

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk –

BULLETIN

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th June 2015



We welcome this weekend the children, with their families, who are celebrating their First Holy Communion. *We pray with them and for them as they receive the life of Jesus in this Sacrament to guide and strengthen them in their life's journey.*

At 6.30pm Mass we welcome:
Emilya Kinnane, Noah Kinnane,
Xavier Pumpa, Ellie Noordam,
Samuel Janetzki, Asha McGennissen.

At 10.30am Mass we welcome:
Sean McDonald, Tahlia McKinnon,
Jed Hermans, Molly Abbott,
Adrienne Lupton, Ignatius Kearns.

Next weekend we have 4 children on Saturday night, 6 children on Sunday.

Coughlin Park Pavilion Tenders

Tenders for the design and construct of the new Coughlin Park change rooms and community centre close at the Horsham Council this Monday June 15th. This Wednesday June 18th Mark Bromley, Ballarat Diocesan Finance Manager, will be our representative at the opening of the Tenders, and reading them. A decision on the successful tender may be known on Wednesday, subject to all conditions being fulfilled.

SBC Advisory Council Meeting this Wednesday at the College at 7.30pm.

OLHC Murtoa Advisory Council Meeting this Wednesday at the School at 7.30pm.

Men's Breakfast

this Thursday June 18th
7.30am-8.30am in the Parish Centre.
 All men, fathers and sons, are welcome

PRAYER for SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source of all healing power. We entrust our sick brothers and sisters to your loving care. We pray that your blessings be upon all those in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain. May You be their source of hope in moments of despair, woundedness and sorrow. May You be 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 those who are **caregivers**, as channels of your tender love, for they are your very hands on this earth. Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, that they respect the dignity and value of the sick to You. Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those in need of their care. Give them courage to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands, and when they need your enduring help and strength. 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, those in Homes and in the Hospital.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING this Thursday June 18 at 5.30pm in the Meeting Room.

Could members please have their reports to Anita by Wednesday this week. Agenda will be sent to you.

• **Finance Meeting this Monday June 15th at 12 noon in the Meeting Room.** Lunch provided.

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



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We welcome Fr John for our Country Masses this weekend

- Fr Peter and Fr John join the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese for their Annual In-Service at Wendouree this Tuesday June 16 and Wednesday June 17. Fr Paul Connell DTheol will lecture us.

- This Wednesday June 17th is World Day to combat Drought.
- We pray for our own efforts to conserve water as we struggle for rain at this time.

WEEK-DAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass may replace a Weekday Mass time

Tuesday 16th June **NO MASS**

Wednesday 17 June **LLA 9.30am**

Thursday 18th June 9.30am Dominic Vajel anniv. Brent Williams, Brendan Keilar annivs.

Friday 19th June 9.30am Ken Kennedy anniv.

Saturday 20th June 10.00am Holy Souls

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Sr Kathleen Mercovich (sister of Fr Paul, PP St Arnaud), William Davey (brother of Fr Brendan, Nazareth House), John McKenzie, John Matthew Brennan, Noreen Omant (cousin of Marie Foley)

ANNIVERSARIES: Jean Grigg, Sarah Connellan, Adam Ogier, Cornelius Ivess, Mary Rowe, Brent Williams, Brendan Keilar, Dominic Vajel, Ethel Walsh, Lucy O'Neill

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Kevin O'Connor, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Jenny Lynch, Jean Ivess, Marge Martin, Marge Whitehead

Emergency Care: Contact Coordinators

Denise : 5347 0388 Betty 5382 6688

Confessions after Mass on Saturday (10.25)

Each Saturday Morning:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20
Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am**

**Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st June 2015**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm

Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Including the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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

Ss Michael & John's Playgroup Tuesday's in school terms 10am to 12 noon - Parish Hall. Contact 0428 119 234

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. Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

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

Men's Group Meet 3rd Thursday of the month, breakfast 7.30am-8.30, in Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428 847 455

St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meet fortnightly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm, for assistance. Phone 5381 2371

RELATIONSHIP & INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Michael Grimes, a professional counsellor from Centacare Ballarat visits Horsham **every Wednesday**. Cost \$30 concessions available. Phone appt 1300 303 988 or contact the Parish Office

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS 3rd Thursday of each Month at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Forms to be filled in with the Parish Office prior. Contact is the Parish Office 53821155.

Piety Stall in the Church has gifts for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, cards, medals etc., lovely Peru crosses.

Children's Liturgy at 10.30 Mass in School Terms. Children leave at start of Mass, and return at Offertory.

ROSTERS

June 13/14	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Parker Mare Plazzer Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitiz Bob Hayes	Mary Dalgleish Lesley Lannen Mary Marshall Neville Strachan Bob Pritchett Judy Reid
June 20/21	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	John Foster	Andrea Cox
Commentator		Anthony Dowling
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Ann Hermans Sr Jacinta Rice Anthony Amor Maureen Ervin Marie McMillan	Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann Lynda Hutchinson James Rowe Alison McKinnon Faye Wills Kingsley Dalgleish
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians		Choir
Welcomers	Pat Williams Connie Besselaar	Mary Brown Denise Vallance
Prayers	Anna Robertson, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	21st June Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Barbara Gloury Kath Atkins	28th June Pauline Hinch Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry Carolyn Boseley
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 99
Horsham	\$ 943	Dimboola \$ 87
Total		\$ 1129.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 1532.50	Loose \$ 161.50
Total		\$ 1694.00

Making Connections: Be attentive this week to how the seed of God's word and love is growing within you. Foster this growth in as many ways as you can and try to plant the seeds of faith in the hearts of others.

Daily Prayer: Like scattered seed whose growth is slow but steady, your kingdom is revealed, O God. At first so small, its harvest provides for all who hunger. Turn to us who measure progress by standards so different from your own. Give us trust in your ways of planting, patience with gentle nurturing, until we come to rest in the great branches of the cross.

• "Give us grace, Almighty Father, to address thee with all our hearts as with our lips. Thou art everywhere present: from thee no secrets can be hidden. Teach us to fix our thoughts on thee, reverently and with love, so that our prayers are not in vain, but are acceptable to thee, now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord". *Jane Austen (1775-1817)*.

• Could there be any love anywhere more spacious than your heart? Could there be any love anywhere more warmly caring than your own?

Could there be any love anywhere more ready to forgive, to delight? Could there be any love anywhere more devoted and unconditional? Could it be that all truly kind love dwells within you, Great Heart of Love?

Country Mass Times in April:

Sunday June 21: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am.
Sunday June 28: Natimuk 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am.
Murtoa 10.30am.

DATES FOR OUR CALENDARS IN JUNE

June 15th: Finance Meeting 12 noon Meeting Room.
June 16/17: Priests' In Service in Ballarat.
June 17th: OLHC Murtoa Advisory Board Meeting 7.30
June 18th: Men's Group Breakfast 7.30-8.30.
June 18th: Tenders Meeting for Coughlin Park Pavillion
June 18th: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 5.30.
June 20/21: First Communion 6.30 and 10.30 Masses
June 23rd: E Conference in Meeting Room 10-2.30
June 23rd: SMJ Board and Community 4 Meetings.
June 26: Schools' Mass for the Poor SMJ Church 11.30
Last day of Term 2.
June 28th: Fr Peter goes on Sabbatical Leave. Boston
College Summer School, time in Europe, Pilgrimage in
Footsteps of St Paul August 30-September 17th. Back
in Horsham September 19th. Fr John supplies for me.



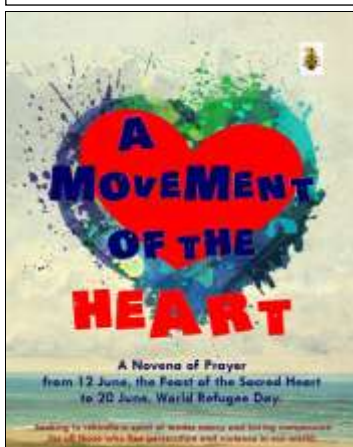
JUNE IS ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

**There is no magic solution to poverty.
It takes compassion, commitment, money.**

No person wants to suffer the debilitating effects of poverty. Not knowing how you'll pay next month's rent or where this week's groceries will come from isn't something anyone, any family, wants to go through. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked

'Vinnie's and placed on the Collection at any Mass.

Donations of non-perishable food - packets or tins - and clothing, **can be left at the Church in June.** After our Mass for the Poor on Friday June 26th at 11.30am, the St Vincent de Paul will distribute these to the needy of our District, in co-operation with the Christian Emergency Food Centre.



A Movement of the Heart
A Novena of Prayer from the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 12th June to Saturday 20th June, World Refugee Day. Seeking to rekindle a spirit of tender mercy and loving compassion for all those who flee persecution and violence in our world. The Facebook page is at:
<https://www.facebook.com/amovementoftheheart>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for June: Immigrants and refugees: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in countries to which they come.

PRAYER FOR RAIN: Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in You we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, bless our land with rain, to revive the soil, to prepare our farming land for sowing, to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve, and teach us to seek your lasting help on our journey through life.



2015 E CONFERENCE

Tuesday June 23rd 10 to 2.30pm.

*Religion: Catalyst for Violence or Peace?
Probing Abrahamic Traditions for Answers*
The 2015 eConference, will tap into interfaith issues surrounding the three

Abrahamic traditions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam.

Speakers:

Terry Lovat, Emeritus Professor and Postgraduate Theology Convenor, University of Newcastle and Senior Research Fellow, Philosophy, Religion & Education, University of Oxford, UK

Rev Dorothy Lee, Dean of the Theological School and the Frank Woods Professor in New Testament, Trinity College, The University of Melbourne

Mohamad Abdalla, Associate Professor at the School of Humanities, Griffith University, Queensland

Dr Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies, and Professor of Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science, USA

You can register your interest to attend at the Office

Sr Jacinta will be the Co-Ordinator for the day.

Morning Tea, Lunch, and materials to follow the speakers, will be available.



Multiple humanitarian emergencies in Syria, Iraq, the Central African Republic and more have forced record numbers of people to flee; world refugee numbers have not been this high since World War II.

A REFUGEE is someone who fled their home and country owing to a well-founded fear of persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, being a member of a particular social group, or because of political opinion .

PRAYER for REFUGEES & ASSYLUM SEEKERS

God, no one is stranger to you And no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, Help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Who too was a refugee and migrant Who travelled to another land Searching for a home. Amen

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3. 13-16
Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they

will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Reflection on the Gospel-11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 14 June 2015 (Mark 4:26-34)

Sister Veronica Lawson rsm

The first of the parables in today's gospel reading has no parallel in the other gospels. It compares God's kingdom to a trusting sower who scatters the seed by day, sleeps by night, and simply observes the "earth produce of itself" until it is time to harvest the grain. The sower's actions of scattering, sleeping, rising, and going in with his sickle are paralleled by his "not-knowing how" the seed is transformed into grain. We may, in our times, have a more sophisticated understanding of the process of growth. We have no less reason to stand in awe at the wonder of it all.

In an era of urbanization, supermarket chains, and online shopping even for groceries, we can easily lose sight of the source of food and the miracle of food production. This little parable serves as a reminder of the goodness of the earth

and of the God who sustains our planetary home. It inspires us to contemplate the myriad ways in which the earth speaks to us of God and God's empire or kin-dom. At another level, we might question how the sower's actions and attitudes provide an image of God's reign. Is it in the sower's trusting that all will be well while "not-knowing"? Is it in the observation that the grain is ripe for the harvest? Is it in the prompt action to bring in the harvest? Parables are meant to tease their hearers/readers. They remain open-ended and challenging. The second parable is probably familiar to most of us as it appears in all three synoptic gospels. Matthew and Luke both parallel the mustard seed parable with a parable about a woman mixing yeast into flour. Mark, in contrast, juxtaposes his mustard seed parable with that of the trusting sower. Mustard seeds were tiny, although they were not the smallest of seeds and have never been known to become the largest of

shrubs. The idea that God's reign provides shelter for the birds to make their nests is a challenging one at a time when so many species are becoming extinct precisely because their habitats are being destroyed by human activity. Some scholars have pointed out that the mustard seed was a weed. To compare God's reign with a weed may have raised a smile or two. It would certainly have exercised the minds of Jesus' audience. Maybe Jesus' disciples were in need of encouragement even in the early stages of the Galilean ministry. Maybe the curious and hostile were in need of a reminder to take this movement seriously, for extraordinary things can come from the most inauspicious beginnings. Opposition to Jesus had surfaced at the outset. Mark's community may also have been experiencing opposition and feeling the need for the wisdom that comes from a carefully crafted and perfectly timed story.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be

calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Australian Family Association presents

Mary Doogan, a midwife in the UK, who was sacked from her job for exercising her conscience objecting to being involved in abortions.
Mary will speak at ACU, 1200 Mair Street, Ballarat, on Monday June 22nd at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.