



St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th July 2018



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We welcome Fr John.

Fr John goes on holidays on July 20th. We pray a safe trip to his family. He will be helping in Stawell for Fr Eric's holidays. He will be back with us on September 23rd.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism today Violet Lauren Fry daughter of Robert and Esther

We pray for God's blessings on the 3rd Term of our School year.

SMJ and OLHC classes begin this Monday July 16th .

SBC Classes begin on Tuesday 17th.

We pray for VCE students, the Staff and the student's families in this important study term.

The new Projectors and Screens have been installed in SMJ Church. It will take time to adjust them. If you have any comments please let Fr Peter or Anita know. We thank our Computer Operators. If anyone would like to be a Computer Operator please see Fr Peter or Anita.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
this Thursday July 19th
7.30 to 8.30 in the Parish Centre.
All men, their sons, single men, are welcome.

Finance Meeting this Wednesday 18th at 11am in the Meeting Room.

The **Defibulator** for SMJ Church has been ordered. Once it arrives we will have training for those who would like to learn how to operate it. We need people who attend each of our Masses. I thank Garry Heinrich for organizing this.



PRAYER : SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust the sick to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon those who care in their own homes, those who work in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain, their source of hope in times of despair, sorrow, woundedness. Be their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them 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. Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are in need 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, to walk with the sick in pain and sadness. Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

7pm to 8pm.

All welcome every Monday Now at 16 George Street,

during the winter months.

Eileen McManus 5382 4745

A time of prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Wisdom to guide our Church to the Plenary Council

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 17th July	5.30pm	
Wednesday 18th July	9.30am	Fr Peter Elder, Fr Bill O'Connell annivs.
Thursday 19th July	9.30am	
Friday 20th July	9.30am	
Saturday 21st July	10.00am	

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: Fr Peter Elder, Fr Bill O'Connell, Nancy Taig, Agostino Masiero,

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen Debbie Nolan, Lorraine Holland, Ken Dowsley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Peter Kelly, Una Bartlett, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Ruby Spasic, Rosetta Cafarella, Carmel Hernon, Betty Fitzgerald, Bill McGrath

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Saturday Devotions: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am. Rosary 9.20. Morning Prayer of the Church. Mass 10am. CONFESSIONS 10.25am

**Next Sunday 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th Sunday of the Month 22nd July**

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

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 9am**

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 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 - 9.30 - 11.30 Evening - Contact the Parish Office - BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation.

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.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group meets in Winter at Eileen's home, 16 George St, every Monday from 7p - 8pm. Further information contact Eileen McManus 5382 4745

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



We invite inquiries from those interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic

Faith. The RCIA is the program that guides this journey. If interested or if you know someone who is interested, please see Fr Peter, Leslie Price, or Sr Manuela. The Program will begin in August

Dates for Our Parish:

SMJ School Grandparents Mass: Friday Aug 3rd 9.30.
Bishop Paul Bird's Parish Visitation: Friday August 24 to Monday August 27.
Secondary School Year of Youth Festival Ballarat: Students from SBC will attend this on Friday July 27th

ROSTERS

14/15 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes Joan Parker Cathy Taylor Peter Gutteridge Volunteer	Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy
21/22 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	John Parker	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes	Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Mary Brown Helene Bush
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	22nd July Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	29th July Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 73.00
Horsham	\$ 949.00	Dimboola \$ 83.00
		Total \$ 1105.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 1176.00	Loose \$ 96.60
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$
		Total \$ 1272.60

Making Connections: How can you live more simply with the things you need rather than the things you want?
Sharing the Tradition: The Acts of the Apostles, written by St Luke as a second volume to his Gospel, tells the story of the early spread of the Church into lands beyond those reached by Jesus himself. Since those first days, the Church has been a missionary. There are people locally who need to see, hear and experience the love of God.
Living the Word: Jesus sends the disciples out on a mission. At the end of the Mass, we too are sent out to continue the mission of Jesus. Being a Christian demands that we share our faith with others and build the kingdom of God, even in small ways, in familiar places.
Daily Prayer: Let nothing, O God, be dearer to us than your Son, no worldly possessions, no human honours; let us prefer nothing whatever to Christ, who alone makes known to the world the mystery of your love and reveals the true dignity of every human person.
Marriage Tip: Don't rush to supply activities when your child complains, "I don't have anything to do!" A certain amount of boredom is a pre-requisite for creativity. You can run yourself ragged to entertain a child. Save energy for your spouse.
Vocational View: Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to re-consider what you are doing and do His work instead.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Jul 22: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30
Murtoa AWC 9am.

Sunday Jul 29: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30

Sunday Aug 5: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am.

Sunday Aug 12: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am

Fr John will be on holidays and helping in Stawell from July 20th to September 20th. Fr Peter will be on his own during this time, with Fr Damian coming on the 2nd weekend of each month. Our Country Mass Times and AWC will be printed on the Bulletin

The Australian Bishops say to us **EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE** as we discern and pray for the needs of our Church, what we keep, what we need to change or adapt



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' Mt 27

BBI eConference:

Synodality in Practice Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change.

The 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in Australia.

On Wednesday, August 8th from 10.00am - 3.00pm in the Meeting Room All are welcome.

Lunch and cuppa provided.

◆ More than 100 Jobs are available at Ballarat's New Mercy Nursing Home Place, to be opened in September.

Website - careers.Mercy.com.au



Srs Tirsa and Manuela with their group at their Acculturation Course in Sydney. They are finding it very helpful, spiritual and engaging with our culture

A Prayer for Winter. Let us each day make our community a place of warmth in our lives as we share the flame of hope and connection. Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit. We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this day, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm. Let us wrap our prayers around them and each other like scarves, and wish each other safe journeys through the storm. May we be insulated from fear as the earth is insulated by snow, and, like bulbs, may we continue to grow and open inside, despite the cold, ready for the spring, to stretch and grow towards justice. Amen.



We give thanks to God for the safe rescue of the children from the cave in Thailand, praising God for the expertise and generosity of the SEAL team and experts from across the world, and to our

Australian Doctor, for a wonderful commitment to saving the children.



At the end of NADOC Week we acknowledge the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Japagulk, Wergaia, Duanbarap (Arapiles) people

Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

The Year 3 students will begin their Eucharist Program from this week, as they receive their booklets.

Their photos will go on display in the Church.

Sacrament Mass Dates:

Saturday August 11th at 6.30 Mass

Sunday August 12th at 10.30 Mass

Saturday August 18th at 6.30 Mass

Sunday August 19th at 10.30 Mass



Corpus Christi College Seminary Raffle 2018

There are 6,000 tickets. **Each ticket is \$10**
The Raffle supports vocations to the priesthood

Prizes: 1st. \$15,000 Travel thanks to Ashmore and James Travel Associates.
2nd: \$500 gift voucher from The Good Guys
3rd: \$200 gift voucher from The Good Guys.
4th: \$100 gift voucher from The Good Guys
(Prizes are valid until August 2019)

TICKET ORDER FORMS ARE IN CHURCH FOYERS

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Fr Peter, Andrea Cox, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Marg Lingham, Cathy Grace, Joan Lane-Storey, Anita Masiero (Sec)

Child Safety Standards. Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** for the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** exists for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish is always child safe.

1st Reading (JB) Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel!"

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading Long (JB) Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the

message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Acclamation of 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 (JB) Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Gospel Reflection. 15th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

To be a disciple of Jesus is to experience a call. It is also to be sent on a mission in partnership with others, a mission invariably expressed in terms of preaching, teaching, healing, and/or driving out of demons or unclean spirits. In other words, it is to be authorised to do what Jesus did and to proclaim what he proclaimed. When we hear of Jesus casting out demons and telling his disciples to do likewise, we tend to think that whatever they did is something that belongs to another time and has little to do with our contemporary society. In the cosmology of the time, there was a realm between the divine and the human that was inhabited by good and evil spirits (angels and demons). The divide between these realms was conceptualised as porous so that humans could be protected by the angels or "possessed" by the demons.

While the cosmology of the twenty-first century has no "place" for such beings, the contemporary imagination allows space for a metaphorical engagement with the angelic and demonic. When we speak of "demons" now, we are talking about something recognisable in human experience, even if somewhat removed from the "demons" that beset the poor in the Roman imperial provinces of the first century. Today's parents spend much of their time casting out the "demons" that beset their children, as do our friends when they sit and listen to the pain in our hearts and help us to let go of the "demons" that so often inhabit our psyches. Many health professionals are paid to heal the hurts as well as the cuts and burns. They drive out the demons of fear and hate and prejudice and of paralysing mental illness. Educators also, aware that learning occurs only when students are relatively free from fear and anxiety, know what it means to

drive out the demons. It is significant that Jesus instructs the disciples to travel light. They need the basics to live and to do their job, but if their mission is to be effective, they must be free from the anxiety that comes from excess. Psychologist and social critic John F. Schumacher suggests that societies with the most material goods tend to be the most anxious. "Mutual respect, community-mindedness, an eagerness to share, reverence for nature, thankfulness and love of life", it seems, are the major ingredients for a stress- or "demon"-free personal and community life. There would be no need to shake the dust from our feet for want of hospitality if that were the way we all chose to live. What's more, there would be enough for all on our planet, the human and other-and-human, to live in dignity and peace.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they

all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

July 20th 1969
First landing on the Moon

**CWL Irish Dinner
on Tuesday July 24th at the
Commercial Hotel at 12 noon.**
All are welcome to attend.
\$15 for a two course meal.
For bookings please contact
Mary Lawson 53825126 or
Frances Plazzer 53821546