

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

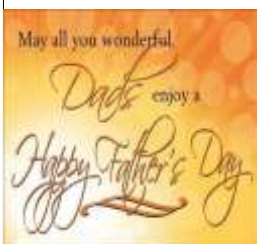
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd September 2017



**BALLARAT CLERGY
SUPPORT FUND
Collection for Sick /
Retired Priests
ANNUAL
COLLECTION
TODAY**

Envelopes are in the Foyers.

**There is a LEAVING
COLLECTION at today's Mass
A credit card facility is available for
your convenience, contributions over
\$2.00 are tax-deductible**



May God's bless
Fathers,
Grandfathers,
special friends.
We welcome SMJ
School as they

lead our Ministries at 10.30 Mass,
we thank the children for the gift
for dads and grandies.
We thank Chris Robarts for music
May your families be blessed.

PRAYER FOR 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, they are your very hands on 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 Hospital.

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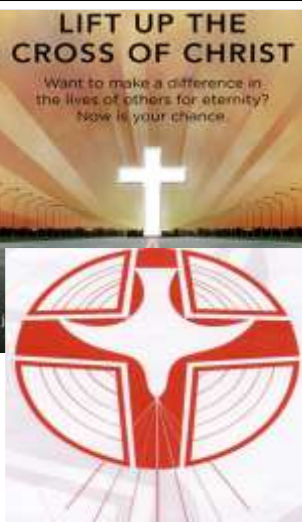
SCHOOLS

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St Brigid's College
Principal: Peter Gutteridge
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Our Lady Help of Christians
Principal: Gary Typuszak
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- We welcome Fr John.
- Fr Damian Heath will be with us next weekend for the Horsham Masses.



50 years ago the Charismatic Renewal of the Church began. Catholic Charismatic Renewal has the Charismatic Cross on pilgrimage across Australia.

The Cross will be in Horsham from this Thursday Sept 7th to Sept 12th.

- Charismatic Prayer Service this Thursday at 7pm in the Church.
- Healing Mass on Tuesday Sept 12th at 5pm in the Church.

♦ You can leave intentions with the Cross and these will be offered at the final Mass in Melbourne in November

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

Tuesday 5th Sept	9.30am	SMJ Yrs 5/6 to attend. Enid Matheson ann.
Wednesday 6th Sept	9.30am	Helen Sheehan anniv.
Thursday 7th Sept	5.30pm	Silvio Marchesini anniv.
Friday 8th Sept	9.30am	Birthday of Our Lady
Saturday 9th Sept	10am	



We welcome in Baptism to the Family of God today, Leo & Sidney the twin sons of

Andrew & Chelsea Millemaci.

Their Baptisms will be celebrated during 10.30am Mass today.

SMJ SCHOOL FUN RUN this Friday around the School grounds, begins at 12 noon. All families are 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: Moira Coates (twin sister of Pat Sheridan), Patrick Weldon (CFF, died in Ireland)

ANNIVERSARIES: Helen Brennan, Ann Reinsma, Fr. Bob Markey, Ivan Keenan, Silvio Marchesini, Enid Matheson, Kath & Frank Delahunty

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, Jean Ivess, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Lorrain Holland, Terry Turvey, Maureen Ryan, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Fr Paul Mercovich, Heather McPhee, Debbie Nolan

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 2nd Sunday of the Month
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th September 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 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

2/3 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Ann Hermans	Kingsley Dalgleish Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon
Commentato	Garry Heinrich	SMJ School
9/10 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Micky Robarts	Louise Kemp
Commentat	John Parker	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton	Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Pat Williams Joan Whiley	Helene Bush Marina Manserra
Children's Liturgy		Kelly Trebicki
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	10th September Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan	17th September Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 25.300	Murtoa	\$ 88.00
Horsham	\$ 805.00	Dimboola	\$ 66.00
Total		\$ 1009.00	

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelope	\$ 990.50	Loose	\$ 75.50
Direct De	\$ 1575.00		
Total		\$ 2584.00	

Making Connections: The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us immediately of the death of Jesus through which he won eternal life but it also reminds us of our own struggles and sufferings. 'We all have our own cross to bear'. St Rose of Lima, a young South American saint of the 17th century, said, 'Apart from the cross there is no ladder to heaven'. Do you know others who are burdened by a cross at the moment? Try to lift a burden this week.

Did you Know?: The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Sunday's Gospel speaks that rock becomes a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

Marriage Tip: Technology and media are useful for connecting and inspiration but they can also rob you of precious couple time. Set family rules and stick to them.

Daily Prayer: Not by power and popularity, O God, but in suffering and self-sacrifice did Jesus fulfil his call as our Messiah, showing us the cost of discipleship. Do not let us stumble at so daunting a prospect, nor set our minds on the human wisdom that seeks an easier way; let us deny self take up our cross, follow with courage where Jesus leads.

A Vocation View: Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

Country Mass Times:

Sunday Sept 10: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
Sunday Sept 17: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10. Murtoa 8.30
Sunday Sept 24: Natimuk Mass 8.30,
Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am
Sunday Oct 1: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa 8.30.
Sunday Oct 8: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. **Nhill 10am**
Sunday Oct 15: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. **Nhill 10**
Sunday Oct 22: Natimuk Mass 8.30.
Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9.
Sunday Oct 29: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 8.30am



Happy 90th Birthday to Pat Sheridan
for September 4th. Blessings upon you Pat, our condolences and prayers on the death of your twin sister, Moira, who died in Melbourne on August 10th.

CWL Meeting this Tuesday September 5th at 1.30 in the Meeting Room.

All members are welcome, and new members are welcome to come and share in this beautiful ministry of prayer and outreach to our community.

The Baptistine Sisters have been given their Visas, and they are coming to Horsham in October.

Sr Tirsa and Sr Manuela will come to Australia on September 24 with Sr Jesusita, and her vicar, Sr Rosita, they will stay in Ballarat a few days.

Bishop Paul Bird will come to Horsham on Saturday October 7th for 10am Mass
the Bishop will formerly establish their Community which will be named after their Founder, "St. Alfonso Maria Fusco".

There will be Morning Tea after Mass on Saturday morning in the Parish Centre to welcome the Sisters, and in the Church, after Saturday night and Sunday Masses, to welcome them.

Please pray for them and us at this time

The Parish Council will meet before this to plan the welcome and make other preparations.

FATHERS DAY PRAYER: God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in Scriptures: Steadfast in love, sustaining the family, caring for those in need. Give wisdom to fathers to encourage and guide their children. Guide every father with Your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you.

Spring Prayer - Dear God, We rejoice and give thanks for Spring, for bees, for people tending their gardens, animals, cleaning, for the rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth, thank you for flowers, trees, crops, for farmers and forests.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY is on Sunday September 24th

This Year's Statement is titled:
"Everyone's Business: developing an inclusive and sustainable Economy".

The Bishops call for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. Australia has had a long period of economic growth, but the benefits of this have not come to everyone. Pope Francis calls for a world economy that places people at the very centre, and meets their basic needs

SMJ School Community 4 Spring Festival on Sunday 12th November in the School Grounds from 11am to 2pm.

The Fundraising committee ask for your donations of cakes and slices (with a list of ingredients on them for people with allergies) - dropped off on the day of the Fete. Plants and cuttings can be left at the school the week before the Festival



DEMENTIA You are not alone

Lecture by
Assoc Professor Mark Yates,
from Ballarat Health Services.

This Wednesday September 6th in Ss Michael and John Parish Centre
Registration and Expo in Centre 1.30pm – 5pm
Professor Yates Lecture: 3pm to 4pm.
Cost: Free. Afternoon Tea supplied.

You need to register online at:
horsham2017.eventbrite.com.au

Contact Anita in our Office for any help to register.
All welcome.

Child Protection Sunday 2017 Theme "See Me, Hear Me" next Sunday September 10.
Within our Catholic Communities there is horror, anger and sorrow over the abuse of children. Pope Francis says: "Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget, listen to the hurt, sick and marginalized, or among families" As a sentry, each of us plays a part in listening to what the children have to say, making sure that every child is heard and is safe and protected from abuse and harm.
Resources available at all Masses next weekend.

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. Anita Masiero (Secretary)

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. 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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: "Violence and ruin!" The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul

shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Acclamation: cf Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

**Gospel Reflection – 22nd Sunday
Veronica Lawson rsm.**

We all know people in leadership who take themselves too seriously, or who confuse their role or title with their significance in the scheme of things. Some look for privilege and an easy life - leadership of anything worthwhile involves hard work, misunderstanding, and invariably brings opposition. The first part of today's gospel story presents Peter, who has just been declared the foundation rock of the church and given the "keys" of the kingdom, refusing to accept that Jesus' mission will involve suffering, even death. The reader is confronted in this story with the expansive rock face at Caesarea Philippi, and invited to consider the friable properties of the seemingly indestructible rock. Even rocks can be reduced to sand or gravel and a humbler mode of being. For all its seriousness, there is something quite comical about this

story as it unfolds. Peter actually censures or reprimands Jesus. Jesus then sets him straight in no uncertain terms. The "rock" becomes the leader of the opposition, a serious obstacle to God's purposes, a stumbling block. He is ordered back to the place where disciples properly belong, namely "behind" Jesus, "following" him. Matthew provides a striking contrast in this section of the gospel between Peter who "rebukes" Jesus and the Canaanite woman who respectfully and persistently implores Jesus to see from a new perspective. Peter receives a decisive rebuttal, while the woman's plea is heard and she herself is praised for her great faith. Peter's impetuous outburst provides the trigger for Jesus to invite his disciples to think about what they really want. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus is the teacher and the disciples are the students who have accepted the invitation to follow him. That means

living out in their lives the pattern of his life. If they really want to be his followers, then they have to embrace the pain involved in his relentless program of teaching and of healing the sick and brokenhearted. They will also share the "glory". If they choose to put their own interests first, then they will surely lose themselves. It is ultimately a question of choosing life. Peter forgets this for a while and has to be reminded to be true to what he has previously professed. He is not very different from the rest of us. We all need to rethink our choices and to reorder our priorities from time to time if we want to find life. September 1 was the World Day of Prayer for Creation and many churches now celebrate September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) as a Season of Creation. At a time when life on our planet is endangered, we might attend to the gospel challenge of living in ways that help to sustain the life of the Earth community.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I

tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

• **Rupanyup Mass 6.30pm this Tuesday Sept 5th at Sue & Harris Tyler's home. All welcome.**

- We welcome Springtime, after the beautiful rains in Winter. May our crops and plantings come to fruition in this time.
- All the best to Parishioners involved in Winter sports finals.
- We pray for a successful night for OLHC School Murtoa for their Annual School Performance this Wednesday at 7pm. All welcome.