

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

### The Baptism of the Lord - 12th January 2020



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We welcome and thank Fr John who is in our Parish whilst Fr Peter is at MMP in Sydney.

**Fr John** will stay in the Presbytery for weekday Masses, Funerals and for weekends of Jan 11/12, and will be with here with Fr Peter on January 18/19. Fr John will go to Kerala from Jan 20th and return to us for the last week of February. We pray for a safe and blessed time for John with his family.

#### Gospel Reflection Veronica Lawson

The Baptism of Jesus marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It coincides with the end of the Christmas break, a return to work and to the regular patterns of life. A time to reflect on the past year, alone or with loved ones, and to set goals for the year ahead, to move into Ordinary Time with renewed life and vigour. The baptism story is an initiation story. We are invited to hear it against the backdrop of the first reading from Isaiah 42. Jesus is God's chosen one on whom God's Spirit rests. The voice of God commissions God's chosen to bring forth justice, sensitively and without fanfare; to be a light to the peoples; to open the eyes of the blind and to set the captives free. Spirit-filled life consists in fulfilling such a mission. In the Matthean account of the baptism, "the heavens are opened" and Jesus sees God's Spirit descending on him "like a dove". God's words are addressed to all who listen to the gospel: "This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Jesus' insistence that John baptise him despite John's reluctance points to the reversal of values that will characterise his mission. In a gospel way of life, right relationship lies in respecting as God's creation the entire Earth community, in bringing forth justice and setting the captives free. Each one of us can make a difference to the "ordinary time" of those with whom we share life on this planet.

The feast of The Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas season to an end, our trees, decorations are put away.

We return to the Ordinary Time of the Church Year from January 13th. Weekday Readings are from Year 2. Sunday Readings are from Year A.

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Next Sunday Jan 19th is Week 2 of Ordinary Time, Readings Year A.

**Australia Day** is on Sunday January 26th. Our Parish Masses will celebrate this theme.

The Staffs of our Schools will begin their year on Tuesday January 28th

SBC will have a Staff Retreat at Coughlin Park on Tuesday & Wednesday Jan 28/29 with Fr Richard Leonard.

We will have the Blessing and Commissioning of our School Staffs at 10.30 Mass in SMJ Church on Sunday February 9th.

#### To mark this return to Ordinary Time in the Church's Year, a litany called

**"Now the Work of Christmas Begins"**  
*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins  
to find the lost, to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry, to rebuild the nations,  
to release the prisoner,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart,  
to listen with the ear of the heart,  
to work for justice and peace,  
to care for the environment,  
to build our lives in Mass/prayer/service.*

#### COUNTRY MASS TIMES

**19th January -**  
Dimboola 8.30am  
Murtoa 8.30am.  
Kaniva 10.30am.

**26th January -**  
Natimuk Mass 8.30am.  
Dimboola AWC 8.30am.  
Murtoa AWC 9am

**2nd Feb -**  
Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 12.15. Nhill 5pm.



#### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 14th Jan	5.30pm	
Wednesday 15 Jan	9.30am	
Thursday 16th Jan	9.30am	
Friday 17th Jan	9.30am	St Anthony
Saturday 18th Jan	10am	



#### 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:** Alex Pekin, Christine Ryan, Brian Miatke, Jean Slater

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Debbie Nolen, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, John McNamara, Elsie Thomas

**Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 53821155**

**Confessions Saturday after Mass (10.25)**

**Saturday Morning Devotions:**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20**  
**Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church. 10am Mass**

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th January**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am  
 KANIVA **Mass 10.30am**  
 Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**  
 Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

**ROSTERS**

Jan 11/12	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsia Bale	Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane
Jan 18/19	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	John Parker	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Mary Marshall
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Geoff Simpson Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz	Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Mary Dalgleish Alistair Castle

<p><b>Church Cleaning and Flowers:</b>  <b>Jan 19:</b> Pauline Barber, Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor, Kate Hernon-Spasic  <b>Jan 26:</b> Lucille Perkin, Pauline Breen, Sue Chalkley, Judie Delahunty</p>	<p><b>Bushfire Relief Collection at all Masses, AWC, &amp; on Australia Day</b></p>
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**Finance:**

1st Collection (Presbytery Account)			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 75.00
Horsham	\$ 880.00	Dimboola	\$ 60.00
TOTAL:		\$ 1015.00	
2nd Collection (Parish Account)			
Envelopes	\$ 1599	Loose	\$ 827.25
Credit Card	\$ 3218.84		
TOTAL:		\$ 5645.09	

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4. 6 Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 28: The Lord will bless his people with peace. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood the Lord sits as king for ever The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**2nd Reading:** Acts 10:34-38 Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and

because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

**Acclamation:** Mark 9:8 Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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**Next Sunday's Gospel:** John 1:29-34 Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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**Jesus of Nazareth,** the joy of Christmas radiate the beauty of family life, and fill us with hope and joy. May every family despite weaknesses, become a light in the world when there is darkness. Teach us the meaning of family life, its loving communion, its simple beauty and its sacred character. (Pope Francis)