

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st October 2017



The Baptistine Sisters

We welcome to Horsham and the Ballarat Diocese Sr Tirsa and Sr Manuela.

Together with Sr Jesusita, Provincial, and her vicar, Sr Rosita, they arrived in Horsham on Friday. Srs Jesusita and Rosita will return to the Philippines on October 10th.

Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass next Saturday morning October 7th at 10am,

to formally establish their first Australian Foundation Community which will be named after their Founder "St. Alfonso Maria Fusco".

There will be **Morning Tea after Mass next Saturday morning October 7th** in the Parish Centre to welcome the Sisters.

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, their source of hope in moments of despair, sorrow, woundedness, 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, to 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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Sr Manuela, Sr Tirsa. Srs Rosita, Manuela, Tirsa, Jesusita

Fr John is supplying for Fr Eric Bryant in Stawell this weekend and October 8. Please note changes in Country Mass/AWC times.

Fr Damian in Horsham next weekend



Daylight Savings begin tonight Sunday Oct 1st. Before bed tonight Saturday put your clocks **FORWARD 1 hour.**

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 3rd Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus & Guardian Angels
Wednesday 4th Oct 9.30am	St Francis of Assisi
Thursday 5th Oct AWC 9.30	Ladies Reflection Day
Friday 6th Oct 9.30am	
Saturday 7th Oct 10am	Our Lady of the Rosary

Welcome to visitors for the school holidays, for MotorCross championships, the Horsham Show. Enjoy, be safe

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: Gavin Frew, Renato (Mick) Roiter (brother Corrado & Gino), Fr Paul Coleman SJ, Lyn Couper

ANNIVERSARIES: Bruce Chamberlain, Gertie Brophy,

SICK: Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Joan Glen, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Jean Ivess, Gemma Bronkhorst, Terry Turvey, Debbie Nolan, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Lorrain Holland, Maureen Ryan, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Una Bartlett, Brendan Kennedy

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 4th Sunday of the Month
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th October 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 Meeting will be at the RSL on Thursday 21st September at 6pm. 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.

Mass on Tuesday October 3rd will celebrate the Feasts of St Therese of the Child Jesus (Oct1) and Guardian Angela (Oct2)

ROSTERS

30 Sept/1 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce	Andrea Cox Faye Wills Kingsley Dalgleish Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Russell Reid Mary Dalgleish
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Andrea Cox
7/8 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Anthony Amor	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Angela Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor	Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Angela Stephens Lyn Starr
Prayers	Lesley Price and Mary Dalgleish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	8th October Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush	15th October Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 23.00	Murtoa	\$ 85.00
Horsham	\$ 907.00	Dimboola	\$ 25.00
Total			\$ 1040.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 906.00	Loose	\$ 81.00
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 987.00

Making Connections: Each night this week, reflect on your day. What were the 'no' moments? What were the 'yes' moments? What 'no' of today might you make a 'yes' of tomorrow?

Marriage Tip: Speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others. Pick a person to lavish love on who may not appear to deserve it.

Daily Prayer: Let your Spirit make our hearts docile to the challenge of your word, and let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus: may we walk the path of obedience and sacrifice, finding in the self-emptying love of the cross, the way to exaltation and glory at your side.

A Vocation View: We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.

"What is easier, sweeter, more pleasant, than to love goodness, beauty, and love - the fullness of which you are, O Lord, my God?" (St. Robert Bellarmine.)

'Deep inside each of us, like a brand, there is a place where God has touched, caressed, and kissed us...When our ear is pressed to God's heart - to the breast of all that is good, true, and beautiful- we hear a certain heartbeat and we remember, remember in some inchoate place, at a level beyond thought, that we were once gently kissed by God.' - Fr. Ron Rolheiser

Country Mass Times:

Sunday Oct 8: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. **Nhill 10.**
Sunday Oct 15: Dimboola 8.30. **Murtoa 10.30.**
Sunday Oct 22: Natimuk Mass 8.30.
Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
Sunday Oct 29: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. **Nhill 10.**

• **Year of Youth 2018** A Year of Youth for Australia has been declared for 2018 by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference with the theme *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. The Year commences at the start of the new liturgical year on December 3, 2017 (the first Sunday of Advent) and concludes at the end of Ordinary Time in 2018 (November 25, Christ the King). Resources in support of the Year of Youth will be available, convened by both the Ballarat Diocese & Catholic Education



Last Tuesday September 26th was the **139th anniversary of the Foundation of the Baptistine Sisters by St. Alfonso Maria Fusco in Salerno Italy**, for the education and human promotion of children and youth and evangelisation of people.

CARITAS APPEAL for African Famine, Mexico Earthquake, Cyclone Damage in the Caribbean
Today is Social Justice Sunday 2017. In solidarity with more than 20 million people in Africa who are facing starvation and famine, and these natural Disasters, Caritas Australia seeks donations. **Please place donations in an envelope marked "Caritas", and place on the Collection or leave at the Office.**

"When Life is Ending" a Church based response to the proposed changes to Victorian law regarding assisted suicide and euthanasia is available in the foyer.

All the best for **MURTOA'S BIG WEEKEND** next weekend Oct 7/8. Stick Shed open, Races, Ecumenical Church Service on Sunday. We celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion for 4 children at Murtoa on October 15th at 10.30 Mass. Please pray for the children and their families

120 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN CHARLTON
October 20 & 21 21, 2017, also Charlton Show weekend. We invite any past pupils and staff to attend our celebrations. Please contact Anne, ph. 0408 547 973 for further details.



The Catholic Women's League invite all women to a Reflection Day this Thursday October 5th Led by Sr Jacinta Rice "Finding God in Everyday Living" Parish Centre at 10am.

AWC 9.30 in the Church. BYO lunch, cuppa supplied. Reflection ends 1.30pm. CWL Meeting 1.30



SMJ School Community 4 Spring Festival on Sunday 12th November in the School Grounds from 10am to 2pm.

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

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

This project helps bring a little joy and hope to children in need in the Asia-Pacific Area, with a gift-filled shoebox around Christmas each year. Shoebox items include something to wear, to love, something for school, something to play with and something for personal hygiene. **If you are able to help, boxes are available from the Piety Stall for 50c, along with a brochure containing the information you need.**

SENIORS WEEK October 8 to 14. Horsham launch Monday Oct 8, at 10am at Town Hall. Scones, cuppa.

A Copy of the Statement on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is in the Foyers today.

Season of Creation 2 September - 4 October Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

Pope Francis from Laudato Si'

Feast of St Francis of Assisi this Wednesday Oct 4th.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (Chair), 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 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right

path; he teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the

knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Gospel Reflection – 26th Sunday

Veronica Lawson rsm.

What does one do with passive-resistant behaviour? This is a question that many of us have to confront at some time because there are people in every walk of life who make an art form of saying yes and failing to follow through with action. Such people can seriously undermine the most worthy of projects or plans. We meet them in today's gospel. And what do we make of the slow starters, those who take time to come on board? We see them in today's gospel as well.

Changing one's mind is not greatly valued in our society. It is seen as a sign of weakness. For evidence of this, one has only to listen to the taunts in parliament when one of our political leaders changes course in the light of new information. I suggest that changing one's mind can be an act of great courage and humility, even heroism. This is particularly so

if it involves abandoning a self-serving direction for the sake of justice or compassion or the "common good". Jesus addresses most of his parables to the disciples. In this instance, however, his audience comprises the chief priests and Jewish elders who have challenged his authority. Earlier in the chapter, this same audience is allied against Jesus (21:15). They are angered by the "amazing things" he does and by the public recognition he receives from the children in the temple. The parable is part of his response to these temple authorities. Like the second son, the temple authorities profess to do the will of God, but their actions belie their words. Jesus spells out the meaning of the parable as it relates to the disjunction between what they say and what they do. They rejected the prophet John who came to them "in the way of righteousness". The tax collectors and prostitutes, "sinners"

to the authorities, accepted John's message, albeit belatedly like the first son, and are making their way into God's empire "before" the guardians of the religious institutions. Voluntary changes in behaviour often come from a change of heart, from the "metanoia" of the gospel. There are some few who change course and make of their whole life, what they opt for as their future. Blessed Oscar Romero, former archbishop of San Salvador, for example, was initially slow to speak out against his government's suppression of basic human rights. He knew the cost of opposing the authorities. On March 23, 1980, he called on the soldiers, as Christians, to stop carrying out the government's repressive orders. The following day, he was assassinated. There is always a cost in the pursuit of justice, generally less dramatic than the cost to Romero. Today's parable invites us to act what we profess as Christian disciples.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and

stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he

do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing, it is wonderful to see? The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to people who will produce its fruit.'

Mass at SMJ Church on Sunday November 12th will be at 9.30am (SMJ School Fete Day)