



St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



BULLETIN

Feast of the Epiphany—7th January 2018



We welcome Fr John

Making Connections: What gifts do you bring to Christ and the Church? Gifts establish a special relationship between the giver and receiver. We sometimes call them 'presents' because they somehow make the giver present to the one who receives. Often it is the simplest of gifts which are treasured because they recall to us someone we love. How is Christ 'present' to you?

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The word 'epiphany' means 'manifestation' or 'showing'.

Exploring the Word: Are there people who have acted as your guiding stars in your journey towards Christ?

Sharing the Tradition: The Magi are often depicted as Asian, African and European, representing the three known continents of the time. What is important in this later development is that it retains the original meaning: that Christ came to all nations and is the salvation of all people who recognise him.

Living the Word: How does our parish welcome people who arrive as strangers, either visitors or newcomers to the area?

Marriage Tip: It's a new year – a chance to start over. What's one change you'd like to make for the better? Tell your spouse. He/she can keep you honest and accountable.

From Fr Peter

I wish you my prayerful best wishes, daily prayers and seek God's blessings upon you all for a very happy and peace filled 2018.

I am spending a few days at Barwon Heads with Marie, Angela (my sisters) and Angela's 4 children and their families.

I am going well in my recovery and going on some lovely walks along the beach and Barwon River.

I will go to Nazareth House in Ballarat later this week and do my cardio rehabilitation at St John of God.

I will return, please God, to Horsham on January 24th.

Thank you for your prayers and best wishes, I appreciate them.

I enjoyed my reunion with 11 of my 12 ordination class last Thursday, 3 are now retired and the rest of us keep our ministry active in Parish life.

You will be in my Masses and prayers in 2018.

Fr Peter



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 the sick, to respect their dignity and value 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.

Daily Prayer: By the light of a star, O God of the universe, you guided the nations to the Light of the world. Until this Redeemer comes again in glory, we, with the Magi, seek the face of the Saviour. Summon us with all those who thirst now to the banquet of love. May our hunger be filled and our thirst be quenched with your word of truth.

A Vocation View: Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, went to visit Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him. Then take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all.

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Hudson
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Piety Stall:
2018 Columban
Calendars \$8

"Light and Life to all He brings"

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 121.00
Horsham	\$ 1027.00	Dimboola	\$
Total		\$ 1148.00	

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 791.00	Loose	\$ 82.00
Credit Cards	\$ 2470.83	Direct Debit	\$ 1220.00
Total		\$ 4563.83	

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 9th Jan	5.30pm	
Wed 10th Jan	9.30am	Michael Connellan Anniversary
Thursday 11th Jan	9.30am	
Friday 12th Jan	9.30am	
Saturday 13th Jan	10am	

Notice sheets & rosters

Over January please be aware of any vacancies in rostered ministries. If you are there and can help, please do so. It would be greatly appreciated.

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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Silvio Sartori, Romano Radolovi, Peter Connellan, Alec Pekin, Dan & Ede Pekin, Bridget Jackman

SICK: Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, Joan Glen, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Jean Ivess, Terry Turvey, Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Peter Oakley, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Maurice Brennan, Fr Peter Hudson

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Each Saturday Morning:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am. Rosary 9.20am
Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am. Confessions 10.25**

**Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th January 7th 2018**

Horsham **Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Country Mass Times:

Jan 14th:- Dimboola Mass 8.30, Murtoa Mass 10.30am

Jan 21st:- Dimboola Mass 8.30am, Murtoa AWC 9.00am
Nhill Mass 5pm

Jan 28th: - Dimboola AWC 8.30am, Murtoa AWC 9.00am
Natimuk: Mass 8.30am

ROSTERS

6/7 Jan 2018	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Plazzer Bernadette Trounce Ann Hermans Anne Newton Bob Hayes Joan Parker Tess Hayes	Mary Dalglish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Andrea Cox
13/14 Jan 2018	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Kevin Dunn	Anthony Dowling
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Angela Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Silvana Foster Anthony Amor Geoff Simpson Ann Hermans Lorraine Clancy John Parker	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby
Projector	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Embedded Music	
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Angela Stephens Lyn Starr
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	14th January 2018 Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hermon-Spasic	21st January 2018 Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King

Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation are on the overhead screen today

