

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th September 2015



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PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Our Parish Stewardship Program officially commences this weekend.

Over the next four weekends there will be different attachments to our weekly bulletin with information on the Program.

Please take home the Parish Bulletin with the attachment. The attachment each week outlines how we can support the Program by participating in Parish life, and also committing to sharing responsibilities that will help make our parish an interactive, vibrant and faithful place of worship.

This is our parish community – we are all invited to renew our commitment to the parish.

As you leave the church today please collect your Family Letter

On the tables at the back of the Church

It contains :

- * a Letter from Fr Peter and Jill Coutts Campaign Chairperson,
- * a Time and Talent Sheet to seek your use of time and talents, in ministries and Parish life,
- * a Brochure outlining the aims of the Stewardship Program
- * an invitation to our Parish Information Meeting.

If there is no letter for you please take a Census Card and an envelope, complete the details, and return to Church, School or the Office.

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this Meeting **on Tuesday, 13 October 2015 at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre** where we will hear about our recent achievements and future plans.

Please pray for the success of our Stewardship Program.

Thank you to those who helped with the **Working Bee** on Wednesday and Friday! A wonderful effort....

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,

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost.

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National Police Remembrance Day Service this Tuesday September 29th at 11am in SMJ Church.

You are invited to gather outside the Horsham Police Station at 10.30am for the March to the Church via Firebrace Street.

After the Service you are welcome to the Parish Centre for refreshments and to meet our local Police and other Emergency Service members.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 29th Sept	5.30pm	Sts Michael & Gabriel
Wednesday 30 Sept	9.30am	St Jerome. Dom Zarlenga anniv.
Thursday 1st Oct	9.30am	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Friday 2nd Oct	9.30am	The Guardian Angels. Gertie Brophy ann.
Saturday 3rd Oct	10.00am	

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: Roger Hogan - Birchip	
ANNIVERSARIES: Dom Zarlenga, Beverley Delahunty, Phillip Black,	
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, Carmela Baviello	
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 1st Sunday of the Month 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th October 2015	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday Mass 8.30am
Murtoa	Sunday LLA 9.00am
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, 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.	

*Congratulations to HSFNC on their Premierships,
and to all involved over their years in the WFL.*

ROSTERS		
Sept 26/27	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy Micky Roberts Joan Parker Ann Hermans	Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Kingsley Dalgleish Lesley Lannen Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson
Oct 3/4	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	John Foster	Mary Marshall
Commentator	Tess Hayes	Anthony Dowling
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin	Shirley Hoffmann Andrea Cox Faye Wills Alison McKinnon Marina Manserra Cate Rigby Tim Lannen
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Choir
Welcomers	Marie McMillan Bob Hayes	Mary Uebergang Mary Dalgleish
Prayers	Anna Robertson, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	4th October Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna foster Helene Bush Mary Ward	11th October Josie Phelan Claire Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 89.00
Horsham	\$ 1003.00	Dimboola \$ 239.00
Total		\$ 1331.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 1627.50	Loose \$
Total		\$ 1627.50
Making Connections: Identify and root out that which is an obstacle to your faith. Pray for help in this		
Daily Prayer: Beyond all human boundaries, O God, your deeds of power take place, and your healing mercy is at work Ours is not to restrict the wonders of your saving grace but to give joyful thanks for your compassion wherever we may find it. Teach us to use well the riches of nature and grace to care generously for those in need and to look carefully to our own conduct.		
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time: St James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel. Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.		
Vocational View: Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not - nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's call.		
Welcome to visitors and those here for the Horsham Show today. All the best to Murtoa for their Big Weekend next Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Sr Jacinta speaks at the Ecumenical Service on Sunday at 11am.		

Country Mass Times in October:

Sunday Oct 4th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa LLA 9am
Sunday Oct 11: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa LLA 9am
Sunday 18th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30
Sunday 25th: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola Mass 8.30
Murtoa Mass 10.30
Sunday Nov 1: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
Sunday Nov 8: Dimboola Mass 10.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30

Next Sunday October 4th is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is a day we have the blessing of animals. If you wish to bring your pet to 10.30 Mass next Sunday we will have a blessing of animals at the Mass.

Next Sunday October 4th also begins Daylight Saving for the coming six months.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday today.

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, lost or suffering.

Pope Francis' call to every Catholic parish across Europe to take in at least one refugee family has prompted an outpouring of support and goodwill. Across social media people are applauding the decision, coming as it does on the eve of next year's Year of Mercy, as declared by Pope Francis. Promoted by the Pope's pronouncement, we cannot shirk our obligations to extend Christian hospitality to some of the most vulnerable people in the world. "Faced with the tragedy of tens of thousands of asylum seekers, fleeing death as victims of war and hunger ...the Gospel calls on us and asks us to be the neighbours of the smallest and the most abandoned, to give them concrete hope." Pope Francis said.

We hope our Parish can welcome and support one of these families.

Copies of the Social Justice Statement are in the Foyer for you to take.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE BUILDING APPEAL

Currently the Seminary in Carlton is full of students for the Priesthood. There is a need to extend the accommodation. There are letters in the Foyers today, seeking your support to this Building Appeal. You can return your donation via the mail, or leave it on the Collection.

From Fr Peter:

I thank God for the success and safety of my Sabbatical leave. My Courses in Boston in July were wonderful, my time with family in America and Ireland was fulfilling, I saw the 3rd day of The Oval Test, Rome was magnificent, and the Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul was magnificent. I hope to share different insights into my time away with you, over the coming weeks. Thank you to Anita in the Office, and the Parish Council and Finance Committee for their preparatory work on the Stewardship Program renewal.

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.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

The collection in our parish this year has raised **\$703.00** 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

LEAVING COLLECTION at 10.30 MASS TODAY FOR RETIRED PRIESTS ANNUAL APPEAL.

This collection was missed a couple of weeks ago.

Online Diocesan Training Course

about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

If you have a particular role in our parish that brings you in contact with children, you may be contacted about providing your email address for the purpose of completing an online training course to be distributed by the Diocesan Professional Standards Office. The training relates to two diocesan documents, "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults" and "Code of Conduct for Caring for Children". The training ensures that all those who work with children and persons in positions of responsibility in parishes have read and understand the documents.

The Synod of Bishops 14th Ordinary General Assembly re-convenes in Rome from October 4th to 25th.

We pray for the success of this Synod, for the first time made up of Bishops with lay people, that Pope Francis calls to reflect upon a number of issues that affect family life today.

Prayer for the Synod on the Family

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.

1st Reading; Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.
The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.
So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their

keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.
From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.
The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Acclamation of John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us

holy in the truth. Alleluia!

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.'

Gospel Reflection - Sr 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.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why

a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to

him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.