



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham- Dimboola- Murtoa- Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN



3rd Sunday - Australia Day - 26th January 2020



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Gospel Reflection Veronica Lawson rsm

Most of the Gospel readings this year will be from Matthew. Matthew's Gospel invites us to read with attention to habitat as well as to the human and the holy. We need to realise that what we bring to the text will inform our reading of the text; it depends on our social and cultural contexts and on our capacity to bring our particular interpretive stance into dialogue with the worlds that inhabit the text. Jesus hears the news of John the Baptizer's arrest and "withdraws" to the safety of Capernaum in Galilee. Matthew thus grounds him in a familiar locale, and presents him as a light for a people who have lived in darkness and the

shadow of death and oppression. In the context of Roman imperial rule, Jesus offers the hope of an alternative reign. Jesus is our light. Jesus invites us to follow him, to join him on his mission to proclaim the reign "of the heavens". The verb "to follow" is an invitation to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life. At times we need to distance ourselves from family expectations for the sake of the gospel. At times we have to decentre our material possessions even while we affirm the goodness of their materiality and their significance for the work of the mission. Great crowds followed Jesus; women, children, ministering to him.

The Staffs of our Schools will begin their year this Tuesday January 28.

SBC have a Staff Retreat at Coughlin Park this Tuesday & Wednesday January 28/29 with Fr Richard Leonard

Classes begin for

OLHC School Wednesday Jan 29th

SMJ School Thursday January 30th

SBC College Friday January 31st

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

The Australian Bishop's Bushfire Relief Collection is at all Masses and AWC this weekend January 25/26 (Australia Day).

You can place your donation in an envelope and leave on the Collection at any Mass or at the Parish Office. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul will distribute the proceeds of this Collection, on behalf of the Bishops, to those who have suffered in the bushfires and drought.

We will play a Video of the Bishops' Message on the Appeal at our Masses



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism today:

Noah Mark McDonald

son of Emma & Ben (Darwin)

We pray for God's blessings on our

School Year, for families, students, and our teachers as they teach and witness to our children in the ways of faith and in their education.

We pray for all who dwell in this Great Southern Land, from our first peoples to our newest arrivals. May the challenges that confront us inspire us to care for each other and the beautiful and vast, rugged and fragile land entrusted to us.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES

2nd Feb: Murtoa 8.30am.

Nhill 5pm. Dimboola 12.15

9th Feb:

Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30

Nhill 10am

16th Feb: Murtoa 8.30.

Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 166.00
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Horsham	\$ 981.00	Dimboola	\$ 38.00
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Total \$ 1185.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1201.00	Loose	\$ 100.10
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Total \$ 1301.10



Brigidine Centenary Celebrated June 5 to 8

Long weekend in June

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 28th Jan 5.30pm St. Thomas Aquinas.
Primo Da Ros. Silvano Sartori

Wednesday 29 Jan **5.30pm** Doreen Webb.

Thursday 30th Jan 9.30am **Blessings on the School Year**

Friday 31st Jan **10.30** **Anointing Mass Lutheran Home**
St John Bosco

Saturday 1st Feb 10am **St Brigid.** Rafael Macchia

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: Rene Reinhardt, Primo Da Ros, Doreen Webb, Betty O'Connor, Cheryl Ann Keenan, Ann Fallon, Silvino Sartori, Agnese Panozzo, Frank Frawley, Mike O'Brien, Raffaele Macchia

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

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 1st Sunday of the Month
Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February 2020

Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm.	Sunday 10.30am
Nhill	Sunday Mass 5pm	
Dimboola	Sunday Mass 12.15pm	
Murtoa	Sunday Mass 8.30am	

Rosary, Litany of Mary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.

ROSTERS

Feb 1/2	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Shayne Keenan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Peter Gutteridge Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy	Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Music	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir

Church Cleaning and Flowers:

Feb 2: Lynda Hutchinson, Helene Bush, Bernadette Delahunty
Feb 9: Josie Phelan, Pauline Irwin, Joan Butler, Margo Hogan

Sr Jacinta gives thanks to Fr Peter and parishioners who joined her and her family and the Echuca Parish to celebrate her dear sister Carmel's life. " I am most grateful to many people who have sent cards, emails and expressed personal messages of sympathy. Your care and the beautiful flowers sent by the Combined Choir has been a blessed comfort to me at this difficult time". *Sr Jacinta.*

Congratulations to Australia Day Award winners especially to Zac Currie and to Simon Risson.

Making Connections: Try to be a light for other people. Be aware of ways in which you can draw other people to Christ.
Marriage Tip: You may not think about your decision to marry as a call from God, but rather as an intense attraction to your beloved. This is what compelled the apostles to follow Jesus.
Daily Prayer: You have established your church, O God, on the faith of the apostles and on the example of their response

1st Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land; and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.
 I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. 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 up 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.
 The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

2nd Reading: Romans 12:9-

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers and sisters should, and have a

profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

Gospel Acclamation: Matt 5:9
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus began to speak to the crowds. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven

Australia Day 2020: As we enter a new decade for our nation let us write a new chapter in our history, based on healing, reconciliation, tolerance, with respect for our indigenous people, and all who live in our Land. We call Australia home...

Chinese New Year: We wish our friends who have Chinese heritage a very happy Lunar New Year. This is the 'Year of the Rat', its sign ranks first on the Chinese zodiac signs. It is an animal with spirit, wit, alertness, delicacy, flexibility and vitality. In ancient times it was considered to be 'a godly creature'.

Sunday 2nd February 'The Presentation of the Lord': This feast is traditionally known as Candlemas when candles for use throughout the year are blessed, to enlighten the world - we pray that we too may be a light in the dark places of our world. You are invited to bring your candles to be blessed next

Lenten Program 2020: In this year's program '**Be Opened**' we are called to open our hearts and minds to the fullness of life in God and allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit. The program begins in the first week of Lent. **Booklets will be on sale before Lent, \$5 ea, for Groups or Individual use.**

immediate and complete. Let your word draw in splendor upon our community to dispel the shadows of division and to disperse gloom of discord. Bless our land, Australia. **A Vocation View:** Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But come!