



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

## BULLETIN



### Feast of Christ the King - 22nd November 2015



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We welcome Fr John this weekend.

#### Rally: Time to turn Laudato Si (Pope Francis Encyclical on Care of the Planet) into Action!

this Friday, November 27, at 5.30 at the State Library, Melbourne, after an Interfaith Service at 5.00pm at the Wesley Church, 148 Lonsdale St, Melbourne.

The rally will be addressed at 6.00 by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez former President of Caritas Internationalis; staunch defender of human rights, a powerful voice in the global fight against poverty; Vatican spokesperson on International Monetary Fund.

#### Today is the Feast of Christ the King

We are into the last week of the current Liturgical Year this week.

Next Sunday November 29th is the First Sunday of Advent, and begins the new Liturgical Year.

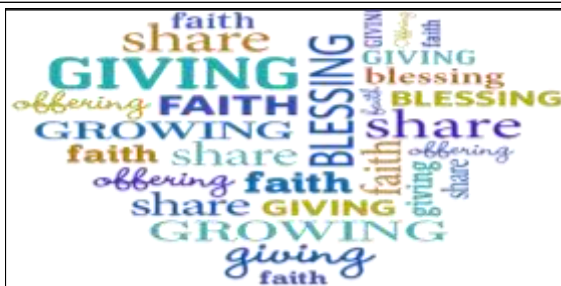
Readings from next Sunday are Year C for Sundays, and from November 30th Year 2 for Weekday Masses.



Today's Readings depict the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the

promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory. Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. We look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.



#### 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.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism:

Alexandra Catharine Blay  
son of Daniel & Martene

**Candles for you to take home and light for your deceased loved ones available at Masses today.**

**November Book of Remembrance in the Foyer to write in names of deceased.**

**Anointing Mass Lutheran Home this Friday 10.30am**

#### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 24th Nov	5.30pm	St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions Michael Rowe birthday, Frances Plazzer's brother
Wednesday 25th Nov	9.30am	McManus Family intentions
Thursday 26th Nov	9.30am	Marie Fitzpatrick intentions
Friday 27th Nov	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Anointing Mass Lutheran Home</b> John and Joan Parker Family Intentions.
Saturday 28th Nov	10.00am	Ada Macchia family intentions.

#### 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	
<b>RECENT DEATHS:</b> Yetty Glaubitz (Paul's mother), Sara Hunter, Marion Derbas, Phillip Ryan	
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Betty Campesato	
<b>SICK:</b> Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Warren Strauss, Eileen Finnigan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Jill Higginbottom, Christie Higginbottom, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Kevin O'Connor, Shirley Willetts	
<b>Emergency Care: Contact Coordinator</b> Betty 5382 6688	
<b>Confessions Saturday after Mass (10.25)</b>	
<b>Saturday Morning Devotions:</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20</b> <b>Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church. 10am Mass</b>	
<b>Next Sunday 4th Sunday of the Month</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent—29th November</b>	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	<b>Sunday LLA 8.30am</b>
Murtoa	<b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b>
<b>Rosary &amp; Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> <b>Including the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.</b>	
<b>Regular Activities in the Parish</b>	
<b>Mother's Prayer Group</b> Fortnightly Every Wednesday 2.00pm Church Meeting Room Contact Marina 5382 1047	
<b>Ss Michael &amp; John's Playgroup</b> Tuesday's in school terms 10am to 12 noon - Parish Hall. Contact 0428 119 234	
<b>Craft Group</b> 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	
<b>Meditation Group</b> Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807	
<b>CWL Meetings</b> 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm in Meeting Room.	
<b>Men's Group</b> Meet 3rd Thursday of the month, breakfast 7.30am-8.30, Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428 847 455	
<b>St Vincent de Paul Conference.</b> Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm, for assistance. Phone 5381 2371	
<b>RELATIONSHIP &amp; INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING</b> <b>Michael Grimes</b> , a professional counsellor from Centacare Ballarat visits Horsham <b>every Wednesday</b> . Cost \$30 concessions available. Phone appt 1300 303 988 or contact the Parish Office	
<b>BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS</b> 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.	
<b>Piety Stall in the Church</b> has gifts for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, cards, medals etc., lovely Peru crosses.	
<b>Children's Liturgy at 10.30 Mass in School Terms.</b> Children leave at start of Mass, and return at Offertory.	
<b>CHOIR PRACTICE</b> will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm,	

ROSTERS			
Nov 21/22	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Sr Jacinta Rice	Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan	
Nov 28/29	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
<b>Readers</b>	Anita Masiero	Anthony Dowling	
<b>Commentator</b>	Les Butler	Mary Marshall	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Peter Gutteridge Anthony Amor Joan Parker Ann Hermans Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz	Alison McKinnon Marina Manserra Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson	
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills	
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms	
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carolyn Boseley Marie McMillan	Helene Bush Marina Manserra	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Emily Hobbs	
<b>Prayers</b>	John & Joan Parker		
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>29th November</b> Shirley Hoffmann Marie McMillan Margo Hogan	<b>6th December</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)</b>			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 90.00
Horsham	\$ 830.00	Dimboola	\$ 118.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1038.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)- Wk 1</b>			
Envelopes	\$ 3003.00	Loose	\$ 201.50
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 3204.50</b>
<b>Making Connections:</b> This week bear witness in your home or workplace to the truth which you are discovering.			
<b>Marriage Tip:</b> What is a unique endearing quality of your beloved? Have you told your spouse? No harm in saying it again. Do it today.			
<b>Daily Prayer:</b> Lord God almighty, you have anointed Jesus as the Christ not to rule a kingdom won by violence but to bear witness to the truth, not to reign in arrogance but to serve in humility and love, not to mirror this world's powers but to inherit a dominion that will not pass away.			
<b>A Vocation View:</b> Christ the King...the faithful Witness. He loved us...and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father. Who are we to be called forth as the priests of tomorrow - prayerful men - leaders, ready to preach the Word of God.			
<b>Christ the King:</b> Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?			

### **Country Mass Times in November/December:**

Sunday 29th: Dimboola LLA 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30.  
Sunday Dec 6: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.  
Sunday Dec 13: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.  
Sunday Dec 20: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

### **CWL Christmas Luncheon**

**1st December at 12 noon** at the Commercial Hotel, Wilson Street, Horsham \$20 per head. All are welcome. RSVP no later than 27th November to Joan on 5381 2411 or Barbara 5382 3182



### **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 nurture crops sown, and to bring them to a head, and for rain to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve in times of trial and difficulty, and teach us to seek your help on our life journey.

### **AVAILABLE NOW IN THE PIETY STALL**

\* Christmas Cards. \* Columban Calendars



## **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE LAUNCH**

Monday, 30 November 10.30am Murtoa Community Health Centre

Come along and enjoy some Christmas carols. Select a gift tag or bring a gift along to place under the Christmas Tree for someone less fortunate. It's not just the children, but teenagers, young adults and the elderly. The gifts donated will remain in the Murtoa, Minyip and Rupanyup districts.

Gifts can be returned to: the Murtoa Community Health Centre, the Minyip Community Health Centre, the Rupanyup Pharmacy or the Rupanyup Doctor's Surgery.

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

**We need those who indicated their giving by Direct Debit, to complete the yellow Direct Debit form and return to the Office THIS WEEK please. Your contribution cannot be deducted until this Form is submitted. Copies of the form, if required, are with Anita.**

- I welcome tonight, Sunday, the Priests of the northern Zone to celebrate Fr Neville Stanislaus 25th Ordination and Fr Eugene McKinnon's 40th Ordination Jubilee.
- SMJ School Years 1 & 2 Liturgy in the School this Tuesday at 12.15pm. All Parishioners welcome.
- SMJ Years 5 & 6 will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Wednesday and Thursday.
- OLHC Murtoa SAC Meeting this Tuesday 7.45.
- Thank you to all families who could attend the SMJ Spring Festival last Sunday or who bought raffle tickets etc. All 4 arms of Community 4 - faith, family, fun, fund-raising - worked together for its success. The School appreciates our support
- CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE JESSE TREE FOR CHILDREN CAN BE LEFT FROM NEXT WEEKEND

**From the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday: 8 in attendance, 5 apologies.**

- Agenda items were: Stewardship Program, Finance, Coughlin Park, Parish 140 years old in 2016, Social Justice.
- Reports from Adult Faith, Sacrament Program, OLHC School, Liturgy and Music, were received.
- Reports will be in the Christmas "The Fisherman"
- The OH&S Group will hold a working bee in SMJ Church before Christmas. Date to be advised.

### **PARISH LITURGY ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DIARY**

#### **Advent Reflection Groups begin November 23 to 27**

Anyone who would like to belong to a group, please contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807. Booklets available also for individual use, \$5 each.

**Advent River Walk** is on Tuesday December 8th at 7am beginning from the Bennett Road Carpark. Walk to the Weir for prayer and breakfast. Theme "Year of Mercy". All welcome.

**The Jesse Tree** will be decorated by the Children's Liturgy group at each Sunday Advent Mass, with the Jesse Tree Symbols.

**The White Christmas Tree** will be in the Foyer from the Third Sunday of Advent, to which you can add the "The Remembering Family Who Are not With Us at Christmas" names. Tags will be in the Foyer then.

**Christmas Anointing Mass on Thursday December 10th at 2pm in SMJ Church.** Cuppa and raffle drawn after Mass.

**Advent Reconciliation Service** Monday Dec 21, 7pm.

**Time Out Sessions** with Sr Jacinta to help us destress before Christmas. Tuesday December 8th, 2pm-4pm and Wednesday December 16th, 7pm - 9pm, both in the Parish Centre.

- Our Parish will celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in Lent 2016, with the possibility of a Parish Mission, with the Redemptorists, and other Liturgies to be planned.
- Our Parish is 140 years old in 2016.
- More details on Year of Mercy and Liturgies for 140th etc after the Liturgy Meeting on January 25th 2016.

The **Men's Group** had a very successful fund raising end of year Christmas dinner on Thursday night. The food was kindly donated, baked, prepared & served by Silvana & John Foster at their home. It was a beautiful Spring night after a scorcher of a day! 23 attendees donated \$250 to Caritas.

The new **Diocesan Web Site Launch** will be in here in Horsham this Tuesday for local Parishes to learn about it.

- November 25th is UN Day for Elimination of Violence.

Pope Francis: **Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy** begins on December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception and conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, Feast of Christ the King. All are invited to the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird on Sunday December 13th at 10.30 Mass. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

**1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14**

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:1-2. 5**

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord,

you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**2nd Reading: Revelation 1:5-8**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Acclamation Mark 11:9. 10**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 18:33-37**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

**Reflection on the Gospel - Feast of Christ the King, Year B, 22 November Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.**

The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kin-dom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century. Rome was the dominant global force at that time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world.

When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not pitting planet Earth or the cosmos against a purely spiritual world. He is referring rather to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers.

The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel, both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military, or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power

over or domination of others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth.

The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence and domination. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.

**Next Sunday Gospel: Luke 21:25-28.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they

will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.' 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and

that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



**TIME & TALENT SHEET MEETING this Thursday Nov 26th at 7pm in the Meeting Room**

for **new people** who nominated to be a Reader, Commentator, Eucharist Minister, Computer, Welcomer, Communion to homes, and others interested.

121 T&T sheets were returned *night*

**• Bishop Paul Bird has made these Priest Appointments:**

- Fr Ed Moloney appointed to the Seminary Staff from 2016
- Fr John Monaghan PP of Maryborough from January 2016
- Fr Eugene McKinnon PP of Donald, adds the Parishes of Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake, Wycheproof. Fr Peter Jose assistant priest in Mildura to be assistant priest with Eugene.
- Fr Damian Styles, currently serving as a chaplain with the Australian Army, will be on loan to the diocese of Ballarat for 2016 and will be assistant priest in Mildura.

**• CHRISTMAS PARISH MAGAZINE "The Fisherman" Articles welcome by December 10th.**