



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th October 2015



PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Many thanks to those parishioners who responded to our Stewardship Program last weekend by supporting the parish for the next three years.

Our special thanks to Fr Marcello who preached and celebrated our Masses.

There will be an opportunity to fill in a pledge card again this weekend for those who were away or were unable to pledge last week.

Chris Robarts will speak on this at 6.30pm Mass and John Foster at 10.30 Mass. Time and Talent sheets will be collected.

Your new series of Stewardship Envelopes will be available to collect on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November.

**Distribution Meeting
this Tuesday 27th October
at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre
for all who offered to help with the
follow-up.**

All Parishioners are welcome.

PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT

All parishioners are invited to our **Parish Social Night Wednesday 11th November at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Come along to hear the results of the Program and to have a cuppa.**

Please pray for the success of our Program



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.

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Principal: Gary Typuszak



We welcome to the
Family of God in
Baptism today Sunday:

Ethan Matthew Driden
daughter of Dale & Carmen

We welcome back Fr John
after his holiday with family
in Kerala.

SBC Yr 9 Mass in SMJ
Church on Tuesday at 12nn.

SMJ Yr 5 & 6 will attend the
9.30 Mass in the Church on
Wednesday Oct 28th.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 27th Oct 5.30pm

Wednesday 28th Oct 9.30am

Thursday 29th Oct 9.30am

Friday 30th Oct 9.30am

Saturday 31st Oct 10.00am

Gordon Matheson anniv. Sts Simon & Jude Apos

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



Please Remember in Your Prayers	
RECENT DEATHS: Eileen Ferguson	
ANNIVERSARIES: Sandra Murray, Topsy Edwards, Richard Fabian Walsh, Robert Vincent, Graham Taylor, Gordon Matheson,	
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, Peter Laskey	
Emergency Care: Contact Coordinator Betty 5382 6688	
Confessions Saturday after Mass (10.25)	
Saturday Morning Devotions: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20 Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church. 10am Mass	
Next Sunday 4th Sunday of the Month 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st November 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, 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.	
Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exams - and always in my life..	

ROSTERS		
Oct 24/25	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bob Hayes Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Marie McMillan	Andrea Cox Marina Manserra Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Julie Antonoff Mary Dagleish Zita Cannane
Oct 31/Nov 1	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	Anthony Dowling
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Angela Murphy
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvanna Foster Rosie Taylor Lorraine Clancy Micky Roberts John Parker	Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Kingsley Dagleish Lesley Lannen Karen Hill
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Choir
Welcomers	Betty & Garry Heinrich	Sharon Creasey Beth Johnson
Children's Liturgy		Lise Egan Bales
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	8th November Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Barbara Gloury Kath Atkins	15th November Pauline Hinch Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry Carolyn Boseley
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 82.00
Horsham	\$ 1125.00	Dimboola \$ 50.00
Total		\$ 1257.00
2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 2623.00	Loose \$ 36.70
Total		\$ 2659.70
Making Connections: 'Courage, get up, he is calling you.' Reflect on these words this week. What are you being called to at this moment? Find ways to act on that calling this week.		
Marriage Tip: Are you a skunk, a turtle, or an owl? In terms of conflict resolution, skunks just make a stink about it, often with a lot of noise. Turtles ignore or hide from the problem. Owls look the problem over, think about it, then suggest a solution. Choose wisdom!		
Daily Prayer: God our Savior, from the ends of the earth you gather the weak and the lowly. You make them a great and glad multitude, refreshed and renewed at your hand. Throwing off the burden of sin, they run to the Teacher for healing.		
A Vocation View: 'Master grant that I may see'. The values we were blind to in our youth, now become clear. Blindness gives way to vision through faith in Jesus. As children of God, we are called to do good things, to witness God's love.		
Prayer For Students and for Year 12 Exams: Loving God be with me now, as I prepare for exams. Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best that I can.		

Country Mass Times in October/November:

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
Sunday 22nd: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Dimboola Mass 8.30
Murtoa Mass 10.30.

Ss Michael & John's Primary School

Spring COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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 5382 3000

Wanted for the Spring Festival .The Committee are seeking donations of : Wrapping paper
• Books~ Children's and Adult novels or non- fiction
• Children's clothing and pre-loved toys
Donations may be left at the school office

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

Saturday October 24th is United Nations Day and World Development Day
Saturday October 31st is World Teachers' Day

November is the month of the Holy Souls
+ Next Sunday November 1st is All Saints Day.
Monday November 2nd is All Souls Day.
Mass at 5.30pm on Monday November 2nd.
Mass at Horsham Cemetery on Thursday November 5th at 6pm. Mass near entry gate to Lawn Cemetery. Please bring a chair. Fr Peter will bless the graves and have a flower to put on family grave
HOLY SOULS MASS ENVELOPES are in the Foyers today. If you wish to have a Mass said for your loved ones, please write their name and preferred date on the envelope, leave it on the plate or at the Office.

Candles for you to light for deceased loved ones at home will be available at Masses on Nov 21/22.

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.

* **CWL Monthly Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 27th October- Please note date change. 1.30pm
CWL Annual Meeting on Tuesday November 10, 1.30
• **Ladies....Something NEW!!!**
CWL Shoe Parade, courtesy of Trends, Tuesday November 17th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

LITURGY of the WORD OF LAMENT TO HOPE at ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL BALLARAT next 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, 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

90 Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to JOHN MAHER on his 90th birthday October 24th

Pope Francis has announced a **Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy** to commence on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSSR on December 13th at 10.30. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

CWL Lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey on Saturday Nov 7th in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall 3 Lyons Street Sth Ballarat begins with Mass at 10.00 am in the Cathedral. All welcome!

The Clubrooms at Coughlin Park have not been demolished yet, for the builder MMK Ballarat is still waiting for a Council permit to demolish the building !! Yet the Council are in control of the whole project!!

MISSION "Love your neighbour as yourself" - Matt 22:39
World Mission Day Appeal in October — reaching out to your Australian brothers and sisters through your kind gifts and prayers. Your generosity is making it possible for missionaries across the world. Last Friday SMJ School raised \$1845 in their one hour long Fete Day for the Missions.
Mission Envelopes are in the Foyer for your giving.
There are so many appeals at this time, eg the Seminary, Retired Priests and Missions and our own Stewardship Program. Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times

The Synod on the Family 14th General Assembly concludes in Rome today Sunday October 25th.
This has been a major discernment process on the family Now it will be in the hands of Pope Francis as he draws all this together. Let's keep him close in our hearts and prayers in our prayers in the coming months.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage, as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Acclamation: cf 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

**Reflection on the Gospel-
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B,
25 October 2015 (Mark 10:46-52)**

We can find some reflection of ourselves in all the characters in today's story of Bartimaeus calling out to Jesus from the roadside, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson.

Today's gospel reading brings to closure a long section of Mark's gospel that focuses on the journey of Jesus and his disciples from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Jericho. Jericho is the final staging point in the journey to Jerusalem where the final act of the Markan drama will be played out. This section of the gospel (8:27-10:52) is prefaced by the story of a blind man who comes to sight in stages and ends with the story of another blind man, Bartimaeus, who comes from blindness to sight as well as from insight to greater insight, and joins Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. On the intervening journey, Jesus endeavours to lead the Twelve out of

their metaphorical blindness into an understanding of what it means to follow a suffering messiah. They remain for some time in their blindness as subsequent events will demonstrate. The narrator creates an impression of urgency at this point in Mark's gospel. "They" come to Jericho and then leave. The intervention of Bartimaeus, who tries to attract the attention of Jesus by calling out from the roadside, threatens to delay the journey. When he cries out for the mercy, many "rebuke" him. These are strong words. They are used of people in the crowd who neither share the depth of Bartimaeus' faith nor grasp the nature of Jesus' mission of gathering in "the remnant of Israel, among them the blind and the lame" (Jeremiah 31:8). Those who try to silence Bartimaeus are a bit like the family of Jesus who, in the early part of the story, try to protect him from himself. When it is clear that the perception of the "many" is not shared by Jesus, we

see them do a complete about-face. It seems they want to please the authority figure no matter what. Bartimaeus offers a stark contrast to these people. He knows that Jesus has the power to bring the mercy of God into his life and the lives of those who wait by the roadside with faith in their hearts. He receives the assurance from Jesus that his faith has made him well. We can probably find some reflection of ourselves in all the characters in today's story. At times, we are aware of our blindness and wait desperately by the roadside for the right person or circumstances to come along and give us the heart to rise up and live the journey of faith. At times, we are like the many who think we know what is best for others and who try to silence the voices of those who interfere with our plans. We respond to the cries for mercy and stretch out our hands to those whose disabilities might exclude them.

Next Sunday Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Pope Francis: " *We cannot be Christians part-time. If Christ is at the centre of our lives, he is present in all we do.*

Our Parish Community
Celebrates faith
Values engagement
Supports generously

THANK YOU

