



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Murtoa – Horsham – Natimuk – Rupanyup

BULLETIN

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th September 2015



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Welcome

We welcome Fr Damien who joins Fr Anthony this weekend and we thank Fr Anthony for being with us over the last two weeks.

We also welcome back Fr Peter from his sabbatical renewed and refreshed.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND



The collection in our parish this year has raised \$544.00 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Our Stewardship Program begins next week. The Program invites us to revisit our role as committed parishioners and how our parish can benefit from our collective gifts. The word parishioner means 'one who belongs to/is connected with a parish'. Being a member of a parish means playing a part in the parish community in all areas, taking ownership and belonging to a family of faith believers. Over the course of the next few weeks we will look at the different areas of our parish and where each of us fits in.

WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee to prepare letters for our parishioners and school parents. If you are able to help us fold and prepare letters please come along and lend a hand. The working bee will be **on Wednesday, 23 September 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Large Meeting Room.** *The more the merrier and the quicker!* Please advise the office of your availability

Save the date: Our Parish Information Meeting is on **Tuesday, 13 October 2015 at 7:30pm.** At this meeting we gather as a community to plan for the future of our parish and share a cuppa together. More information will be made available over the coming weeks.

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 on Saturday:

BAPTISM

Matteo Franco Marcial
son of Franklin and Sharon

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 22nd Sept 5.30pm

Wednesday 23rd Sept 9.30am

Thursday 24th Sept 9.30am

Friday 25th Sept **10.30am**

Anointing Mass Lutheran Home

Saturday 26th Sept 10.00am

Please Remember in Your Prayers	
RECENT DEATHS: Ethel Byrne—mother of Janine Bester, Elsie Ross	
ANNIVERSARIES: Mark Hennessy, Jack Ivess	
SICK: Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Marge Whitehead, Warren Strauss, Tom Murphy, Eileen Finnigan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Jill Higginbottom, Christie Higginbottom	
Emergency Care: Contact Coordinator 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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th September 2015	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday LLA 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			
Sept 19/20	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Marie McMillan Tess Hayes	Marina Manserra Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff Mary Dalglish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson	
Sept 26/27	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Michael Connellan	
Commentator	Anita Masiero	Dianne Noy	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Joan Parker Ann Hermans	Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Kingsley Dalglish Lesley Lannen Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson	
Projector	Lyn Hutchinson	Julie Antonoff	
Musicians	Chris Robarts		
Welcomers	Garry Heinrich Carolyn Boseley	Sharon Creasey Beth Johnson	
Prayers	John & Joan Parker		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	27th September Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley	4th October Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna foster Helene Bush Mary Ward	
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 85.00
Horsham	\$ 942.00	Dimboola	\$ 53.00
Total			\$ 1080.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)			
Envelopes	\$ 1214.50	Loose	\$ 48.10
Total			\$ 1262.60

Making Connections: Try to empty yourself this week of the desire to be in control. Look for ways of being of service to others. Perhaps spend time with and learn from a child. What can we learn of faith from their example.

Marriage Tip: Lift high the Cross! Do you have a crucifix in a prominent place in your home? Seeing Jesus' sacrifice is a great reminder of the love spouses are called to every day.

Daily Prayer: O God, whose hand shelters the just and righteous, and whose favor rests on the lowly, banish hypocrisy from our hearts and purify us of all selfish ambition. Let your word sown among us bring forth a harvest of peace.

A Vocation View: When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

Sunday Country Mass Times in Sept:

Sept 27: Murtoa Mass 8.30am Dimboola LLA 8.30am

LADIES REVITALISE WEEKEND

FINAL CALL FOR REGISTRATIONS

Norval, Halls Gap Beginning with tea on Friday 16th October and finishing Sunday 18th October.

Theme "The Song of Sacred Presence"

Cost \$220.00 for the weekend.

Forms available in the Foyer.

Registrations close on Monday 21st September.

Minimum of 20 people are required for this to proceed.

Contact the Parish Office for further information.

The Synod of Bishops XIV Ordinary General Assembly is convening in Rome in October 2015. In order to support this important gathering, the Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council (ACMFC) has published this prayer.

Prayer for the Synod on the Family

4-25 OCTOBER 2015

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

August 31, 2015

Dear Father,

Corpus Christi College Building Appeal—Help Them Serve

On the weekend of the 26 and 27 September across all parishes in Victoria a special appeal will be conducted to raise funds for the addition of 8 new rooms for seminarians at Corpus Christi College, Carlton. It is pleasing to be in the position of needing to accommodate a growing number of candidates for the priesthood.

The interest in attending Corpus Christi College is coming from candidates from Australia and around the world. They are preparing to minister in our increasingly multi-cultural parishes.

I thank you and your parishioners for any support you can give to this appeal.

God Bless you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Paul Bird CSSR

Bishop of Ballarat.

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.



We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on 27 September**. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers'.

The Statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat.

It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering.



1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you

with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Acclamation of 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Gospel Reflection -Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of us have to admit to being like the disciples whom Jesus was trying to bring from blindness and ignorance to insight and understanding. Like them, we are often afraid to ask for explanations when we fear that we **won't be able to deal with the** responses we receive. We so often choose to live in denial. No matter how strongly Jesus insists that the way of the gospel will lead to his violent death, his closest followers persist in their refusal to accept the inevitability of suffering in the life of one who so openly challenges abuses of power. More focussed on personal **recognition and status, the "twelve"** engage in a childish argument about who is the greatest among them. **They are inside "the house"** in Capernaum, the home of Jesus. They are understandably silent when Jesus

questions them about the discussion **they had "on the way"**. They still have much to learn and he needs their attention if they are to understand who he is and what it means to be his disciple. They need to learn that being first has nothing to do with seeking the limelight, with hierarchy, or status, or power or adulation. It has everything to do with learning to be last, with engaging in ministry without distinction or discrimination, with **being "servant of all" as the gospel** puts it. Like us, they may also have **much to learn from "the way" itself**, the path they tread through the land. A very engaging scene follows this **discussion. They are still "inside the house", an open house where all are welcome.** Jesus places a little child in their midst. Who is this child? The child is unnamed. We might give this child a name so that she or he is a real person for us. Jesus seemingly

gathers the twelve in a circle around him. Taking the child in his arms, he tries to show them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege, but in the welcome offered to those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs are frequently ignored. Jesus, the suffering messiah, actually identifies with a defenceless child, **"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me"**. His identification with the defenceless is as intimate as his identification with **God, "the one who sent me"**. **As a church, we might well hear today's gospel story as a call to respond with compassion and justice to those who have suffered the indignity and injustice of abuse in their childhood.** We might hear it as an invitation to listen to the cry of our sisters and brothers who continue to seek the dignity and justice that belong to all **of God's people.**

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink

just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out.

And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'