



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th July 2018



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This week we celebrate the Feasts of the Founders of these Religious Orders:

July 31: St Ignatius Loyola founder of the Jesuits.

August 1: St Alphonsus Ligouri, the Redemptorists.

August 2: St Peter Julian Eymard, Order of the Blessed Sacrament.

Aug 3: St Dominic, the Dominicans.

Aug 4: St John Vianney, patron of Diocesan Priests.

Aug 8: St Mary MacKillop the Josephites.

May they intercede for our Church and Parish in these changing times

BBI eConference:
Synodality in Practice:
Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change.

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

Wednesday August 8th,
10.00am - 3.00pm
in the Meeting Room

All are welcome.
BYO Lunch, and a cuppa will be provided.

If you are coming please let Anita know in the Office, for catering.



SMJ School
Grandparents and Special Friends Mass
this Friday August 3rd
at 9.30. After Mass all are welcome to Morning Tea in the Parish Centre. At 11am you are welcome to visit your child, grandchild or special friend in their Learning Area

FAITH ON TAP
in the Vic Hotel Beer Garden
Monday August 6th.
7pm meal, talk 7.30.

Guest Speaker
We talk all things faith, theology and living as a Christian in our society.

Contact James & Ema-Lee Rowe 0431053345
All over 18yo are welcome.


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 do care in their own homes, those who work in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. O God be the source of comfort to those in pain, be 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 at 16 George St.
Eileen McManus 5382 4745

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism today
Harper Elizabeth Fischer daughter of Christopher & Micaela

WEEKDAY MASSES:		
Tuesday 31st July	5.30pm	St Ignatius Loyola. Jedda Berry anniv
Wednesday 1st Aug	9.30am	St Alphonsus Ligouri.
Thursday 2nd Aug	9.30am	St Peter Julian Eymard.
Friday 3rd August	9.30am	St Dominic. GRANDPARENTS MASS
Saturday 4th Aug	10.00am	St John Vianney

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: Bill Kennedy, Vera Bigham, Ray Coutts, Toni Besselaar, Mac Honeyman, Joan Perry, Jedda Berry, Bartley Diver, George Morrison, Margaret Jones, Colin Cross,

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Felicity Taylor, Peter Kelly, Fleur Armstrong, Una Bartlett, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Ruby Spasic, Carmel Herson, Rosetta Cafarella, 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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Sunday of the Month 5th August**

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

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 9.00am**

Dimboola **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 in the 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. 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.

Japanese Students Visit

St Brigid's College has 16 students from Matsudo International High School in Japan, here for 3 weeks.

They will visit SMJ Church on Monday and have Mass at 2pm. We welcome them and Yr 8 class at this Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

ROSTERS

28/29 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Sr Tirsa Bale Ann Herman	Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Sr Manuela Andrea Cox Rosie Taylor Kingsley Dagleish Karen Hill
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson
4/5 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Garry Heinrich	Kingsley Dagleish
Commentator	John Parker	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Maree Plazzer Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Anna Robertson Andrea Cox Cate Rigby Faye Wills Bob Pritchett
Projector	Gerard Natividad	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Beth Johnson Zita Cannane
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	5th August Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	12th August Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 37.00	Murtoa	\$ 78.00
Horsham	\$ 938.00	Dimboola	\$
Total			\$ 1053.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1107.00	Loose	\$ 55.65
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 480.00
Total			\$ 1642.65

Making Connections: Try to provide what others need this week. What 'hungers' may have driven the vast crowd to follow Jesus? Reflect together a little on what our world today is hungering for. What great needs in our world need to be met? What are you hungering for at this point in your life?

Living the Word: When we see Jesus' concern for the crowd, his desire to feed and sustain them and his rejection of personal glory, we are reminded that Jesus came as one who serves. As Christians, we too must serve others. Another symbol here is that of the messianic feast. This image was used in the Hebrew Scriptures to describe the time when the messiah comes; all will be filled to abundance.

Daily Prayer: We lift our eyes to you, O God, we stretch out our hands in supplication. What you give we will share, for you have made us one body in one Spirit. Sustain us with your word and food whom you have called to one hope, let nothing be lost that you have bound together in love, peace.

Marriage Tip: Saying "I love you" out loud is important, but sometimes indirect gestures of love make an even stronger impact. Be creative. Put your love in writing as a love letter or a short "sweet note" hidden in some unexpected place where your spouse will find it.

Vocational View: Today St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.' That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Aug 5:Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am.
Sunday Aug 12:Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am
Sunday Aug 19:Dimboola AWC 8.30.Murtoa Mass 8.30
Sunday Aug 26:Natimuk Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
Dimboola Mass 10.30. Nhill Mass 5pm

**Fr John is on holidays from July 20th to September 20th, including supplying for Fr Eric in Stawell.
Fr Damian coming on the 2nd weekend of the month**

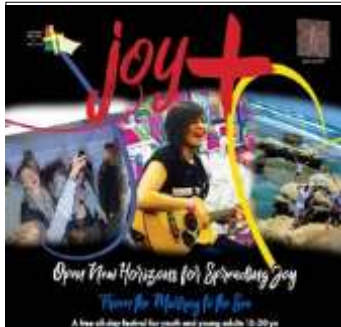
Bishop Paul Bird will make an Official Visit to Horsham Parish from Friday August 24th to Monday August 27th
A preliminary Program for Bishop Paul's visit:

Friday 24th: Visit SBC in the morning.
Lunch with the Finance Committee 12n
Anointing Mass SMJ Church: 2pm
PPC Meeting and Tea 5.30pm.

Saturday 25th: Morning Devotions and Mass.
Visit the sick and elderly.
SMJ Mass 6.30pm and cuppa after

Sunday 26th: Mass Murtoa 8.30, SMJ Mass 10.30
Lunch with Parishioners in Parish Centre 11.30
Visit Nhill: Mass and Tea at 5pm.

Monday 27th: Men's Breakfast 7.30-8.30, Parish Centre
Visit SMJ School, OLHC Murtoa.
Lunch and Meetings.



Joy+ Youth Festivals!

The Ballarat Diocese
3 Sunday Festivals
for youth, young adults 15 - 30
Next Sunday 5th August in Robinvale,
Sunday 2nd Sept :
Warmambool West
Sunday 25th Novem Ballarat

Free! Mass, Genevieve Bryant and band, workshop
food and friends. **Our Youth will go to Ballarat**

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Today Sunday July 29th
*Plant a tree to beautify
and protect our
Environment*

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SMJ SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT
*this Friday August 3rd
in the Coughlin Park
Centre, 7pm to midnight
\$15 a person, tables of 8-10*

**Games, Auctions, Raffles, great prizes.
Drinks at Bar prices.**

**To book a table or for yourself please contact
SMJ School 5382 3000**

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

Diocesan wide Regional Gatherings to prepare leaders and interested people for dialogue sessions in Parishes will be held in mid-October and will be facilitated by Lana Turvey Collins, Plenary Council Facilitator.

Plenary Council questions for contemplation:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What are your questions about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you would like to share?

Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

The Year 3 students photos are 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



♦ **The children will be presented to the Parish at SMJ Masses next weekend August 4th and 5th.**

- ♦ The rehearsal for the Sacraments will be on Thursday August 9th in SMJ Church from 10am



Corpus Christi College Seminary Raffle 2018

6,000 tickets. **Each ticket is \$10**
The Raffle supports vocations to the priesthood
Prizes: 1st. \$15,000 Travel, plus 4 other prizes (Prizes valid until August 2019)
Ticket Order Forms are in Church Foyers Raffle drawn on Friday August 31st

The Eucharist is a special meal recalling the events of the Last Supper; • Eucharist is a Greek word for 'thanksgiving'; • At Eucharist we share a special meal that makes the life, death and resurrection of Jesus present to us; • A celebration recalls a past event and makes the past present.

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: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11. 15

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where

can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Gospel Reflection. 17th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

The gospel readings for the next five weeks are taken from John 6, that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called "first world" know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth's precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours. In John's account of the feeding of the

5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the "signs" he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd's response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading. Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The "mountain" place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings Jesus, who demonstrates that the

answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the "more-than-enough", so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing. Although the people partially understand Jesus' identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems. It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world. That is what it means to be a Eucharistic people.

Next Week's Gospel: John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave

them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' They said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir, give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. Who comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

