

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



BULLETIN

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd July 2017



Today we welcome Dr Ian Waters DCL to celebrate our Masses in Horsham and Murtoa. Please make Dr Waters very welcome. We thank him for taking the time to come to our Parish to celebrate Masses whilst Fr Peter is away.

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We welcome Fr John. Fr John will live in the Presbytery whilst Fr Peter is away. Fr John will celebrate weekday Masses & Funerals I thank Fr John for his care and ministry.

There will be a Coughlin Park Board of Management Meeting on **Wednesday 26th July at 5pm** in the board room.

Mass on Tuesday July 25th will be held at **11.00am** for the CWL prior to their luncheon. There will be no mass at 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES (A funeral Mass will replace a week-day Mass)

Tuesday 25th July	11.00am	CWL Mass
Wednesday 26th July	9.30am	Betty Nevill
Thursday 27th July	9.30am	
Friday 28th July	10.30am	Anointing Mass Lutheran Home
Saturday 29th July	10am	Celeste Turri

PRAYER FOR THE SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick brothers and sisters to your loving care.

We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, 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 **caregivers**, as channels of your 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 who are needful of their care.

Give them courage to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands, and when they need your enduring help.

Give them love and 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, and those in Homes and in the Hospital.

Next Anointing Mass will be held at the Sunnyside Lutheran Home on Friday 28th July at 10.30am. All Welcome.

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: Nancy Taig, Sr Aileen Veer csh formerly of Harrow, Sr Marie Feiss csh (Ararat)

ANNIVERSARIES: Celeste Turri, Marjorie Haebich, Ray Coutts, Kieran Hallam, Michael Sordello, Gertrud Pelda, Bill Harrison, Betty Nevill, Margaret Jones

SICK: Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Madeleine Cameron, Joan Glen, Lynn Cooper, Francis Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Joan Glen, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Lorrain Holland, Terry Turvey, Maureen Ryan, Kate O'Beirne, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass (10.25)

Each Saturday Morning:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20
Rosary 9.30. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am

Next Sunday 5th Sunday of the Month
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th July 2017

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 at Parish Office

Meditation Group: Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.

CWL Meetings 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. Meeting Room.

Men's Group Breakfast meetings 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30am in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455

St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-2pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

BAPTISM PREPARATION. 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Church Piety Stall. Gifts for all Sacraments, cards, medals

Affordable Counselling from Centacare Ballarat, for families, individuals. **Free Call** 1300 303 988 for appointment

PARISH DATES:

Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ from October 28th to November 1st. Theme: *Living a contemporary Church life of faith, hope, love.*

Parish Acknowledgement Dinner for Sr Jacinta Sunday November 19th at Coughlin Park at 12nn.

Sunday November 12th: SMJ School Spring Fete

Diocesan Liturgy Formation Day: Sunday 18th February 2018 with Bishop Paul Bird and others.

Sacrament Masses: Nhill Sunday September 17th
Murtoa Sunday October 15th.

ROSTERS

15/16 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes	Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Karen Hill
29/30 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Anthony Amor	Michael Connellan
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Shayne Keenan
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Ann Hermans Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish Faye Wills Cate Rigby
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Lorraine Clancy Pat Strachan	Mary Uebergang Beth Johnson
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	30th July Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	6th August Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush Mary Ward

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 77.00
Horsham	\$ 759.00	Dimboola	\$ 41.00
Total			\$ 877.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1091.00	Loose	\$
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1091.00

Making Connections: We need to accept the imperfections in ourselves and in others to some extent. What do you have to be patient with in yourself? In others? This week, be tolerant of the limitations of others and try to rectify an imperfection in yourself.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The Jewish faith has a profound respect for the name of God and the holy name is never pronounced or even written in full. The Gospel of Matthew is the most Jewish of the Gospels and characteristically always refers to the kingdom of heaven rather than the kingdom of God.

Marriage Tip: Your family is a community. This means that when one person changes a behavior – for good or for ill – it impacts everyone. If you smile, do a favor, give a compliment, it lifts everyone's spirits.

Daily Prayer: Let your church be small as a mustard seed and hidden as yeast is in dough, quietly growing, passing no judgment, slowly becoming a sign of your kingdom, a tree in whose branches all can find room to nest, a table whose bread satisfies the heart's deepest hunger.

A Vocation View: There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

Horsham and Country Mass Times in July

Fr Peter is on holidays in July

July 29th & 30th: Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am
Dimboola AWC 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30.
Fr John will be on his own.

August 5th & 6th: Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am
Dimboola Mass 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30am
Nhill Mass 10.00am

Fr Pat Flanagan will celebrate the Horsham and Murtoa Masses, promoting his new book "What is the Mass".

Fr John will celebrate the Dimboola & Nhill Masses.

Fr Robert McCulloch will celebrate the Horsham Masses August 12th and 13th. There will also be a leaving collection for the Columban Missions



CWL Irish Luncheon

25th July 2017

\$20.00 per head

Commercial Hotel, Wilson Street

12noon start

Must RSVP by July 21st

Contact: Joan 538 12411 or

Frances 5382 1546

Interested in learning more about
the Catholic faith?



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We welcome inquirers into the Catholic Faith, or anyone who may

wish to improve their knowledge of our Catholic Faith, to join our RCIA Program this year. The Program enables people to ask questions, and to be guided by our Parish Team, to be informed and understand the life, Sacraments, Prayer and pastoral outreach of our Church. Inquirers, or anyone who may be interested, are invited to contact the Parish Office on 53821155.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons

- 30 July

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims. In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The United Nations designated **July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons**, declaring that such a day was necessary to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights." This is an issue that affects people in Australia as well as round the world. You can find more info at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/index.shtml> and <https://acrath.org.au/>

Support
**Horsham's
Christian
Emergency
Food Centre**
by buying a
sausage or drink

**Sunday
30 July '17
9am - 4pm**

**BUNNINGS
warehouse**

**SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**

Parish Pastoral Council Members: Chris Robarts (Chair), Mary Marshall, Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Gary Typuszack, Alison McKinnon, Lesley Price, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Joan Lane-Storey, Margaret Lingham, Gary Coutts, Anita Masiero (Secretary)

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July Lapsed Christians.

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Child Safety Standards. Sts 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. We have uploaded onto the **Parish Website the Code of Conduct** that complies with Child Safety Protocols, for Parish staff, volunteers, Parish Council, Liturgical Ministers, Children's Liturgy, contractors.
Our Parish is committed to be a child safe community

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Resp Psalm: Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd Reading (JB) Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Acclamation: cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be

burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Gospel Reflection -16th Sunday**Veronica Lawson**

Some time back, my great-nephew met with an unwelcome refusal from his father. His response: "Dad, I am not impressed with what I'm hearing!" Like young Izaak, I suspect that most experienced gardeners and farmers and bakers would have something similar to say at Jesus' choice of images for God's empire of the heavens. They would be particularly unimpressed, I expect, by the methods of the farmer-gardener God presented in today's gospel reading. Leaving weeds to endanger the wheat crop seems none too smart. Mustard, known for its propensity to grow wild and threaten the life of every other plant in the garden, makes for an equally strange image. God's empire imaged as a baker woman taking yeast, a substance considered a corrupting influence in the first century Jewish world, and mixing it into twenty kilos

of wheat flour, stretches the imagination in other directions. These images cut across expectations quite dramatically. What do they tell us about God's kin-dom of the skies? In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, there is a movement from small to great that communicates something about the power of God to bring abundance of life from the most insignificant beginnings. They don't seem to fit with the parable of the wheat and the weeds until we look a little more closely. The element of danger to the life of the whole is common to all three parables. Maybe Matthew's Jesus is telling us that God is a God of risk, prepared to allow the weeds and endangering herbs and other dubious substances to "infect" God's field. Harvest-time will be time enough to divide the wheat from the weeds. In the meantime, the good seed must take hold. In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, Jesus may be telling his

hearers that their idea of infection or danger is different from his. At one level, he engages the more-than-human and talks about respect for the complexity of eco-systems. At another, he is talking about societal inclusion: the very people that many consider unclean or sinful or demon-possessed are not to be displaced from God's field or God's table. On the contrary, they may be the very ones who season the life of the whole. Life is messy after all and God is in the mess. It is worth noting that the leaven parable offers one of the few occasions in the gospel where God is imaged as female. While we are all aware that God is neither male nor female, most of us have been conditioned to use only male images for God. The parable of the woman kneading dough validates the potential of female experience to reflect the life and activity of God in our world.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a

field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a

merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'