



St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th October 2015



PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

On the 3rd weekend of our Stewardship Program we focus on our involvement in our parish. We are called to join the groups/ministries/activities that suit our talents and our time. We welcome our speakers this weekend who will speak to us about their own experiences in the parish and encourage us to participate in the life of the parish.

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We welcome Fr Kevin Murphy for our Horsham and Dimboola Masses this weekend.

We welcome SMJ School Family as the Years 5 & 6 families lead our Ministries at 10.30 Mass today.

Young Vinnies Festival

this Wednesday 14th October in our Parish Centre. 60 young Vinnies from across the region's schools will attend.

Mass 12 noon in the Church, parishioners are invited to the Mass. Please pray for God's blessings on this wonderful work.

Parish Information Meeting this Tuesday 13th October at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.

It is an important evening where parishioners are invited to be a part in planning the future of the parish.

You will hear about our achievements and plans for the future, and enjoy a cuppa together.

Please complete the RSVP cards available at Mass today.

Thank you.

Tony Biviano will guide you in this. He will have RSVP cards and pencils.

We welcome Tony Biviano, who is leading our Stewardship Renewal Program from the Catholic Offices in Melbourne. Tony will go to Dimboola for their pledging Mass today, and will be here next weekend for our Horsham and Murtoa Pledging Masses. **Fr Marcello Colasante from Swan Hill will be celebrant at our Horsham and Murtoa Masses next weekend**, to preach on the theme of how our Parish Supports Generously.

Please pray for the success of our Stewardship Program.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday October 15th at 5.30 in the Meeting room. Agenda and minutes will be emailed on Monday.

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.

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.

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:

Tuesday 13th Oct	5.30pm	Joe Macchia 1yr Ann
Wednesday 14th Oct	12 noon	Young Vinnies Festival. Terrence McManus an
Thursday 15th Oct	9.30am	St Teresa of Avila
Friday 16th Oct	10am	SMJ School Mission Mass and Fete Day
Saturday 17th Oct	NO MASS	No 10am Mass and No Confessions

Please Remember in Your Prayers	
RECENT DEATHS: Haley Sleep	
ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Macchia, Bali Bombings 2006, Joe Rice, John and Dorothy Drum.	
SICK: Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Renee Kerr, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Stephen Sherman, Helen Brennan, Marge Whitehead, Warren Strauss, Eileen Finnigan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Jill Higginbottom, Christie Higginbottom, Carmela Baviello	
Emergency Care: Contact Coordinator Betty 5382 6688	
No Confessions next Saturday October 10th	
Next Saturday October 10th: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20 Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church. No 10am Mass	
Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th October 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, 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			
Oct 10/11	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvana Foster Rosie Taylor	Julie Antonoff Mary Dalglish Zita Cannane Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan	
Oct 17/18	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Anna Robertson	
Commentator	Eileen McManus	Andrea Cox	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lorraine Clancy Micky Roberts Joan Parker Ann Hermans Chris Velthuis Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz	Kingsley Dalglish Lesley Lannen Karen Hill Shirley Hoffmann Lynda Hutchinson Alison McKinnon Faye Wills	
Projector	Lyn Hutchinson	Gabby Mills	
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Men's Choir	
Welcomers	Pat Williams Connie Besselaar	Mary Brown Denise Vallance	
Children's Litur		Ange Stephens	
Prayers	Joan & John Parker		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	18th October Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	25th October Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn	
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 40.00
Horsham	\$ 1005.00	Dimboola	\$ 100.00
Total			\$ 1145.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)			
Envelopes	\$ 3894.17	Loose	\$ 61.40
Total			\$ 3955.57
Making Connections: Undertake works of charity this week. Be generous with your wealth but also with your time and your attention to those who are in need.			
Marriage Tip: Research says it takes five positive comments to counteract one negative. Try keeping track for one day, and seek to affirm more than criticize.			
Daily Prayer: More precious than gold or silver, O God, more enduring than health and beauty, is the spirit of your wisdom: in her hands, uncounted wealth, in her company, all good gifts! Send this wisdom from your holy heaven that we may hear and follow the Good Teacher, Jesus, who looks on us with love, and gladly forsake all lesser wealth for the unrivaled treasure of your kingdom.			
A Vocation View: If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream. Jesus asks for total dedication, promising in return rewards that no one else can promise: "Go and sell everything you own ... then come; follow me."			
"Mental Health begins with me!" Encourage people to personal ownership of their mental health and well-being. We all have a role to play in looking after our own mental health and well-being, and especially our spiritual well-being.			

Country Mass Times in October:

Sunday 18th: Dimboola LLA 8.30. Murtoa Mass **8.30**
Sunday 25th: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola LLA 8.30
Murtoa LLA 9.00
Sunday Nov 1: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass **8.30**
Sunday Nov 8: Dimboola Mass 10.30. Murtoa Mass **8.30**
Sunday 15th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30

World Mental Health Day 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.

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.



SMJ SCHOOL MISSION DAY MASS and FETE

this Friday October 16th.

Mass in the Church at 10am.

Fete will commence at 11am

in the School grounds: the children will be conducting stalls and activities, all families and parishioners welcome.

Ss Michael & John's Primary School

Spring
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

FREE ENTRY
chair-o-plane
bucking bull

giant slide
jumping castle

Endless Ride
Wristband

Presale
\$20 per child
\$25 on the day

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2015
10am - 3pm
High Tea
11.30am or 1.30pm - Parish Centre

rides & games • arts & crafts • pony rides • petting zoo
garden sale • garage sale of kids clothing & toys
beer & wine garden • entertainment • live music
A FUN-filled day out for the entire FAMILY

www.facebook.com/SMJSpringCommunityFestival SMJ 5392 3000

SMJ Church Mass on Sunday November 15th will be at 9.15 am, to lead into the Festival.

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.

LITURGY of the WORD OF LAMENT TO HOPE ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL BALLARAT SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER AT 2pm

The Liturgy will be a time of prayer and sorrow and an opportunity to stand in solidarity with victims of abuse, 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 in the Cathedral

Contact: Karen: kdavies54@hotmail.com

Music Ministry Meeting in the Meeting Room at 5.30 on Thursday October 22nd. All members of the music ministry are welcome.

CWL Annual Meeting on Tuesday November 10, 1.30

FINANCE MEETING this Tuesday October 13th at 7pm before the Stewardship Parish Meeting.

The Synod on the Family 14th General Assembly continues in Rome until Sunday October 25th.

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: Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:12-17

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your works to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Acclamation: Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

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 solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Gospel Reflection - 28th Sunday Yr B Sr Veronica Lawson rsm.

Most of us are ready to honour and care for their parents in their old age. In other words, most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth. The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must do in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This

prepares the way for what follows. First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that his wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives.

The concluding verses are puzzling. In declaring that those who have left everything and followed him are to have

an abundance of this world's goods as well as eternal life, is Jesus modifying his earlier position? Is he reverting to a tradition that saw wealth as God's reward for righteous living? Is he suggesting that those who share their goods find they have more than enough? It is hard to know. The twist in the tale is that they will do it hard: "not without persecution". It is likely that Mark is describing his own experience within a persecuted community of believers some forty years after the death of Jesus. The happy ones were doubtless those who took the risk of sharing their goods with those in need. Our lucky country has still to learn that lesson. Welcoming the stranger and sharing our wealth with the dispossessed may demand of us a simpler way of life. Who knows what blessings it will bring if we dare to take up the challenge?

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the

baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him

and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'