

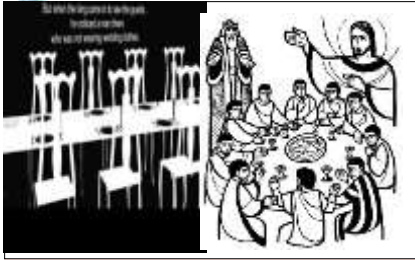


# Sts Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th October 2017



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Principal: Gary Typuszak

**We welcome back Fr John**



We congratulate and pray for the children at Murtoa today who celebrate their Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion:  
Finnian Delahunty,  
Banjo Golder, Bella Noonan  
Dillon & Leteshya Mitchell

We pray for SBC Year 10's and Staff on their annual Retreat in Melbourne this week



*Whoever Drinks of The Water That I Shall Give, Will Never Thirst Again - John 4:14*

Next weekend our parish will hold the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.

This year the Appeal supports the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Nha Trang, Vietnam as they work to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions.

Freecall: 1800 257 296

[catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam](http://catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam)

**MISSION APPEAL ENVELOPES ARE IN THE FOYERS**

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Sisters Manuela and Tirsia are now in their rented Unit in Bowen Street.

They are in the Parish Office daily, as they learn to drive here and thus become active in our Parish.

### 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.



We welcome in Baptism to the Family of God :

**Aysha Louise Lang**

daughter of Heath and Emma

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

**this Thursday Oct 19th**

**7.30 to 8.30 in the Parish Centre.**

All fathers and sons, single men, are welcome. Free breakfast, prayer, chat.

### 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 17th Oct	5.30pm	St Ignatius of Antioch
Wednesday 18th Oct	9.30am	St Luke
Thursday 19th Oct	9.30am	
Friday 20th Oct	9.30am	
Saturday 21st Oct	10am	Fr Dan Boylan, Bill Toleman annivs.

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** Zilla Fay, Lenie Stoop (Holland-Aunt of Anita Masiero)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Richard F Walsh, John Young, Mary Fernee, Dan Landrigan, Fr Dan Boylan, Bill Toleman

**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, Margaret McKinnon

**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  
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd October 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

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 Nov 12th is now at 9.30am (SMJ School Fete)**

## ROSTERS

14/15 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	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
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Eileen McManus
21/22 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Anthony Dowling
<b>Commentator</b>	Tess Hayes	Bob Pritchett
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker	Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judy & Hugh Delahunty	Helene Bush Marina Manserra
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Cassandra
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>22nd October</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	<b>29th October</b> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

### FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 114.00
Horsham	\$ 1020.00	Dimboola	\$ 137.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1271.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1400.00	Loose	\$
Credit Card	\$ 2076.67	Direct Debit	\$ 630.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 4106.67</b>

**Making Connections:** Be aware this week of how you respond to invitations. Issue an invitation to others and share hospitality with them.

**Marriage Tip:** Do we recognize the wonderful works of the Lord in our lives and marriage? Give thanks to God for the gift of your life and your spouse.

**Daily Prayer:** Open our community to all who seek you, and adorn it with that rich diversity which is your Spirit's special gift. Let our assembly on each Lord's Day bear witness as a living sign to the banquet of eternal life where all will be welcome.

**A Vocation View:** Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.



We pray for SBC VCE Students in their last full week of School. They have Liturgy of Tuesday Oct 24th at 1pm and final Assembly on Wednesday 25th at 12.20

♦ **SBC School Advisory Council AGM** this Wednesday at 7pm in the **College Board Room**

**Country Mass Times:**

Sunday Oct 22: Natimuk Mass  
8.30 Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30  
Sunday Oct 29: Dimboola 8.30.  
Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am.

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:**

Chris Roberts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Gary Typuszack, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, 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. Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish

**CARITAS APPEAL**

for African Famine, Mexico Earthquake, Cyclone Damage in the Carribean. Mark envelope "Caritas", and put on the Collection

**Ss Michael & John's Primary School Horsham****SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER****10am to 3pm**

rides & games - arts & crafts - pony rides -  
plant sale - garage sale - undercover market stalls -  
entertainment stage - international cuisine & all day BBQ  
- licensed bar area - devonshire  
& high tea - AND MORE!

**A FUN-filled day for EVERYONE!****Endless Ride Wristband**  
Prize \$25 Day of \$50**FREE ENTRY**

 **SMJ Spring Community Festival**  **SMJ Phone 5382 3000**

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.

**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. Shoebox items include something to wear, to love, for school, to play, for personal hygiene. 50c buy at Piety Stall at Mass

**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 25:6-10**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22**

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name, If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me

in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-** I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**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 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." So 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." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

**Gospel Reflection – 28th Sunday**

**Veronica Lawson rsm.**

The increasing wealth of the mega rich and the growing divide between rich and poor, particularly in the developing world, are challenging us all to consider our attitudes to the planet's resources.

Today's gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to share the riches of God's creation. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all. Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. The privileged are the first to be invited while the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the

initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally. Rather, it invites the reader to critique interpretations that see the king's behaviour as a reflection of how God deals with God's creation. So, what might this story be telling us? If we look again at the despotic aspects of the king's character, we might find there a reflection of our own capacity to look after ourselves at the expense of the poor and vulnerable of our world. We might find an image of our nation's long-term redirecting of the foreign aid budget

in order to keep asylum seekers offshore at staggering expense, some \$6.000 per person per day on Nauru for instance. On the other hand, if we put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet. If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a "right" disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company, and the riches to be shared, we might be drawn to handle Earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good of all the inhabitants of our planet. Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will only be realised when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.

**Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their

malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'



**October 15 to 22**

aims to develop and deliver innovative and high quality services, practices and policies to drive change that benefits all Australians, Australia free of poverty for this and future generations: a fair and compassionate and just society where all can participate in social and economic life, share prosperity and treat each other with dignity and respect.