



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th October 2017



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We welcome Sr Manuela (left) and Sr Tirsa (right) to our Parish and Diocese. They will be in the Parish Office each day, from this Tuesday. Sr Manuela will work for the Diocese, Sr Tirsa across our Parishes



We pray for God's blessing on the final term of the School year. SMJ and OLHC begin classes this Monday 9th, SBC begin classes on Tuesday 10th. SBC Year 12's finish their schooling on October 25th with a Liturgy. Our prayers are with them these weeks.

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.

Fr John is supplying for Fr Eric Bryant in Stawell this weekend
We welcome Fr Damian for Horsham Masses this weekend

Rupanyup Mass this Wednesday Oct 11th at 6.30 at Weidemann's.

Natimuk Nursing Home Mass this Wednesday 11th at 4.15pm.

Fr Peter will be celebrant at the Vigil Mass at Charlton this Thursday at 7pm for Fr Paul Mercovich, and will attend Fr Paul's Funeral in St Arnaud on Friday.

We pray for the children and their families at Murtoa as they celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at St Mary's Church Murtoa at 10.30 Mass next Sunday October 15th.
Finnian Delahunty, Banjo Golder, Dillon and Leteshya Mitchell, Bella Noonan

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

Tuesday 10th Oct	5.30pm	Una Purcell anniv.
Wednesday 11th Oct	9.30am	St Pope John XX111. Terence McManus ann
Thursday 12th Oct	9.30am	John & Dorothy Drum annivs.
Friday 13th Oct	AWC 9.30	
Saturday 14th Oct	10am	100th anniversary of Fatima

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Brendan Kennedy, Sr Paula O'Callaghan csb, Tess Pilkington, Cilla Fay (Ballarat - mother of Rick),

ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Macchia, Una Purcell, Jenny McLaurin, Jock Panozzo, John & Dorothy Drum, Terence McManus, Beverley Delahunty.

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, Rachel O'Connor

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
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th October 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 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.

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

ROSTERS

7/8 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
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
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Angela Murphy
14/15 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Emelia Sudholz	Michael connellan
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Eileen McManus
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Hermans Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker	Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Kingsley Dalgleish Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish
Projector	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Gary Coutts	Denise Vallance Mary Brown
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	15th October Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan	22nd October Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 117.00
Horsham	\$ 832.00	Dimboola	\$ 76.00
Total			\$ 1025.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1762.00	Loose	\$ 131.00
Credit Card	\$ 2642.50	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 4535.50

Making Connections: This week, I will be fruitful in these ways.....

Marriage Tip: Can social media harm your marriage? It may start out innocently, just reconnecting with an old friend. Then you start sharing interests and news that you haven't told your spouse. Be cautious: Online intimacy can grow and seem more exciting than real life.

Daily Prayer: Who can they be, God and master of the vineyard, the tenants who have failed to produce the fruits of the kingdom, rejecting your prophets, rejecting your Son? Break our hardened hearts, pierce our self-righteous souls, and reveal this parable; that laying aside our judgment of others, we may attend to our own fidelity in bearing fruit for your kingdom.

A Vocation View: An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.



"You are loved. You are worth it. The same God that crafted the galaxies is restless to spend eternity with you. That same God, our Father, has a special plan set out for you. He loves you. He desires you. God has entrusted you with a special mission. He is working through you. No one else can play your part."

Country Mass Times:

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.

Sunday Nov 5th: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30

CARITAS APPEAL for African Famine, Mexico Earthquake, Cyclone Damage in the Carriibbean

Please place donations in an envelope marked "Caritas", and put on the Collection or leave at the Office.

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 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, *Our Parish is committed to be a child safe community*



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.**

**VICTORIA SENIORS WEEK October 8 to 14.**

Horsham launch Monday Oct 9, at 10am at Town Hall. Scones, cuppa. Blessings on our Seniors for this week of activities and gatherings.

PARISH MISSION

Saturday October 29th to Wednesday November 1st Mission Program with Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Saturday Oct 28th & Sunday 29th - Fr Richard will celebrate Horsham and Murtoa Masses.

Session 1: Monday 30th October: Mass at 9:30 in SMJ Church
Mission Session 10am

"Going out to the world: we need all the help we can get" One of the richest things Catholics take the world is our tradition. Some people think Catholic Tradition is a static bloc of doctrines that must be imparted to our young. By looking at Mary, the Mother of Jesus we will see how our tradition is rich and responsive to the needs of today. Followed by Morning Tea at 11.15am

Monday evening Mission Liturgy: 7:15pm in Parish Centre

(Repeat of Session 1 from the morning) Followed by supper 8.45pm

Session 2: Tuesday 31st October: Mass at 9:30 in SMJ Church

Mission Session 10am. Followed by Morning Tea at 11.15am

"Nine steps to making better choices for my life" On the strongest elements within the Catholic tradition is the process of discerning the promptings of God in my daily life. How can we practically apply the best of our Christian spirituality to the choices we make at home, work and the wider community?

Tuesday evening: Mission Liturgy: 7:15pm in Parish Centre

(Repeat of Session 2 from the morning) Followed by supper 8.45pm

Session 3: Wednesday 1st November: Mass at 9:30 in SMJ Church

Mission Session 10.00am. Followed by Morning Tea at 11.15am

"Where the Hell is God? Holding to Faith through the Tough Times." Our faith in God is easier when everything is going well. But what about the times in our lives when it is challenged, undermined and threatened by the things that happens to us, or those we love? This critical session will help out words around how we can believe in a God who walks with us in the "valley of tears"?

Wednesday evening: Mission Liturgy: 7:15pm in the Parish Centre

(Repeat of Session 3 from the morning) Followed by Supper at 8.45pm



1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its

walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Acclamation: cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made

known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 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 and it is wonderful to see?' 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Gospel Reflection – 27th Sunday

Veronica Lawson rsm.

Today's Gospel features a parable about an absentee landowner with slaves to do his bidding. Commentators focus on almost every aspect of this parable: the landowner, the tenants, the fate of the "servants" and of the landowner's son, the interpretive comments that Jesus offers the chief priests and elders to whom the parable is addressed, the prophetic inter-texts and the allegorical elements in the text. Few consider the role or the fate of the slaves as slaves in the parable. Our contemporary sensibilities in relation to slavery invite a new reading of such texts, a reading that at the very least critiques the power that some exercise over others. The frequent translation of the Greek *doulos* as "servant" rather than as "slave" masks the underlying reality that some

members of the community, even within the circle of believers gathered at the Eucharistic table, were actually the property of others in the community. The fact is that nobody in the ancient world, not even Jesus, questioned this situation. It is not surprising, therefore, that the slaves in today's parable are considered by the "tenants" to be dispensable. Their role is to collect the produce from the harvest on behalf of the absentee landowner. We can surmise that the "tenants" have legitimate grievances against the landowner. They clearly have no intention of parting with any portion of the produce, presumably the tax imposed on them as a condition of their tenancy. They react violently when confronted by the three slaves who are the landowner's emissaries. They beat one slave, kill another and stone yet

another. Their treatment of the slaves is an implicit acknowledgement that the slaves represent the landowner whose demands they refuse to meet. The landowner risks the lives of other slaves by sending yet another and bigger delegation. This second group of emissaries meets the same fate as their predecessors. Finally, the landowner sends his own son in the expectation that the tenants will show him the respect they have denied the slaves, his property. In fact, the son receives the same treatment as the slaves. He too is dispensable from the perspective of those wanting to seize "the inheritance", to take control of the vineyard for their own purposes. As we reflect on gospel stories that take slavery for granted, we might commit ourselves to eliminating all exercise of power over others or over any "vineyard" entrusted to our care.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding."

But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." These servants went out on to the roads and collected together

everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." Many are called, but few are chosen.'