

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th June 2017



*All that is hidden  
will be  
made clear*



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We welcome Fr John.  
Fr John will live in the  
Presbytery whilst Fr Peter is  
away. Fr John will celebrate  
weekday Masses & Funerals  
I thank Fr John for his care  
and ministry.

Bishop Peter Connors will be  
here on July 1/2,  
Fr John McKinnon on July 8/9  
Dr Ian Waters on July 23/24 to  
assist with Sunday Masses  
There is a copy of the July  
Mass timetable in your Foyer  
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**School Holidays.** Term 2 of  
the school year ends this  
Friday 30 June. We wish all in  
our Schools a restful and safe  
holiday. Term 3 begins July 17

• We are now in the **Ordinary Time of the Church Year.**

• Sunday Readings are from Year A.

• Weekday Readings are from Year 1.

• This week is the 12th Week in Ordinary Time (June 25 - July 2)

• Next Sunday is the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

• **Copies of the Mass Timetable for July for Horsham and Country Centres are in your Foyer today.**

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'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world.

Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles (and us). But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'. The message to not be afraid is for the community who were on the verge of being 'squeezed out'.

The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness.

It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing. 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, woundedness and sorrow, 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 for they are your very hands on this earth. Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, to respect the dignity and value of the sick 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, in Homes and in the Hospital.



We welcome in Baptism to  
the Family of God :  
Z oey Lyn Shea

daughter of Justin & Leane  
&

Sadie Rose Buwalda  
daughter of Liam & Cody

**Jubilarians' Mass.** This Tuesday June 27th, the Priests of the Diocese meet in Council with our Bishop. Bishop Paul will celebrate 5.00 pm Mass in the Cathedral for the jubilees of ordination of Frs John McKinnon and Kevin Murphy (60 years), Greg Tait (25 years), Bishop Peter Connors (30 years episcopal anniversary).

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 27th June	5.30pm	
Wednesday 28th	1.30pm	Funeral Mass. St Irenaeus
Thursday 29th June	9.30am	Sts Peter & Paul.
Friday 30th June	10.30	Anointing Mass. Lutheran Home
Saturday 1st July	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:** Gwen Valmadre, Carmel Woodward-Tas (sister of Brian Curran)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jean Carracher, Kevin Merrett, Betty Walsh, Ellie Mooring, Sharan Keating, Nellie Tait,

**SICK:** Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Madeleine Cameron, Joan Glen, Lynn Cooper, Francis Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Joan Glen, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Lorrain Holland, Terry Turvey, Maureen Ryan, Kate O'Beirne, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass (10.25)**

Each Saturday Morning:  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20**  
**Rosary 9.30. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am**

**Next Sunday 1st Sunday of the Month**  
**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd July 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am  
 Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**  
 Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00 am**  
 Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

**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** Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room Mornings - 9.30am to 11.30am. Evening - 7pm to 9pm. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation. Contact Anita at Parish Office

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

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

**Men's Group** Breakfast meetings 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30am in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455

**St Vincent de Paul Conference.** Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-2pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

**BAPTISM PREPARATION.** 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

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

**Church Piety Stall.** Gifts for all Sacraments, cards, medals

**Affordable Counselling** from Centacare Ballarat, for families, individuals. **Free Call** 1300 303 988 for appointment

**PARISH DATES:**

**Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ** from October 28th to November 1st. Theme: *Living a contemporary Church life of faith, hope, love.*

**Parish Acknowledgement Dinner for Sr Jacinta** Sunday November 19th at Coughlin Park at 12nn.

**Sunday November 12th:** SMJ School Spring Fete

**Diocesan Liturgy Formation Day:** Sunday 18th February 2018 with Bishop Paul Bird and others.

**Sacrament Masses:** Nhill Sunday November 5th. Murtoa Sunday October 15th.

**ROSTERS**

24/25 June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Ann Hermans Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts	Kingsley Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid
<b>1/2 July</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	John Parker	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Commentator</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Anna Robertson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubit	Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judy Bryan Gary Coutts	Mary Dowsley Nanette Freckleton
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl & Maree Wren	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>2nd July</b> Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	<b>9th July</b> Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Kath Atkins

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

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 98.00
Horsham	\$ 1009.00	Dimboola	\$ 89.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1196.00</b>

**2nd Collection (Parish Account)**

Envelopes	\$ 2236.00	Loose	\$ 155.20
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 2391.20</b>

**Making Connections:** Think of times when you may be tempted to deny Christ: by actions which do not reflect what you really believe; by silence when something really needs to be said; by failing to challenge an injustice. This week give public witness to your faith, even in simple ways like saying grace before meals. Did you Know?: Points of interest:  
 \* Members of the Church who have died rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word 'martyr' literally means 'witness'. Throughout history many have given their lives for the faith and in our own time people are still martyrs because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ. \* By the time Matthew wrote his Gospel the Church was already undergoing persecution in some areas and Christian faith was being sorely tested.

**Marriage Tip:** Surprise your spouse with a gesture of kindness, such as a cup of coffee or help with the dishes.

**Daily Prayer:** Strengthened by your Spirit, may we never be ashamed of our faith, but confess your name before others so that your Son may acknowledge us before you on the day of his coming and welcome us to the kingdom where he lives and reigns with you.

**A Vocation View:** 2000 years ago Jesus summoned his disciples and sent them out - comforting them with the words "Have no fear." Today he is saying the same thing, "When you go out in my name - have no fear!"

**Exploring the Word:** \* Jesus wants to form a community in which each individual is valued. In what ways do you experience God's individual care and concern? \* How does our parish reflect God's individual care and concern?

## Horsham and Country Mass Times in July

*Fr Peter will be on holidays in July*

*The Nhill Masses in July  
will be on the 1st and 2nd Sundays*

**July 1st & 2nd:** Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am  
Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am.  
Murtoa 8.30am.

**Bishop Peter Connors** will celebrate Horsham  
and Murtoa Masses.

**Fr John** will celebrate Dimboola & Nhill Masses

**July 8th & 9th:** Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am.  
Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am.  
Murtoa Mass 8.30am.

**Fr John McKinnon** will celebrate the Horsham  
and Murtoa Masses.

**Fr John** will celebrate Dimboola & Nhill Masses

**July 15th & 16th:** Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am  
Dimboola Mass 8.30am. Murtoa AWC 9am.

**Fr John** will be on his own.

**July 22nd & 23rd:** Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am  
Natimuk Mass 8.30am. Dimboola Mass 8.30.  
Murtoa Mass 10.30am

**Dr Ian Waters DCL**, from Melbourne, will  
celebrate the Natimuk and Horsham Masses.

**Fr John** will celebrate Dimboola & Nhill Masses

**July 29th & 30th:** Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am  
Dimboola AWC 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30.

**Fr John** will be on his own.

**August 5th & 6th:** Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am  
Dimboola Mass 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30am

**Fr Pat Flanagan** will celebrate the Horsham and  
Murtoa Masses, promoting his new book  
"What is the Mass".

**Fr John** will celebrate the Dimboola Mass.

**Fr Damian Heath has had a set back and is  
unable to come to us in July. We pray for him.**



*Congratulations and a huge thank you to our  
Schools for their wonderful contribution to the Mass  
for the Poor last Friday. More baskets than ever  
before were brought to the Altar. Thank you to  
families for encouraging your child to bring food.*

Interested in learning more about  
the Catholic faith?



**Rite of Christian  
Initiation of  
Adults**

We welcome  
inquirers into the  
Catholic Faith, or  
anyone who may

wish to improve their knowledge of our Catholic  
Faith, to join our RCIA Program this year. The Pro-  
gram enables people to ask  
questions, and to be guided by our Parish Team, to  
be informed and understand the life, Sacraments,  
Prayer and pastoral outreach of our Church.  
Inquirers, or anyone who may be interested, are



**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**  
**Together We Can Do Heroic Things**

**How Can You Help?**

**Make a financial donation. Envelopes in the  
Narthex.** (Donations are Tax deductible)

**Donation of Goods**

Donations of clean quality clothing, furniture, blankets, doonas,  
household goods can be left at the Vinnies Centre.

**Contact the Centre for furniture etc to be picked up**

**You can bring non-perishable food to Mass**

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Next Sunday 2nd July is Aboriginal & Torres  
Strait Islander Sunday.
- 9th July: Sea Sunday
- 27th August: Migrant & Refugee Sunday

**PROMOTING LAY FORMATION:**

**CARDIJN AND THE YCW IN AUSTRALIA**

Commemorating the 50th anniversaries of the deaths of  
Cardinal Joseph Cardijn and Fr Frank Lombard.

Saturday 29 July 2017

Catholic Theological College

278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Cost \$20 per person:

Morning Tea, lunch & afternoon tea

Registrations: by Wednesday 26 July

Jill Doncovio, jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au or 9412 3304.

Numbers are strictly limited.

A great reunion for former YCW members

**A Poster is in your Foyer.**

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:** Chris Robarts (Chair),  
Mary Marshall, Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter,  
Gary Typuszack, Alison McKinnon, Lesley Price, Daryl Wren,  
Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Joan Lane-Storey,  
Margaret Lingham, Gary Coutts, Anita Masiero (Secretary)

**Child Safety Standards.** Ss Michael & John Parish has  
appointed Bob Pritchett as our Safeguarding Officer.  
We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and  
wellbeing of children in our care.

A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who  
work with children in the Parish. We have uploaded onto the  
**Parish Website the Code of Conduct** that complies with  
Child Safety Protocols, for Parish staff, volunteers, Parish  
Council, Liturgical Ministers, Children's Liturgy, contractors.

Our Parish is committed to be a child safe community

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 14.**

Lord, in your great love, answer me. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help

that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needs and does not spurn servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

**Acclamation: John 15:26. 27**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

**Gospel Reflection -12th Sunday  
Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Many of those who once looked through the barbed-wire fences of Australia's detention centres carry personal stories of fear of persecution. One such story, the story of Najaf Mazari, is beautifully narrated by Najaf and Robert Hillman in their joint work, *The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif*. Najaf is an Afghani Hazara who suffered persecution and torture at the hands of the Taliban. He escaped to Australia via Indonesia in 2002. After some time in detention, he established a rug making business in suburban Melbourne. He was reunited with his wife Hakeema and daughter Maria in 2008 and became an Australian citizen in June 2014. Some of the first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras and Syrian or Iraqi Christians in that they are persecuted simply on account of who

they are vis à vis those who seek exclusive political and cultural power. They have every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as did Jesus and his followers. The scene at Gethsemane suggests that Jesus himself experienced deep fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples not to fear those who kill the body. How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najaf: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with God and the witness of his courage would remain, in stark contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who could kill the body but not an

indomitable spirit. Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent out on mission. They are to proclaim in the marketplace or from the "housetops" the gospel they have received in the security of the household. They can expect rejection and humiliation. They are not to be deterred from their mission. Above all, they are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all God's creatures, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned. On the contrary, Jesus will "acknowledge" them before God "in heaven". Trust in the author and sustainer of life is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire. Trust in God does not take away the pain. Rather, it puts the inevitable suffering of the disciple on mission into the broader perspective of life in its fullest expression.

**Next Sundays Gospel: Matthew 10:37-**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone

who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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**Family Matters Strengthening Respectful Relationships** Fr. Frank Brennan SJ, CEO of Catholic Social Services will speak in Warrnambool on Saturday July 22nd on "Family Matters—Strengthening Respectful Relationships." Time and place to come later.



Prayerful best wishes and congratulations to

**Ivy McGrath** for her **80th** birthday on Wednesday 21st June  
and  
**Judy Francisco** for her **90th** birthday.