounter with God. Both Moses and Elijah experienced the power and presence of God on mountain tops, just as Jesus does in the gospel. Where do you experience the most profound sense of God's presence in your life? Where is your sacred place?

**Marriage Tip:** Around the house, married couples work out a division of labor between them. Usually it's based on skills, interest, and time. Is there a particular task you dislike? Talk about it. Then try switching for a month.

**Daily Prayer:** It is good for us to be here! Let us listen with every generation of disciples to your Son, the Beloved, with whom you are well pleased. Then, at his touch, may we get up and go unafraid to tell others about the life and immortality Jesus has brought to light.

**A Vocation View:** The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

### **Country Mass Times**

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

### **2017 Lent Program**

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

**SBC Staff** will meet each Thursday at 3.45.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter.

**CWL Meeting this Tuesday 14th March at 10.30am in the Meeting Room. All Welcome**



We welcome visitors and competitors to Horsham for the competition. We thank the organizers and volunteers. Good fishing!



We pray for the success of Relay for Life this Friday March 17th and Saturday March 18th at Coughlin Park

We thank and pray for all participants and those groups who have raised money for **Cancer research. St Brigid's College students** seek your support and donations, please contact the College on 53823545.

Please pray for our Year 3 children as they prepare for their Sacrament of First Reconciliation on either Wednesday March 22nd or Thursday March 23rd.

**"Stopping brings me to the 'now' of today".**  
*Before turning on the computer, opening the door, getting into the car, answering the phone, stop, pause, breathe, be attentive to the moment, listen, be mindful, be at peace, God is with you at all times.*



*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\_rch 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, in Autumn, bless our lands with good seasonal rain

### **SACRAMENT DATES for Children in 2017**

**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

**80 Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to NOREEN O'CONNOR** who turned 80 last Monday

**95 Congratulations and prayerful wishers to JOE NATOLI** who is 95 this weekend

### **Week 2: Project Compassion Story on East Timor.**



For Martina, a mother of eight in Timor-Leste, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. But at first, her future seemed very uncertain. Timor-Leste is one of the least developed

countries in the world, with extremely low levels of basic health, literacy and income. Most East Timorese live in rural areas, with very limited access to basic services or livelihood training, and many households don't have enough food year round. The shelter where Martina sought refuge, Uma PAS, offered her many ways to transcend these challenges. Uma PAS is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program in Timor-Leste that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community. Through the program, she was linked with a network of support services, and this enabled her to undertake livelihood training and start a small business to support her children. The program also linked her with a supportive community. "Martina is a person who did not want to give up, but wanted to be able to support her family," her counsellor at the shelter says. Through the Protection Program, Martina says, "I have learnt how to change my life to support myself, and my children."

### **Dates for our Calendars:**

**Thursday April 20th: Fr Elio Capra** will speak to our Sacrament Families from 5.30 to 6.30pm,

At 7.30, in the Parish Centre, Fr Elio will hold a Parish Meeting on the theme *Pope Francis's Approach and Vision for the 21st century*

**Sunday October 1st:** Bishop Paul Bird and the Diocesan Liturgical Committee will lead a Sacrament Formation Day in Horsham.

**1st Reading Genesis 12:1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20.**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we

place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**Acclamation: Matthew 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James

and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him!'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**Gospel Reflection - 2nd Sunday Lent Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Last week's gospel invited us into a confronting habitat, namely the wilderness. This week, we follow Jesus and three of his companions to a mountain and eventually a cloud-covered mountain.

Both wilderness and mountain link Matthew's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites of old. Wilderness and mountain also remind us that God's creation is the locus of wonder and mystery. The world we inhabit has an integrity of its own that has not always been acknowledged in our tradition. It is, in a very real sense, God's dwelling place. It is, in addition, the place of human-divine encounter and the place of human encounter with the other-than-human material world. Attention to habitat can lead us to a clearer understanding of our own place

in the scheme of things and to ever deeper understandings of our relationship with God. The "transfiguration" is a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. Jesus struggles with that in the wilderness at the outset. On the mountain top, he comes to terms with what that involves. The disciples see Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, speaking with Jesus, God's new and definitive prophet. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not, however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God, as are all who follow in the way of

discipleship. Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is followed by a reminder that Jesus is soon to meet a violent death (17:23). Jesus' companions get a glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence that oppose God's reign. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We need the good sense to listen and to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience from the most unexpected quarters. If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to resist the temptation to hold on to the moments of glory, and come to terms with the personal cost of being faithful to the gospel mission of justice and peace

**Next Week's Gospel: John 4:5-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no

bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her. 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for

although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'