



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

### 1st Sunday of Advent—2nd December 2018



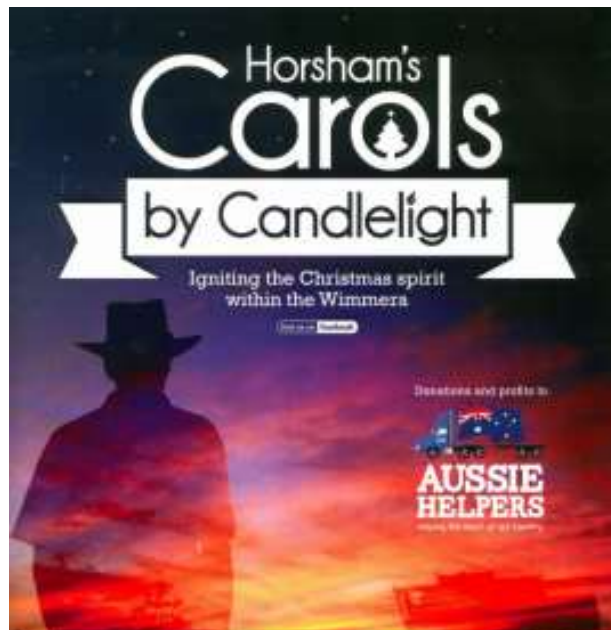
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**Anointing Mass**  
this Thursday 6th December at  
2pm in SMJ Church, followed by a  
cuppa in the Parish Centre.  
CWL members please bring two plates.



**Tonight, Sunday, at Sawyer Park.**  
**Children's activities 6.30. Carols**  
**Service begins 7.30. Food, drinks**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**and Shared Tea this Thursday**  
**December 6th at 5.30pm.** The  
Meeting will be followed by tea in  
the Meeting Room.

If members can bring a salad or  
dessert, meat will be supplied.  
Members, could you please have  
your reports into Anita by this  
Wednesday. Thank you.

**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 hope in  
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.

**CWL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
Royal Hotel, 12 noon Tuesday  
11th Decem. \$25.00 per head.  
RSVP: to Tess 5381 1785 or  
Frances 5382 1546, by Monday  
All ladies of the parish welcome

Rupanyup Mass will be on Monday  
December 10th, venue next week.

We welcome back Fr Peter

#### Men's Group Christmas function

White Hart Hotel Bistro this  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm  
All men and sons welcome.  
Please notify Patrick Ellis  
on 0428847455 if attending  
by tonight Sunday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dinner at own cost

**Ministry Rosters for  
SMJ Christmas Masses  
are in the Church Foyer**  
Please sign for a Ministry  
you can assist with at any  
of our Masses. Thank you

Advent and Christmas Mass Timetable Sheets are in the Foyers today

| WEEKDAY MASSES: (Funeral Mass may replace weekday Masses) |               |                                     |
|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 4th Dec   | 5.30pm        | Bernie Webb anniv                   |
| Wed 5th Dec   | 9.30am        | Kevin O'Connor anniv                |
| Thursday 6th Dec  | <b>2.00pm</b> | <b>Anointing Mass in SMJ Church</b> |
| Friday 7th Dec  | 9.30am        | Brice Craig 1st anniversary         |
| Saturday 8th Dec  | 10.00am       | Frank Lawson anniv.                 |

#### 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:** Kevin O'Connor, Brice Craig, Frank Lawson, Bernie Webb

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Cathy Mintern, Fleur Armstrong, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Rosetta Cafarella, Betty Fitzgerald, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Rachel O'Connor, Maree Frew, Brian O'Loughlin

**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 2nd Sunday of Advent  
2nd Sunday of the Month 9th December 2018**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10am**

**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:** Mondays in the Meeting Room. Mornings 9.30 - 11.30 Evening - *Contact the Parish Office* - BYO Craft - Gold Coin .

**Meditation Group:** Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.

**CWL Meetings** 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. Meeting Room.

**Men's Group Breakfast** 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre, 7.30 to 8.30am Contact Patrick 0428847455

**St Vincent de Paul Conference.** Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

**BAPTISM PREPARATION.** Contact Parish Office 53821155.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP 7pm to 8pm.** every Monday at 16 George St. Eileen McManus 5382 4745



SMJ School has run a successful *Wednesday Wheelies* program, where students are encouraged to bring any form of wheels to School. The School is running a fund raiser for money to buy a bike for Ted Johnson. Ted is a double leg amputee **Michael Rowe will speak to this at 10.30 Mass today. There will be a Leaving Collection after Mass. Donations can be left at the School**

**ROSTERS**

| 1/2 Dec                                       | Vigil 6.30pm   | Sunday 10.30am  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                  | Peter Gutteridge<br>Sr Tirsa Bale<br>Anthony Amor<br>Sr Jacinta Rice<br>Bernadette Trounce<br>Ann Hermans<br>Joan Parker | Andrea Cox<br>Anna Robertson<br>Neville Strachan<br>Lynda Hutchinson<br>Rosie Taylor<br>Zita Cannane<br>Mary Dalglish |
| <b>Commentator</b>                            | Peter Guthridge  | Andrea Cox  |
| 8/9 Dec                                       | Vigil 6.30pm   | Sunday 10.30am  |
| <b>Readers</b>                                | Sr Jacinta Rice  | Kingsley Dalglish   |
| <b>Commentator</b>                            | Emelia Sudholz   | Alison McKinnon   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                  | Lorraine Clancy<br>Pat Glaubitz<br>Tess Hayes<br>Geoff Simpson<br>Cathy Taylor<br>John Parker<br>Simon Lynch             | Faye Wills<br>Bob Pritchett<br>Cate Rigby<br>Tim Lannen<br>Alison McKinnon<br>Kingsley Dalglish<br>Karen Hill         |
| <b>Projector</b>                              | Peter Gutteridge   | Shayne Keenan   |
| <b>Musicians</b>                              | Chris Robarts  | Combined Choir  |
| <b>Welcomers</b>                              | Bob & Tess Hayes   | Marina Manserra<br>Mary Uebergang   |
| <b>Prayers</b>                                | John & Joan Parker   |   |
| <b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b> | <b>9th December</b><br>Anna Robertson<br>Jenny Clarke<br>Bernie Lakin<br>Rhonda Tursi                                    | <b>16th December</b><br>Helen Hunter<br>Margaret Fischer<br>Dianne Quinn<br>Maureen McInerney                         |

**FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):**

|              |           |          |                   |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| Natimuk:     | \$ 25.00  | Murtoa   | \$ 110.00         |
| Horsham      | \$ 851.00 | Dimboola | \$ 61.00          |
| <b>Total</b> |           |          | <b>\$ 1047.00</b> |

**2nd Collection (Parish Account)**

|              |            |              |                   |
|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes    | \$ 1162.00 | Loose        | \$ 96.15          |
| Credit Card  | \$         | Direct Debit | \$                |
| <b>Total</b> |            |              | <b>\$ 1258.15</b> |

**Making Connections:** This week, be attentive to the time you spend in waiting - in traffic, a shop, on the phone, to cross the road. Use these small moments of waiting to focus on, and prepare yourself for, the coming of Christ at Christmas **Daily Prayer:** God of holiness, Your promises stand through all generations, fulfil the longings of a humanity weighed down by confusion and burdened with fear. Raise up our heads and strengthen our hearts, that, free from anxiety and steadfast in hope, we may look forward to the glorious return of Christ, our judge and our Savior.  
**Marriage Tip:** Take a trip down memory lane. Remember your first date or the first time you said, "I love you" to your spouse. Recall the early days of your dating and how you came to realize that you wanted to spend your lives together. Who knew it first?  
**Vocational View:** Make your decision to follow Jesus during this Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now.

**Advent Reconciliation Service Monday  
December 17th at 7pm in SMJ Church**

### COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Dec 9: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am  
Sunday Dec 16: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am  
Sunday Dec 23: Natimuk 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am.  
Dimboola AWC 8.30  
Sunday Dec 30: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola Mass 12.15.  
Nhill Mass 5.30



### ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Each Wednesday at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.  
Contact Eileen McManus on 5382 4745 for further details.

### HORSHAM BRIGIDINE CENTENARY IN 2020



Staff and friends of St Brigid's College, Ss Michael & John's School, Our Lady Help of Christian Murtoa, have formed a

Committee to plan for the Horsham Brigidine Centenary in 2020 - Celebrating 100 years of Education by the Brigidine Sisters in Horsham. Celebrations are proposed for the long weekend in June 2020 and hope to bring back former students, teachers, staff and their families from the last ten decades, to come together, to reconnect, to celebrate. The June 2020 long weekend would give people extra time to catch up with past classmates and be more accommodating for those who travel long distances. The festivities would include each of the three schools being open for tours in Horsham and Murtoa. If you would like to be updated on the Horsham Brigidine Centenary, please forward your name, the name of the school/s you attended (and years) with your contact details to [100@stbc.vic.edu.au](mailto:100@stbc.vic.edu.au)

*Everything is on the table*

**Plenary Council 2020**

*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'*



### Plenary Council 2020 – Listening and Dialogue Encounter Have your say – respond online

The Listening and Dialogue Encounter happens in many ways. Invite your friends and family to have a conversation about the future of the Church in Australia. “What do you think God is asking of us at this time?” Send your responses online to [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

To promote our own prayerful thinking about our responses to the question – what is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in Australia? - opportunities for us to gather will be offered by the Adult Faith Group and Men's Group.

### Christmas Mass Times 2018

#### Horsham Monday December 24th:

7pm: Children's Christmas Story

Carols 9.45pm with the Choir

Christmas Mass 10.15pm

#### Tuesday December 25th Christmas Day:

Horsham Mass 9am

#### Monday December 24th Christmas Eve:

Christmas Mass Murtoa 5pm

Christmas Mass Nhill 6pm

Christmas Mass Dimboola 7.30pm



### Visual and Performing Arts Teacher

Our Lady Help of Christians Murtoa.

Contract: Fixed term (12 months)

Position: Part time (0.2) – 2 days a week

Applications close: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm.

For further information and job description contact :

Mrs. Catherine Grace (Principal),

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

15 Munro St, Murtoa, 3390

[principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au)

### MORNING CRAFT GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

on Monday 3rd December at the Vic Hotel at 12noon.

Craft will be held as normal in the morning.

New members welcome.

### Child Safety Standards.

Bob Pritchett is our Parish 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

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (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)

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9,**  
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 -**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus

**Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your

mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.' 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

**Gospel Reflection. 1st Sunday of Advent Yr C- Veronica Lawson**

Today's gospel passage, with its vivid description of the end-time signs, may seem a strange choice of reading for Advent and the beginning of the Church year. Its depiction of global devastation has a particular resonance in a post-industrial world faced with the effects of climate change. Some may be tempted to interpret "apocalyptic" events of today as the judgement of an interventionist God. This is far from the truth. Our mindless exploitation of planetary resources has brought its judgement and we must struggle together to save our planet from further destruction. Advent and Christmas are about the coming "in power and great glory" of the One who brings the liberation of God. Some decades after Jesus' death, Luke's community had come to realize that the "final" coming of Christ was not just around the corner as they had

expected. They needed to be reminded that a delayed return was no excuse for lack of vigilance. Luke warns against activities and attitudes that de-sensitize the heart or the human spirit. For Luke, an attentive heart and constant prayer for the strength to withstand whatever comes is the stance for the Christian. An attentive heart will be attuned to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The image of Jesus coming on the clouds belongs within an ancient understanding of the structure of the world in which God and God's heavenly court are located in the heavens above. It might function in our times as a reminder that the Incarnation, "God's becoming material" (Karl Rahner), is an ongoing cosmic event, not just a once-off event limited to one place and one time. Read today's gospel against the backdrop of today's first reading from Jeremiah that looks to the fulfillment of God's promise of the "virtuous branch for David". The

metaphor of the branch reminds us of the interconnectedness of God's people and of all being across the ages. The virtue of the expected descendant of David finds expression in honesty and integrity, literally "justice and righteousness/right relationship". Justice in the Hebrew tradition is about redress in the law courts for the most vulnerable. Righteousness is about right relationships as well as the equitable sharing and proper use of Earth's resources. Justice and righteousness are two sides of the one coin. Where they are absent, there is no liberation. Our prayer and practical action this Advent might embrace the plight of the earth itself and concerns for liberation from various forms of oppression. Remember those seeking asylum among us and those who have been granted refugee status yet still await the justice of resettlement. Our Advent could make a difference to their Christmas.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 3:1- 6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

We welcome SMJ School as they lead our Ministries at 10.30 Mass today.

**Advent begins a new year in the Church Liturgical Year. Our Sunday Readings are Year C and the Weekday Readings are from Year 1.**



*Advent* A season of joy, peace, hope, reconciliation

We welcome Summer as we begin the Season of Advent. The Jesse Tree is on the Sanctuary. Symbols will be attached to it each week. To the Jesse Tree you are invited to bring gifts for children (please write gender, age on gift) or non-perishable food items for St V de P to give to needy families. Thank