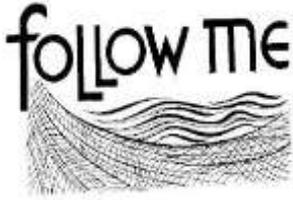


St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—14th January 2018



We welcome Fr John and Fr Damian this weekend.

Prayer for the Youth 2018

Starting this weekend we will be saying the Prayer for the Year of the Youth each week during the Prayers of Intercessions.

Making Connections: Teaching was an essential aspect of Jesus' ministry. But his style was not to merely give his listeners the facts but to draw them into sharing his understanding and way of life. When these two disciples of John show interest in his way, Jesus invites them to 'come and see'; to experience his way first hand by being with him.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. Part of the celebration of the Passover festival was the ritual sacrifice of many lambs so that the Jews could eat the Passover meal. In the story of Exodus, the blood of the lamb was shed so that it could be daubed on doorposts and thus enable the people to escape the angel of death. John recognises that Jesus will be the one to give life for the sake of all. 'Messiah' is a Hebrew word which means 'anointed one'. 'Christ' is the Greek word meaning the same thing.

Sharing the Tradition: Lay people play an increasing role in the Church as part of their vocation as baptised Christians.

Living the Word: Pray for each other as you respond to the call of Jesus. Pray for all those who are in the process of discerning their vocation as Christians.

Marriage Tip: Let your spouse know when you are proud of them and why. It is important to show that you recognize what they are doing for you, your family, and others. They will appreciate your recognition.

Daily Prayer: God of mystery, whose voice whispers our name, God in our midst, whose Lamb walks among us unknown, in every generation you reveal yourself to those who long to know your dwelling place. Speak now, Lord, for your servants are listening. Draw us to you that with you we may always remain.

A Vocation View: A good Vocation prayer to say everyday, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

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.

For the New Year

For the New Year I am the New Year.
I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your next chance at the art of living.
I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned during the last twelve months about life.

All that you sought the past year and failed to find is hidden in me;
I am waiting for you to search it out again with more determination.
All the good that you tried to do for others and didn't achieve last year is mine to grant-- providing you have fewer selfish and conflicting desires.

In me lies the potential of all that you have dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not perform, all that you prayed for but did not yet experience.

These dreams slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of an enduring purpose. I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Christ who said,
"Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5) (Author Unknown)



PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Hudson
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Piety Stall:

2018 Columban
Calendars \$8

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 89.00
Horsham	\$ 831.00	Dimboola	\$ 94.00
Total			\$ 1014.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1443.00	Loose	\$ 114.80
Credit Cards	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 2016.67
Total			\$ 3574.47

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 16th Jan	5.30pm	Silvio & Reginetta D'Agostin
Wed 17th Jan	9.30am	Jock Panosso
Thursday 18th Jan	9.30am	
Friday 19th Jan	9.30am	Raffaele Macchia
Saturday 20th 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: Angela Kennedy, Raffaele Macchia, Silvio D'Agostin, Reginetta D'Agostin, Jock Panozzo

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 3rd Sunday of the Month
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st January 7th 2018**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 5pm**

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 9am**

Country Mass Times:

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

13/14 Jan 2018	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Silvanna 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
Commentator	Micky Roberts	Angela Murphy
20/21 Jan 2018	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Tess Hayes	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Eileen McManus
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Micky Roberts Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Bernadette Trounce	Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Kingsley Dagleish
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Embedded music	
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Gary Coutts	Denise Vallance Mary Brown
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dagleish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	21st January 2018 Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	28th January 2018 Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Resp Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do

your will.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Acclamation: John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.