



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

The Baptism of Our Lord - 10th January 2021



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Welcome back to those who have been away over the holiday period.

Schools will be back on the 28th January for SMJ Horsham, OLHC Murtoa & St Patrick's Nhill, and on the 29th January for STBC Horsham. We pray that our students, staff and families may have a blessed, safe and enriching year ahead.

Covid-19 Restrictions Update: As of 31 December 2020, Masks are to be worn when indoors. All must sign-in upon entering our Churches; for the purposes of contact tracing in the case of an outbreak.
Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

Making Connections: Spend time in contemplation on what 'new life in Christ' may mean for you in your day to day existence. What will be new? What will have 'died'?

Marriage Tip: Try this today: when you're tempted to say something curt or not-so-nice to your spouse, instead smile, pause, and find something kind to say instead.

Daily Prayer: As once at the Jordan your Spirit tore open the heavens, and your voice proclaimed Jesus your well-beloved Son, so now call us by name, your beloved sons and daughters; lead us by your Spirit through the water and the blood, that our love for you may strengthen us to obey your commandments, and our love for one another be the victory that forever conquers the world.

A Vocation View: No one is humanly worthy to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother. No one is worthy to stoop and untie the sandal straps of Jesus. But He still calls us and favours us to do His work. Will you serve?

Words of Wisdom – Pope St Gregory : "The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection."

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today ends the Liturgical Season of Christmas. We put the Crib, Tree and decorations away, as we carry the light of Christ in our own hearts to all we meet. We return to the Ordinary Time of the Church's Liturgical Year. The Weekday Readings are from Year 1. The Sunday Readings are from Year B. The colour is Green.

We Thank Fr Mick McKinnon: who celebrated our Masses up until this weekend. And, **welcome our new Parish Priest Monsignor Glynn Murphy & Assistant Priest Fr Jim McKay** on the 15th January 2021.

We greatly appreciate your patience, support and understanding with us during this transition; in the merging of the Horsham, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Nhill Parishes.

Upcoming Masses:

Mons. Glynn will be celebrating the **6.30pm Saturday Mass and 10.30am Sunday Mass in Horsham;** as well as Mass in **Murtoa at 8.30am** on the **16/17th January 2021.**

Fr Jim will be celebrating **Weekday Morning Masses this coming (15 & 16 January) Friday and Saturday in Horsham at 9.30am.** Then will be doing Masses for the following week-end; **23/24 January.**

PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick brothers and sisters to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain, their source of hope in moments of despair, sorrow, woundedness, their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them all 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 and value to You. Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful 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, as they walk the path of pain and sadness with the sick. Bless the ministry of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.



Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to you God entrusted His only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became Man. Blessed Joseph, show yourself a Father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, courage and trust, and defend us from every evil.

NOTICES FOR THE NEW BULLETINS:

To all representatives of our churches; please feel free to submit any upcoming news and events notices from your Church, town, and/or schools to Camille via email or call, during Thursdays of each week, prior to printing and sending on Friday afternoons.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Denis Payne (Edenhope)

ANNIVERSARIES: Romano Radolovi, Silvio Sartori, Margret Lawson, Mary McBain, Marina Neri (1 month), Fr John Murphy

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, John McNamara, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davison, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen.

MINISTRY ROSTERS

9/10 Jan	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Sharon Creasey
16/17 Jan	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Embedded Music	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Connie Besselar Gavin Hynam	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	17th January Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	24th January Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

Notice sheets & rosters

Over January please be aware of any vacancies to rostered ministries. If you are there and can help, please do so. It would be greatly appreciated.

FINANCE:

Last Sunday **2/3 January 2021**: 1st Collection:

Horsham: \$886.00, Murtoa: \$109.00

Planned Giving (PG): \$979.00 Loose PG: \$175.40

Horsham Mass Times:

Saturdays: 6.30pm

Sundays: 10.30am

Country Centres Mass Times:

January 10: Dimboola Mass 8.30am; Murtoa AWC 9am

January 17: Dimboola AWC 9am; Murtoa Mass 8.30am

CHOIR PRACTICE 6pm Wednesday 13th Jan. at SMJ Church. *Any new members welcome.*

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this weekend: **Eleanor Shelly Godwin**

Daughter of Godwin & Hemin

AND

Rosie Maureen Hawker

Daughter of Damien & Nikki



Child Safety Standards:

Bob Pritchett & Jill McGinniken are our Parish Safeguarding Officers. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** exists for all who work and volunteer in the Parish.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

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, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Second 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.'

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'. It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!

