

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk

BULLETIN

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th July 2015



"Go and tell my people"

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Fr Peter's Sabbatical Leave

Fr Peter has spent time in Connecticut with his family and has relaxed well. He has now moved to Boston where he is at the School of Ministry and Theology to study. Unlike us having cold weather, Fr Peter is enjoying lovely summer weather.

Today is Apostleship of the Sea Sunday. We pray for all who work on, or sail our seas.

SR JACINTA'S SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS FOR OUR PARISH

Ignatian Discernment Series – How do I know what God wants of me?

Venue: Parish Centre.

Thursday, July 30th - 7.30-9 p.m. Introduction-Ignatius and Discerning Choices

July 31st (Feast of St Ignatius)- 7.30-9 p.m.

Two Pathways and Making Decisions

August 1st, 10-1 p.m. How do I know what God wants of me?

To benefit from this program all three sessions are needed. Please do not miss this rare opportunity. Book in at the parish centre as soon as possible. All welcome.

Call to Peace

Venue: Parish centre

Thursday 6th August- Hiroshima Day- 7.30-9 p.m.

Discussion on Peace using Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Exhortation- *The Joy of the Gospel*. Are you interested in being a member of a parish justice and peace group? This is for you... but we are called to peace. Come along. Our world desperately needs peace people.

Project Compassion 2015 - Thank you

Thank you Ballarat diocesan parish and schools communities. Through your generosity, Ballarat catholic communities donated \$478,634 this year towards Caritas Australia. Included in this amount is \$248,958 for PC2015. Through your generosity, Caritas is enabled to support the most vulnerable people in our world to achieve a sustainable livelihood and look forward to a future with hope.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (MARK 6:31)

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God.

Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

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 back from school holidays all students and staff at our schools and wish them all the best for term three

Leaving Collection for the Pope

raised **\$567.00**. Thank you to all who contributed. If you still wish to contribute to this collection just put it in an envelope marked "Pope's Collection" and put it into the collection.

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



WEEK-DAY MASSES:

A Funeral Mass may replace a Weekday Mass time

Tuesday 14th July	1.30pm	Funeral Mass for Margaret Keegan
Wednesday 15th July	9.30am	
Thursday 16th July	1.30pm	Funeral Mass for Andr�e Coutts
Friday 17th July	9.30am 2.00pm	Funeral Kevin Gaylor
Saturday 18th July	10.00am	

Please Remember in Your Prayers	
RECENT DEATHS: Margaret 'Bid' Keegan (Bendigo), Andr�e Coutts, Moira Nolan nee Delahunty (Melbourne), Kevin Gaylor	
ANNIVERSARIES: Agostino Masiero	
SICK: Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Kevin O'Connor, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Marge Whitehead, Warren Strauss, Tom Murphy.	
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 3rd Sunday of the Month 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th July 2015	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday Mass 8.30am
Murtoa	Sunday Mass 8.30am
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. Meets twice monthly. 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		
July 11/12	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Simon Lynch Ann Hermans Sr Jacinta Rice Maureen Ervin Marie McMillan John Parker	Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann Lynda Hutchinson James Rowe Faye Wills Kingsley Dalglish
July 18/19	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Tess Hayes	Shayne Keenan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy Joan Parker Maree Plazzer Chris Velthuis	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff Noreen O'Connor Zita Cannane Bob Pritchett
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Choir
Welcomers	Marie McMillan Bob Hayes	Nanette Freckleton Helene Bush
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	19th July Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley	26th July Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 51.00
Horsham	\$ 910.00	Dimboola	\$ 84.00
Total			\$ 1045.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 2629.50	Loose	\$ 41.50
Total			\$ 2671.00

Making Connections: Find ways to share your faith and your journey with others this week. This is taking a risk and you may be ridiculed. Are you able to rise to the challenge?

Marriage Tip: Marriage Challenge (esp. for older couples): health. Aches and pains are inevitable but remind yourself daily that you still have a spouse to love.

Daily Prayer: Let nothing, O God, be dearer to us than your Son, no worldly possessions, no human honors; let us prefer nothing whatever to Christ, who alone makes known to the world the mystery of your love and reveals the true dignity of every human person.

A Vocation View: In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to reconsider what you are doing and do His work instead.

Sunday Country Mass Times in July & August:

July 19: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am
July 26: Natimuk Mass 8.30am Dimboola LLA 8.30am
Murtoa LLA 9am
August 2: Dimboola LLA 8.30am Murtoa Mass 8.30am
August 9: Dimboola Mass 8.30am Murtoa LLA 9am
August 15: Dimboola Mass 8.30 Murtoa Mass 10.30
August 23: Natimuk Mass 8.30am Dimboola LLA 8.30
Murtoa LLA 9am
August 30: Dimboola LLA 8.30am Murtoa LLA 9am

CWL IRISH LUNCHEON

Tuesday 21st July at 12 noon sharp
Commercial Hotel, Wilson Street, Horsham
\$20 per head
All Welcome



RSVP: Joan 5381 2411 or Barbara 5382 3182
No later than 17th July



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

This week on *The Journey* Fr Stephen Varney gives us a reflection on this week's Gospel and Trish McCarthy urges us to get our priorities right. Sr Hilda Scott has more wisdom from the Abbey and we also hear from Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen

Fr Barry Ryan's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

Fr Barry Ryan will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination at the St Columba's Parish Church on Sunday, July 19, 2015 at 10.00am Mass. A morning tea will be held in the St Columba's Parish School Hall (Howard Street) following Mass. All are most welcome

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, especially in these coming months 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.

LOOKING FORWARD GATHERINGS

Looking Forward is a strategy initiated by Bishop Paul and the Bishop's Advisory Council in order to prepare now for the future.

Looking Forward is an ongoing process. It commenced in 2014 with four stages.

Looking Forward continues in 2015 as part of a continuous process - in other words, all stages are still relevant and happening.

Looking Forward 2015

In 2015 Parish Pastoral Councils, School and Parish Leadership Groups and Priests will be invited to prepare for the Looking Forward 2015 Gatherings. **Meetings will start at 7pm and will be led by Fr Justin Driscoll and Amanda Smith** These 2015 Gatherings will be held in centres around the Diocese as follows:

- Warrnambool Tuesday 28 July
- Ararat Tuesday 4 August
- Hamilton Tuesday 11 August
- **Horsham Tuesday 18 August**
- Colac Tuesday 25 August
- Wendouree Tuesday 1 September
- Birchip Tuesday 8 September
- Swan Hill Tuesday 15 September

Attendance at the Gatherings is not limited to leadership groups. Other parishioners including school staff and parent are welcome to attend. *Please let the Parish Office know if you are planning to attend this event.*



At the heart of our humanity is the need to belong. Pope Francis often speaks about the love of God that sustains the world. **God's divine love, he explains, connects us to one another.** Love gives us a deep sense of belonging. In a wedding homily, **Pope Francis stated, "families are the first place in which we are formed as persons and, at the same time, the 'bricks' for the building up of society."** A society resting firmly on faith, love and trust in God has a strong foundation. Prayer plays a critical role in strengthening our faith, love and trust. Mindful of how God is speaking to us, we may be a "brick" of faith for someone in our family, a coworker, neighbour or stranger. The Good News we share in a simple gesture or kind word may help build a bridge to connect us despite our differences in a world where everyone belongs. - Deborah Meister

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Resp Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

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

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and

grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message

of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Acclamation: cf Ephesians 1:17-18
Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Gospel Reflection - Veronica Lawson rsm

To be a disciple of Jesus is to experience a call. It is also to be sent on a mission in partnership with others, a mission invariably expressed in terms of preaching, teaching, healing, and/or driving out of demons or unclean spirits. In other words, it is to be authorised to do what Jesus did and to proclaim what he proclaimed. When we hear of Jesus casting out demons and telling his disciples to do likewise, we tend to think that whatever they did is something that belongs to another time and has little to do with our contemporary society. In the cosmology of the time, there was a realm between the divine and the human that was inhabited by good and evil spirits (angels and demons). The divide between these realms was conceptualised as porous so that humans could be protected by the angels or "possessed" by the demons.

While the cosmology of the twenty-first century has no "place" for such beings, the contemporary imagination allows space for a metaphorical engagement with the angelic and demonic. When we speak of "demons" now, we are talking about something recognisable in human experience, even if somewhat removed from the "demons" that beset the poor in the Roman imperial provinces of the first century. Today's parents spend much of their time casting out the "demons" that beset their children, as do our friends when they sit and listen to the pain in our hearts and help us to let go of the "demons" that so often inhabit our psyches. Many health professionals are paid to heal the hurts as well as the cuts and burns. They drive out the demons of fear and hate and prejudice and of paralysing mental illness. Educators also, aware that learning occurs only when students are relatively free from

fear and anxiety, know what it means to drive out the demons. It is significant that Jesus instructs the disciples to travel light. They need the basics to live and to do their job, but if their mission is to be effective, they must be free from the anxiety that comes from excess. Psychologist and social critic John F. Shumaker suggests that societies with the most material goods tend to be the most anxious. "Mutual respect, community-mindedness, an eagerness to share, reverence for nature, thankfulness, and love of life", it seems, are the major ingredients for a stress- or "demon"-free personal and community life. There would be no need to shake the dust from our feet for want of hospitality if that were the way we all chose to live. What's more, there would be enough for all on our planet, the human and other-than-human, to live in dignity and peace.

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL: MARK 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could

be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Dates for your Calendar

July 20th—

Finance Meeting—12 noon

August 18th—

Looking Forward Gathering with Fr Justin Driscoll and Amanda Smith

See *inside Bulletin*

August 20th—

Parish Council Meeting 5.30pm