

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd October 2017



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We welcome Fr John

ANOINTING MASS
at Lutheran Home this
Friday October 27th
at 10.30am

ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE
YEAR 10 PRESENTATION
BALL this Friday October
27th at the Wimmera
Events Centre.

The Presentation will begin
at 8.30pm.

We wish them every success,
and we congratulate the Year
10's on their very successful
Retreat in Melbourne this
past week.



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

Today is Catholic World Mission Day and 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

**MISSION APPEAL ENVELOPES
ARE IN THE FOYERS.**

**We will have a LEAVING
COLLECTION at all Masses.**

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We pray for God's blessings
on our Parish Mission
beginning with our Parish
Masses next weekend.

Mission Sessions on
Monday and Tuesday Oct 30
and 31 at 9.30 and 7.15, and
Wednesday Nov 1st at 9.30
and 7.15

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.

ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE

This is the last week of School for
our VCE Students.

The Year 12 VCE students will
have a Farewell Liturgy at the
College on Monday at 10.45am.
Their final College Assembly in on
Tuesday 24th at 12.20pm in the
Gymnasium.

We pray for the VCE's as they
prepare for their English exam on
November 1st.

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 24th Oct	5.30pm	Graham Taylor anniv.
Wednesday 25th Oct	9.30am	Joe Rice anniv.
Thursday 26th Oct	9.30am	Gordon Matheson anniv.
Friday 27th Oct	9.30am	Mission Mass
Saturday 28th Oct	10am	Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Margaret McKinnon (Fr John's sister)

ANNIVERSARIES: Sandra Murray, Kathleen Edwards, Graham Taylor, Joe Rice, Gordon Matheson

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 5th Sunday of the Month
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th October 2017

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

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 3rd Thursday of the
month 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 Appreciation Dinner for Sr Jacinta
on Sunday November 19th at Coughlin
Park at 12nn. Please write your name on
the sheet in the Foyer today if you are
attending, and if you can bring a salad or slice

Masses All Souls Day Thursday Nov 2nd at
9.30 in the Church and at 6pm at the Lawn Cemetery

Mass at SMJ Church on Sunday
November 12th is at 9.30am
(SMJ SCHOOL FETE DAY)

ROSTERS

21/22 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubit Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker	Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan
Commentator	Tess Hayes	Bob Pritchett
28/29 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Kevin Dunn	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	
Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Geoff Simpson Ann Hermans Lorraine Clancy	Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Tim Lannen
Projector	Gerard Natividad	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Pat Williams Joan Whiley	Mary Uebergang Beth Johnson
Children's Liturgy		Ange
Prayers	Mary Brown and Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	29th October Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	5th November Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 303.00
Horsham	\$ 1027	Dimboola	\$ 44.00
Total			\$ 1370.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1482.00	Loose	\$ 96.05
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1578.05

Making Connections: At first reading, we may be tempted to think that Jesus is separating religious behaviour from political or economic behaviour. While Jesus gives due weight to civic and political duties, his instruction to 'Give to God what is God's' tells us that there is no aspect of human life or activity that can be considered apart from God.

Points of Catholic interest. The Herodians are mentioned only three times in the New Testament as a group within Jewish society (Mk 3:6; Mk 12:13; Mt 22:16). They are aligned with the Pharisees trying to entrap Jesus. They were supporters on the rule and of Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruler of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime.

Marriage Tip: Parents, don't get too busy caring, that you forget the love that brought your child into being.

Daily Prayer: You alone, O God, are Lord, and there is no other. Formed in your image, we bear the imprint of your face and your Name is engraved on our hearts. In a world loyal to other powers, let our lifestyle be governed by the standard of the gospel. As we render to others the freedom of conscience that is their right, we may freely render to you the allegiance you alone deserve.

A Vocation View: We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.

Country Mass Times:

Sunday Oct 29: Dimboola 8.30.
 Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am.
 Sunday Nov 5th: Dimboola AWC
 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (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!



f 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.

PARISH MISSION NEXT WEEKEND

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 45:1. 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10
Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness. Give the Lord glory and honour.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter

conviction.

Acclamation Philippians 2:15-16
Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 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.'

**Gospel Reflection – 29th Sunday
Veronica Lawson rsm.**

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees who were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians who represented secular Jewish power and wealth despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When both were faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition. Their "opponent" in that context was Jesus of Nazareth. No good was to come of their alliance. They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as "teacher", they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with

status and hierarchical division. The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a "no win" position: "Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?" Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intentions and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, "Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest". Jesus' response, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God", can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images? From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches. The

disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God's prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimizing it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus' words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. There are good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. That must be the main criterion for any personal or global alliance.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. "The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The CWL AGM is Tuesday 14th November in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm. All welcome.

SMJ School Mission Mass and Mission Fete Day this Friday 27th October.
Mass 9.30 in the Church.
Fete Day in the School Grounds from 11am.
Families, parishioners welcome

**ANDREW CHINN,
SINGER AND
SONGWRITER**



will be at SMJ School this Wednesday October 25th. Andrew will work with the children in the morning and hold a concert in the afternoon. Families and parishioners are invited to this concert from 2.10pm to 3.10 pm in the Parish Centre. We sing Andrew's songs at our Masses