

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th September 2017



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• We welcome back
Fr Damian Heath
with us this weekend for the
Horsham Masses.



**BALLARAT
CLERGY
SUPPORT FUND
Collection for
Sick /
Retired Priests**

**Envelopes in the Foyers.
A credit card facility is avail-
able for your convenience,
contributions over \$2.00 are
tax-deductible**

You can leave your envelope
on the Collection or at the
Office. Thank you.
Given to date: \$385.

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

**The Cross is in Horsham until
this Thursday.**

**Healing Mass this Tuesday
12th September at 5pm
in the Church.**

The Charismatic Team from
Melbourne will attend the Mass
and lead the Healing Prayers
after Holy Communion.

You can come forward and be
prayed over for healing of any
hurts, illnesses, failures etc.

You can bring any family or
friends to be prayed for.

You can write and leave inten-
tions with the Cross and these will
be offered at the final Mass in
Melbourne in November.

Paper and pens are at the Cross

You can take a Scripture Scroll
from the tin to keep and read

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.



We welcome in Baptism to
the Family of God :

Elvie Sudholz

daughter of Bradley and Rebecca

Next Sunday September 17th Fr Peter
celebrates the Sacraments of
Confirmation and First Communion at
10am Mass in Nhill. Please pray for the
9 children celebrating these
Sacraments and their families

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



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

Tuesday 12th Sept	5pm	Healing Mass
Wednesday 13th Sept	9.30am	St John Chrysostom. Jean McManus 30th ann
Thursday 14th Sept	9.30am	Exaltation of the Cross
Friday 15th Sept	9.30am	Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday 16th Sept	10am	St Cornelius

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Ambrose Lim (Singapore, brother of Fr Patrick), Tony Reicha (Terang), John Barber (father of Glenn), Gerard Coughlin (Mt Gambier, brother of Margaret Lawson)

ANNIVERSARIES: Danny Magee, Jean McManus, Monica Shinnick, Tim McArdle, Ann Harrison

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, 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 3rd Sunday of the Month
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th September 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

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 Appreciation 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: Murtoa Sunday October 15th.

ROSTERS

9/10 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
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
Commentator	John Parker	Dianne Noy
16/17 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	John Parker	Kingsley Dalgleish
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Anthony Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes	Kaye Wills Kingsley Dalgleish Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish
Children's Liturgy		Sharon/Teash
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	17th September Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	24th September Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hemon-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 53.00
Horsham	\$ 1027.00	Dimboola	\$ 79.00
Total			\$ 1159.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1212.00	Loose	\$ 64.50
Credit Card	\$ 3542.50	Direct Debit	\$ 2146.67
Total			\$ 6965.67

Making Connections: One of the greatest prayers about peace maker is the prayer of St Francis of Assisi: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Living The Word: This gospel emphasises the worth of each member of the community; we are all interconnected and we are all responsible for others. Love should govern our responses, not the desire to humiliate or chastise.

Marriage Tip: Don't let mistakes ruin your relationships. Put them behind you, so you can move on and grow stronger.

Daily Prayer: God of unity and peace, your Son has taught us that where two or three are gathered in his name he is present in their midst and you will grant their request. Grant us a new heart to presume the goodness of every brother and sister, and a spirit sensitive to the burdens each of them bears, that by loving our neighbour as ourselves we may bear witness to that love which is the fulfilling of the law.

A Vocation View: How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally!

Country Mass Times:

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 10**
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

Child Protection Sunday today September 10. Theme "See Me, Hear Me"

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". Each of us should listen to what children have to say, making sure that every child is safe and protected from abuse and harm.

See Me, Hear Me Prayer

Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children. God, strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help. May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe. Help us to recognize the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse and through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help. Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask you God to provide each of us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer.

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

Sr Tirsa and Sr Manuela will arrive in Australia on September 24 with Sr Jesusita, and her vicar, Sr Rosita, they will stay in Ballarat a few days, and come to Horsham on October 4th.
Srs Jesuita and Rosita will return to the Philippines on October 10th.

Bishop Paul Bird will come to Horsham on Saturday October 7th for 10am Mass where 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 a Cuppa in the Church after Saturday night and Sunday Masses, to welcome them.

Please pray for them and us at this time

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

Men's Group Tea at RSL

All the men & boys are invited to a 'Boys Night In', at the Horsham RSL, on Thursday 21st September at 6pm for drinks and a meal. Guest speaker is Gerry Ballinger, an ex Wimmera Man, Postal worker & footballer. Should be a good fun entertaining night.

Pay your own way.

RSVP: Patrick Ellis 0428847455 or Garry Heinrich 0409523182 by 18th September please, for catering

- SMJ School Foundation Class Liturgy at 12.15pm this Wednesday Sept 13th in the Foundation Community.
- We pray for SBC in their School Review this Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, where all aspects of College life are reviewed through interviews etc with the Panel.
- AGM of the Christian Emergency Food Centre at the Uniting Church Hall this Thursday at 2pm. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERING WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA. Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept those available for 12 mths.
Palms Info Session: Thursday 14 September, 5.30pm-7pm ACU, Building Torney Room, 1200 Mair St, Ballarat
RSVP: joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333

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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God, we the

people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 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.'

**Gospel Reflection – 23rd Sunday
Veronica Lawson rsm.**

What does a just society or community do with its persistent offenders, with those whose behaviour continually disrupts or even destroys the unity of a group? This is an age old question that has no easy answer. The people of South Africa in the wake of apartheid and Timor Leste after twenty-five years of oppression recognised that a too easy amnesty is no solution for violent and destructive behaviour. Offences need to be named and acknowledged by their perpetrators for the sake of community reconciliation and for building the trust essential to the creation of a new future. The processes followed in South Africa and in Timor Leste were similar to those proposed in today's gospel for members of the

church community. The power to deal with transgression is firmly in the hands of the community members. All care must be taken to allow an offender to acknowledge the offence in private. If that fails, the matter is referred to a group of two or three witnesses, in line with Israel's ancient legal practice (Deut 19:15). The next step is referral to the assembled community. A person who refuses to listen "to the church" is to be treated as a Gentile or a tax-collector. The meaning here is not at all clear. Some scholars suggest that the Matthean Jesus is proposing exclusion from the community of those who refuse to listen. Others consider that he is advocating the sort of compassionate approach that Jesus has personally shown to outsiders, to those in need of conversion. If our personal efforts to

resolve conflict are unsuccessful, we do well to seek the wisdom of others. Jesus, God-with-us, is present in the assembly. We have that assurance. We also have the assurance that our failure to deal with transgression can leave a person unreconciled. We need to "loose" the sins of those who acknowledge their offences. In other words, we are called to forgive them and thus set them free from the burden of their sins against us. This does not mean that we overlook or in any way condone offences. In response to a request from Pope Francis, this Sunday has been named Child Protection Sunday, a Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse. While the gospel passage focusses on offenders, our first concern must be with those who suffer at their hands.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the

servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all

that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

- Fr Robert McCulloch offers sincere thanks to Parishioners for your generosity to the Pakistan Columban Mission. \$2054.80 given.
- SBC have their Mission Day Mass and Fete on Friday September 22nd. Mass at 11am in the College Gym, Fete after. All welcome.