

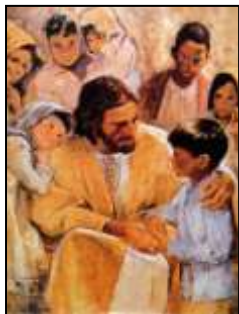


# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

## BULLETIN

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th October 2015



### PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The 2nd weekend our Stewardship Program focuses on *Celebrating our Faith*, and the significance of our parish community celebrating the Eucharist. Pope Francis said: "*Celebrating the Eucharist should make a difference in the way a parish community lives. At Mass, Christ gathers people around him to nourish us with his word and his life. This means that the mission and identity of the church begin and take form at Mass*".

**If you did not do so last week please collect your letter as you leave the church today.** If there is no letter for you please complete a Census Card and please take a spare envelope.

### PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

**Tuesday, 13 October 2015 at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. The Meeting gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the needs of our Parish in ways you see them, and how our Stewardship can reflect this.** Please show your support for our Parish as we revisit our recent achievements and future plans. The meeting will be for one hour.

### SCHOOL TERM 4 BEGINS.

**St Brigid's College** returns on Monday October 5th. Summer uniform and hat are worn. We pray for the Year 12 students in their important final weeks of school.



**St Michael & John School** classes begin on Tuesday 6. Monday 5th is a Staff PD Day Friday Oct 16 is Mission Mass and Fete Day.



**OLHC Murtoa** begin Term 4 on Monday October 5th.



\* We pray for God's blessings on Term 4, and for our VCE students in their final 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,

**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.*

### PARISH CONTACTS

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St Brigid's College

Principal: Peter Gutteridge

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Our Lady Help of Christians

Principal: Gary Typuszak

Phone: 5385 2526

### Parish Pastoral Council

**Meeting** on Thursday Oct 15th at 5.30. Please have reports to Anita by Monday Oct 12th.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism.

On Saturday:

Olivia May Bansemer  
son of Richard & Emma.

On Sunday

Indie Maree Burns

Daughter of Dalton & Lisa

### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 6th Oct 5.30pm

Wednesday 7 Oct 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary. Jock Panozzo ann

Thursday 8th Oct 9.30am Una Purcell anniv.

Friday 9th Oct 9.30am St Denis.

Saturday 10th Oct **NO MASS NO MASS and NO CONFESSIONS this Saturday**

### 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.



Please Remember in Your Prayers	
<b>RECENT DEATHS:</b> Esma Clonan (aunt of John Clonan),	
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Jock Panozzo, Fr Con O'Sullivan, Terrence McManus	
<b>SICK:</b> 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	
<b>Emergency Care: Contact Coordinator</b> Betty 5382 6688	
<b>No Confessions next Saturday October 10th</b>	
<b>Next Saturday October 10th:</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20</b> <b>Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church. No 10am Mass</b>	
<b>Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month</b> <b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th October 2015</b>	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	<b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b>
Murtoa	<b>Sunday LLA 9.00am</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.	
<i>Daylight Saving begins tonight October 4.</i> <i>Before going to bed, tonight Saturday,</i> <i>PUT YOUR CLOCK FORWARD ONE HOUR</i>	

ROSTERS		
Oct 3/4	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	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
Oct 10/11	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Anthony Amor	SMJ
<b>Commentator</b>	Les Butler	SMJ
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	John Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor	Julie Antonoff Mary Dalglish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan
<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	SMJ
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	SMJ
<b>Welcomers</b>	Gavin Hynam Gary Coutts	Nanette Freckleton Helene Bush
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Kelly Trebecki
<b>Prayers</b>	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>11th October</b> Josie Phelan Claire Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley	<b>18th October</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):</b>		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 50.00
Horsham	\$ 1065.00	Dimboola \$ 79.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1194.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection (Parish Account)</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 3602.00	Loose \$ 58.35
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3660.35</b>
<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> "The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man." (Gen 2:20). The creation story reminds us that from the very beginning of time God put the entire world into our care. We are called to be God's stewards – offering our service and our sacrifice for the benefit of all.		
<b>Making Connections:</b> Identify and root out that which is an obstacle to your faith. Pray for help in this		
<b>Daily Prayer:</b> 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.		
<b>Vocational View:</b> 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 to respond and to answer God's call.		

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

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

**CWL OCTOBER MEETING** this Tuesday October 6th  
in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm. All welcome.

### **World Mental Health Day on Saturday October 10.**

Blessed are those who don't have it all together.  
Blessed are those who have run out of strength, ideas,  
will power, resolve or energy.  
Blessed are those who ache because of how severely  
out of whack the world is.  
Blessed are those who on a regular basis have a dark  
day in which despair seems to be a step behind them  
wherever they go.  
Blessed are you, for God is with you, God is on your  
side, God meets you in that place.



Today October 4th is the Feastday  
of St Francis of Assisi, patron Saint of  
animals, nature and the environment.  
There is a booklet on the life of St Francis in  
the Foyer

### **Parish / School Dates in October**

October 12 -13: Fr Peter in Swan Hill for Zone Meeting  
Tuesday 13: Stewardship Parish Meeting 7.30  
Wednes 14: Young Vinnies Conference in Parish Centr  
Thursday 15: Men's Group Breakfast  
Thursday 15: Parish Council Meeting 5.30pm  
Friday 16: SMJ School Mission Day Mass and Fete.  
October 17-18: Stewardship Program Pledging Masses  
Sunday 18: Mission Sunday.  
Wednesday 21: SBC Year 12 Final Liturgy 12nn.  
Thursday 22: SBC Assembly to farewell Year 12's.  
Friday 23: Anointing Mass Lutheran Home 10.30.  
Friday 23: SBC Year 10 Presentation Ball.  
Tuesday 27: Stewardship Program Follow Up Meeting  
Sunday November 15th: SMJ School Fete.

### **St Luke Evangelist of Mercy**

You are invited to gather with **Fr Dr Kevin Lenehan** for reflections on **St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy** on **Wednesday 14 October at Ararat: 4pm – 5:30pm** in the Church Parish Centre 304 Barkly Street, Ararat. **All welcome - Gold coin donation to Caritas Refugee Appeal.** We will do a video recording of Fr Kevin's presentation to be available for parishes.



### **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.

### **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 **\$1373.00** 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**

## **LITURGY OF LAMENT** **TO HOPE**

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL BALLARAT**  
**SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER AT 2PM**

You are warmly invited to attend a

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

as a response to the devastating revelations  
of the Royal Commission

*The Liturgy will be a time of prayer and sorrow  
and an opportunity to stand in solidarity with  
victims of abuse. This will also be a time to pray  
together for a new beginning in our Church.*

**YOUR PRESENCE IS WELCOME**  
Afternoon tea will follow in the Cathedral Hall

*5pm Mass will be celebrated as usual in the Cathedral*

Contact: **Karen: kdavies54@hotmail.com**  
**Liz: lizh@aanet.com.au**

The Synod of Bishops 14th Ordinary General Assembly re-convenes in Rome today Sunday October 4th to 25. We pray for the success of this Synod, for the first time made up of Bishops with lay people and religious, 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: Genesis 2:18-24**

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127**

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! by the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children

like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11**

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

**Acclamation 1 John 4:12**

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

**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.' He put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

**Gospel Reflection - Sr Veronica****Lawson rsm**

The 'test' question about divorce that the Pharisees put to Jesus is very strange in a first century Jewish context. There is plenty of evidence of lively debate concerning the grounds on which a Jewish man could divorce his wife: adultery; inferior cooking; even diminished beauty! There were various schools of thought. Jewish law, unlike Roman law, did not permit women to initiate divorce proceedings on any grounds. From the perspective of the Markan Jesus, Moses only permitted divorce as a concession to 'hardness of heart': it was not so from the beginning. The ideal, he insists, is expressed in the Garden Story of Genesis, the story of 'one flesh', of partnership, of equality

and mutuality, of enduring commitment in marriage. The Hebrew 'ezer, 'helper' in the first reading, is used in the Psalms of God's relationship to Israel. It does not denote inferiority of women to men. In our times, human limitation is just as much a reality as it was in the ancient world. We strive for the ideal but fall far short of it in so many ways. When this happens in marriage, the consequences can be more far-reaching than in other aspects of our lives. The parties involved become the 'little ones' whose lives are shattered and disoriented. The embrace of the community is needed in a very particular way for everyone affected by divorce. Too often, those who have experienced the trauma of divorce find themselves alienated from the worshipping community, and this at a

time when they need the grace of God and the courage to face a different future from the one they had envisaged on their wedding day.

The story about marital commitment leads into a story about Jesus taking the children in his arms and blessing them, despite the disciples' attempts to send them away. Children are important persons who are not to be excluded from the inner circle of love and compassion at any time. When parents part company, the best interests and needs of the children are sometimes forgotten. Today's gospel calls us to be there for one another, to support those who are struggling in their relationships, and to remember the children no matter what happens.

**Gospel: Mark 10:17-30**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from

my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My

children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you.....'