

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th November 2017



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Parish Appreciation Dinner for Sr Jacinta Sunday November 19th at Coughlin Park at 12nn

Please write your name on the sheet in the Foyer today if you are attending, and please sign if you can bring a salad or slice.

Planned Giving Envelopes to begin on November 19 are now available in the Foyer for collection.

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.

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!

FREE
ENTRY

Endless
Ride
Wristband
Price \$25
Day of \$50



We welcome in Baptism to
the Family of God :

Jonty William Latus

son of Matthew and Connie

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

All donations are very welcome. Tickets for Morning Tea and afternoon High Tea will be on sale at SMJ Masses this weekend.

f SMJ Spring Community Festival

☎ SMJ Phone 5382 3000

**Mass next Sunday November 12th
at SMJ Church is at 9.30am,
to lead into SMJ School Spring Festival in the School Grounds**

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 7th Nov 9.30am Jimmy O'Beirne anniv
Wednesday 8 Nov 9.30am Holy Souls: Fays, Breens, Higgins, Listons
Thursday 9th Nov 9.30am Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Friday 10th Nov 9.30am St Leo. 2pm **Funeral Mass Pat Irwin**
Saturday 11th Nov 10am St Martin of Tours. Remembrance Day

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: Pat Irwin, Eileen Arnott, Christopher Seibold - Brisbane

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Lingham, Kevin Walsh, Tony Panozzo, Maria Panozzo, Antonio Chincarini Jnr, Jimmy O'Beirne, Anthony Bissinella, Kevin and Dennis Conheady, Paul and Vin Mugavin

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, Terry Turvey, Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, 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 2nd Sunday of the Month
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th November 2017**

Horsham **Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 9.30am**

Dimboola **SATURDAY - Vigil - 6pm**

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-12pm 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

Affordable Counselling from Centacare Ballarat, for families, individuals. **Free Call** 1300 303 988 for appointment

November is Holy Souls Month

Holy Souls Mass Envelopes are in the Foyers, if you wish to have a Mass offered for the Holy Souls.

Holy Souls Remembrance Book in the Foyer.
Please add names of loved ones who have died in the past twelve months, or names you wish remembered in our Holy souls Month Masses

**+ Rosary for Eileen Arnott Wednesday night 6.30pm
Funeral Mass for Eileen Arnott Thursday at 1.30**

Columban Calendars \$9 and Christmas Cards available in Piety Store.

ROSTERS

4/5 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor	Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Karen Hill
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Louise Kemp
11/12 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 9.30am*
Readers	Garry Heinrich	Angela Murphy
Commentator	John Parker	Shayne Keenan
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes Micky Roberts Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Kingsley Dalglish Cate Rigby
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Embedded Music	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Alistair Castle Sharon Creasey
Children's Liturgy		Lisa
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	12th November Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan	19th November Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 109.00
Horsham	\$ 943.00	Dimboola	\$ 118.00
Total			\$ 1170.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1461.00	Loose	\$ 183.35
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 630.00
Total			\$ 2274.35

Making Connections: Try to exercise leadership of service this week - in your home and workplace. How are all the faithful called to service? How can we participate in this?

Living the Word: Pray for all who exercise leadership, within your own community. Pray for growth in humility.

Marriage Tip: As the years go on, life can become routine and monotonous. Today, reminisce with your spouse about the early days of your relationship; the memories might reignite the fire of your love!

Daily Prayer: In humility and service, O God, your Son came among us to form a community of disciples who have one Father in heaven, and one teacher, the Messiah. Fix in our minds his sound teaching, and in our hearts his stern warning that neither by robes of office, nor seats of honour, nor titles of respect, can true greatness be measured, but only by deeds of love.

A Vocation View: "Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church needs people who practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice.

Did you Know? Phylacteries and tasselled garments are part of the traditional garb worn by Jewish men at prayer. A phylactery is a small leather box with long black straps. It contains texts from the Scriptures including the great Jewish acclamation of faith, the Shema.

Country Mass Times:

Sunday Nov 12: Murtoa Mass 8.30
 Dimboola Saturday 11th at 6pm.
 Sunday Nov 19: Dimboola 8.30.
 Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am
 Sunday Nov 26: Dimboola 8.30.
 Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am

Australian Catholics Summer Edition and Our Diocesan Community Magazine are available in the Church foyers. Please take your copies



SMJ School Year 6 RACV Challenge Students and Staff invite Parishioners to the School on Tuesday Nov 21st from 10.30 to 12.30, to hear about their preparations for the RACV Challenge.

Mix FM Radio will do a live broadcast of this day. Morning Tea at 10.30, and the different groups will speak at 11.30, 11.45, 12nn 12.15 and 12.30 on what they are doing for the Challenge.

With the resignation of Mr Gary Typuszak as Principal of OLHC School Murtoa, we with many families are deeply saddened. We pray for Gary and his family and are very grateful for his commitment to our School and children. Mr Les Butler, REC at SBC and former Principal at Donald, is acting Principal at OLHC for the rest of this year. Bishop Paul Bird has approved the appointment of Mrs Cathy Grace, from SMJ School, as Acting Principal at Murtoa in 2018. Applications for the Principal role will be advertised early in 2018.

EXAM PRAYER

Loving God, Be with me as I enter this exam. Still my heart and open my mind. Help me to write with confidence and allow me to demonstrate all that I have learned. Thank you for the many people who have prepared me for this time and thank you for the opportunity to bring my learning to this moment. Be with me, as I enter this exam time.
Pray for VCE Students in their exams

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Thursday Nov 16th at 5.30pm

PARISH MISSION

For those who were able to attend our Mission sessions with Fr Richard Leonard SJ this past week, we were inspired and renewed in faith, as Richard touched into our everyday lives, and brought the unconditional love and presence of God into our every day circumstances in family, the Church and the world. Richard referred to the books he had written on the topics of our Mission.

There is a list in the Foyer and at the Parish Office of these books. Please fill in the forms, indicate the books you wish to buy, and return the Form to the Office. The books must be paid for before we can order them.

Ss Michael & John's Primary School



Market Stall Holders Directory

- SILK OIL OF MOROCCO | Haircare, Skincare & Cosmetics
- TUPPERWARE | Kitchenware & Kitchen Storage
- SCENTSY | Scented Wax, Warmers & Diffusers
- NORWEX | Cleaning Goods & Products
- JACKIE KENNETT | Handmade Bath Bombs
- BECS SEWING CREATIONS | Handmade Sewing Items
- LOVEBITES SILICONE ACCESSORIES | Necklaces & Teethers
- KAZAH BUTTON ACCESSORIES | Hair Accessories
- PARK LANE JEWELLERY | Jewellery
- VAY ME! | Personalized Children's Products
- IBBS & THINGS | Handmade Baby Items
- CHEFS TOOLBOX | Cookware & Kitchen Aids
- DOTERRA | Essential Oils
- LITTLE WOODEN TOY BOX | Wooden Toys
- BLUE DRAGON CRYSTALS | Salt Lamps & Crystals
- SUE KEATING | Handmade Greeting Cards
- THE BODY SHOP | Skincare, Make Up & Body Products
- THERMOMIX | Thermomix
- LEREVE | Perfume, Candles, Diffusers & Essential Oils
- LORRAINE LEA | Linen

10am until 3pm at 7 McLachlan St Horsham

SMJ Spring Community Festival

Candle to Remember Deceased Loved Ones. At our Masses on November 18/19 we will bless and give families a candle to take home and light in remembrance of those who have died.

Cemetery Masses:

Dimboola: Thursday Nov 23rd at 6pm, shared tea at Church after.
Nhill: Monday Nov 20 at 6pm.
Rupanyup: Tuesday Nov 28 at 6.30.

ANOINTING MASS AT SMJ

CHURCH: Thursday December 7 at 2pm with Cuppa in Hall after

CATERING VOLUNTEERS

We will have a meeting at 2pm on Wednesday 15th November, to talk about how you feel the changes to the organizing of our volunteers is progressing. All opinions and suggestions will be welcome.

You can contact Betty Heinrich on 0428 328 641

As we are having a review of rosters for funeral catering, would you check your details against the lists in the narthex and conform or make whatever changes are necessary for the next year please. Your participation with the catering for our bereaved families is very important

CWL MEETING AND AGM

Tuesday 14th November.
 Meeting at 1.30pm followed by AGM in Parish meeting room. Subs are now due. All welcome

Leadership for Mission 2018-2019 A Graduate Program for Young Catholic Women aged 25-35.

Combines theological education, faith formation and preparation for mission in a multi-faith world. Applications close Sunday, November 26. For more info and an application form go to <http://www.opw.catholic.org.au/young-women-s-interfaithfellowship/leadership-for-mission-2018-2019>.

We welcome the Principals of our Diocesan Schools to our Parish this Wednesday and Thursday. **Mass with the Principals in SMJ Church this Wednesday at 5.30pm, to which all Parishioners are welcome.**

This Tuesday is **National Thank You Day**. Thank you to you all

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, 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

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its

mother's breast, even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Acclamation: Matthew 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Gospel Reflection – 31st Sunday

Veronica Lawson rsm.

Shortly after I took up a five-year term as elected leader of my religious congregation, I handed the members of my council an article about leaving office gracefully. They objected that we had only begun our ministry of leadership. What was I suggesting? I was convinced then as now that gospel-inspired leadership requires that one hold one's position lightly, ever aware that leadership is a service for a time, an opportunity to create or maintain the conditions for all in the community or organisation to take their own power and to exercise it responsibly within the parameters of their core commitment. Leaders can only call their members to authentic living of their commitment if their own lives are congruent with what they profess.

Today's gospel has particular relevance for all in positions of authority, whether as teachers or leaders of organisations or communities. Appointment or election

to such positions is not for the sake of status or self-aggrandizement. Neither does the specialised knowledge associated with such roles bring with it the right to special privileges. Sadly, both civic and religious leaders can easily develop a sense of entitlement that shifts the exercise of their authority from service to privilege and oppression. That seems to have been the case for certain religious leaders in first century Palestine. Within Second Temple Judaism, the Pharisees were the respected teachers and interpreters of the Law of Moses. Some of them abused their positions and so became the subject of Jesus' scathing and cumulative criticism. They exploited their specialised knowledge to exercise power over the people and create intolerable burdens while at the same time failing to observe their own rules. They sought the adulation of the people through their exaggerated and ostentatious observance of certain religious customs. They are accused of broadening their phylacteries, the little

leather boxes containing the words of the Shema (Deuter 6:5) that observant Jews bound to their heads and arms, and of lengthening the tassels attached to their cloaks (Deuter 22:12). They looked for special treatment, for places and titles of honour, and for public recognition. Matthew attaches to this condemnation of the scribes and Pharisees several loosely connected sayings of Jesus that link service and humility. Greatness lies, not in the pursuit of power over others, but rather in knowing one's proper place in the scheme of things and so recognising that God is the source of all human power and authority. In *Treading Lightly: The Hidden Wisdom of the World's Oldest People*, Karl-Erik Svelby and Tex Skuthorpe demonstrate how the story of one indigenous community, the Nhunngabarra, offers a compelling alternative to hierarchical leadership in our times. *Treading Lightly* offers a vision utterly congruent with the gospel-inspired earth-conscious leadership of Pope Francis.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the

foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

31st Sunday "The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!

Mass for Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul will be on Thursday November 16 at 9.30. Cuppa after Mass in the Foyer.

This Monday is a pupil free day at SMJ and SBC, and Tuesday is a holiday for both schools.