



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—20th January 2019



Gospel Reflection -Veronica Lawson RSM
 Today's liturgy invites us to take a detour into the Fourth Gospel and into a marriage scene that the evangelist John places at the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry. Marriage imagery appears from time to time in Israel's prophetic tradition, sometimes in quite confronting or alienating ways, especially in Hosea where God is imaged as male and Israel as God's faithless female spouse. In the first reading from the post-exilic prophecy of Third Isaiah, Jerusalem is the bride, once alienated from God and then fully reconciled with and embraced by God who is named as its "builder". Imaging God, who is neither male nor female, as faithful male and Earth or any facet of the Earth community as unfaithful female is problematic and calls for our critique. The link between the Isaian passage and the marriage at Cana is fairly tenuous, although the juxtaposition of the two readings in the context of today's liturgy invites us to consider the intimate relationship that our Earth and its inhabitants enjoy with God, its "builder" or creator. God's delight is in Earth and in the Earth community, not simply in one city and one people of the Earth. The focus in the gospel story is less on the marriage, however, than on the symbolism of the abundance of wine at the marriage feast. The 8th century BCE prophet Amos had looked to a future time when the mountains would drip sweet wine, and the hills flow with it, a time when God would restore the fortunes of God's people (Amos 9:13-15). An abundance of good food and the best of wines is the image of future salvation deployed by another 8th century prophet, Isaiah (Isaiah 25). Today's gospel suggests that these prophetic dreams come to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth. Those who listen to his word and follow his instructions become agents of an extraordinary transformation. This "sign" reminds us to rejoice in the life-giving nourishment we receive every day from the God-given fruits of the earth. The mother of Jesus features significantly in the Cana story. She is attentive to the integrity of the celebration and lets her son know when the wine gives out. This provides the opportunity for Jesus to speak of his "hour": it has not yet come. Jesus addresses his mother as "Woman". He will address her in precisely the same way when the "hour" of his death and handing over of the Spirit finally comes. This "woman" believes in him and invites the servants at the marriage feast to obey his word. While Jesus performs this first "sign" that leads his disciples to faith, the role played by this faith-filled woman casts her in the role of "witness to the light" and proclaimer of the Word that brings life.

PRAYER for 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.

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We welcome Fr John and thank him for celebrating this weekend's Masses



Mass on **Australia Day**, Saturday 26th January, is at 10am in SMJ Church

Fr Peter will arrive back in Horsham next week after his time in Sydney at Mary Mackillop's tomb praying for all our intentions.

WEEKDAY MASSES: (Funeral Mass may replace weekday Masses)

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| Tuesday 22nd Jan | 5.30pm | Peter McLeish Ann |
| Wed 23rd Jan | 9.30am | |
| Thursday 24th Jan | 9.30am | St Francis de Sales |
| Friday 25th Jan | 9.30am | The Conversion of St Paul |
| Saturday 26th Jan | 10.00am | Australia Day |

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: Pat Herbert (Mother of Joyce Byrne)

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela Kennedy, Gwen Coyne, Rene Reinhardt, Agnese Panozzo, Cheryl Keenan, Brian Miatke, Pat Miatke, Agnes Marshall, Peter McLeish

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, John McNamara, Zander Fergusson, Alisa Swalwell

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: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th Sunday of the Month 27th January 2019**

Horsham **Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am**
 Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am. Nhill Mass 10am**
 Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
 Dimboola **Saturday January 26th 6pm.**

ROSTERS

| 26/27 January | Vigil 6.30pm | Sunday 10.30am |
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| Readers | Kevin Dunn | Angela Murphy |
| Commentator | Garry Heinrich | Louise Kemp |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Maree Plazzer Micky Robarts Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor | Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Andrea Cox |
| Projector | Geoff Simpson | Gabby Mills |
| Musicians | Filipino Choir | Filipino Choir |
| Welcomers | Joan Whiley Connie Besselaar | Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish |
| Prayers | Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson | |
| Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging | 27th January Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan | 3rd February Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi |

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):
Horsham \$910.00. Murtoa \$ 142.00. Dimboola \$58.00
Total \$1110.00
2nd Collection: Envelopes \$1287.00 Loose \$ Total \$

COUNTRY CENTRES MASS TIMES

January 27: Natimuk Mass 8.30am
 Murtoa Mass 8.30am
 Nhill Mass 10am
Dimboola Mass Saturday 26th 6pm.

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 child safe

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken,' nor your land 'Abandoned,' but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.
 O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.
 Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.
 Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name.
 Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

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2nd Reading: 1 Corinth 12:4

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching

instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.