



St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th June 2016



Take up your cross everyday and follow Me, says Jesus



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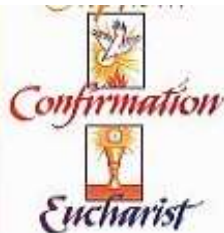
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We welcome Fr Damien who will celebrate SMJ 10.30 Mass

Anointing Mass this Friday June 24th at Lutheran Home at 10.30am. All welcome. *Come and receive the anointing as we go through these cold winter days.*

Coughlin Park Board of Management Meeting this Monday 5pm in Meeting Room

OLHC School Murtoa
+ The children lead the Ministries at 10.30 Murtoa Mass today.
* OLHC SAC Meeting Wednesday 7.30pm



Welcome to the children, their families and Sponsors, as the children celebrate their Confirmation and First Communion. Please pray for the children and their families.

Candidates

Ryan Ahern, Anita Coutts, Wil Hogan, Isabella Leonforte, Elliot Pumpa, James Wilde, Kelly Martin.

The children will have their Sacraments Party this Wednesday at 2pm in the Parish Centre.

Fr Damien Heath 60th Jubilee of Ordination

Our Parish will celebrate with Fr Damien on Sunday July 17th at 10.30am Mass, and then with a sit down Dinner in the Parish Centre at 12noon.

The Dinner will be soup, meats and salads, and slices.

If you wish to donate a slice please let Anita know at the Parish Office 53821155.

If you can attend the dinner please sign the sheet in the Foyer

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

9 attended, 6 apologies.
* Coughlin Park update (see inside)
* Parish 140th celebrations will be on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20th.
* Safe Schools and Safe Parish protocols
* Planned Parish Mission 2017
* Year of Mercy with Sr Veronica Lawson to be later in the year. *Reports presented

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, 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.

June 29th is the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul.

Next weekend, June 25/26, at all Parish Masses, we will have the Annual Collection for the Pope as a Leaving Collection.

Each Diocese in the world is levied an amount each year for the charitable works of the Vatican and each Parish is levied by their Diocese to support our Diocesan levy.

We pray for a safe and blessed School holidays beginning next Friday. We pray for VCE students in their break and study time.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 21st June 5.30pm
Wednesday 22nd 9.30am Sts John Fisher and Thomas More
Thursday 23rd June 9.30am
Friday 24th June **10.30** St John the Baptist. **Lutheran Home**
Saturday 25th June 10.00

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 | |
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| RECENT DEATHS: | |
| ANNIVERSARIES: Dominic Vajel, Elizabetta Colosimo, Keith Ellis, Jim O'Connor, Marj Martin, Adam Ogier, Laurie Higgins, Gerald Liston, Alice Liston, Peg Byrne, Molly Whiley, Harry Perrett, Jean Carracher, | |
| SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Peter Kelly, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Helen Brennan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Joy Flynn, Teresa White, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Fred Webb, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Jack Slattery | |
| 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 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th June 2016 | |
| Horsham | Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am |
| Natimuk | Sunday Mass 8.30am |
| Dimboola | Sunday Mass 8.30am |
| Murtoa | Sunday Mass 10.30am |
| Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 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 in the 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 | |
| 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. | |
| CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm. | |
| Free counselling , support offered by Centacare Ballarat for families, individuals affected by the drought and other issues. Free call 1300 303 988 to make an appointment. Centacare can visit your home; they use our Parish Interview Room. Totally confidential, there is Government money available, so don't hesitate to ring this number, times arranged to suit you and your needs. Support open to all. | |

| ROSTERS | | |
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| June 18/19 | Vigil 6.30pm | Sunday 10.30am |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin | Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Russell Reid Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish |
| June 25/26 | Vigil 6.30pm | Sunday 10.30am |
| Readers | Geordie Butler | Emelia Sudholz |
| Commentator | Micky Robarts | Shayne Keenan |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | John Parker Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvana Foster Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts | Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor Neville Strachan Julie Antonoff |
| Projector | Peter Gutteridge | Alison McKinnon |
| Musicians | Chris Robarts | Teresa Bottoms |
| Welcomers | Tess & Bob Hayes | Lise Egan Bales Bridget Bales |
| Prayers | Lesley Price & Mary Dagleish | |
| Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging | 26th June Shirley Hoffmann Marie McMillan Margo Hogan | 3rd July Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty |
| FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct) | | |
| Natimuk | \$ | Murtoa \$ 113.00 |
| Horsham | \$ 1083.60 | Dimboola \$ 98.00 |
| Total | | \$ 1294.60 |
| 2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 31 | | |
| Envelopes | \$ 1505.00 | Loose \$ 74.50 |
| Credit Card | \$ | Direct Debit \$ |
| Total | | \$ 1579.50 |
| Making Connections: Try to help someone shoulder the burden they are carrying. Take a little of the pressure off for someone else. | | |
| Marriage Tip: Friends are those we can celebrate with in joyful times and rely on in times of conflict. Be a friend to your spouse, and remind him/her that you are there no matter what happens. | | |
| Daily Prayer: Make us, O God, faithful disciples of the wisdom whose Teacher and Master is Christ and whose chair of learning is the cross. Schooled in this unique wisdom, may we be prepared to conquer our fears and temptations, to take up our cross daily and to follow Jesus toward true life. | | |
| A Vocation View: God forgives our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Only priests can offer the Sacrament. Pray for priests and that more may join them. | | |
| 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Who do you say I am?" Jesus asks Peter in today's Gospel. Does my use of the gifts and talents entrusted to me accurately reflect my answer to that same question? How willing am I to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow in His steps? | | |
| St Francis of Assisi: 'If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.' | | |

Country Mass Times in June:

June 26: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
July 3rd: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am
July 10th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30am.

** AWC is Assembly for Word and Communion, which replaces the former title Lay Led Assembly.

ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2016 RETHINK HOMELESSNESS

How Can You Help?

Make a financial donation. Envelopes available at the Piety Stall in the Narthex. (Donations are Tax deductible)

Donation of Goods

Donations of clean quality clothing, furniture, blankets, doonas, household goods can be left at the Vinnies Centre.

Contact the Centre for furniture etc to be picked up

Volunteer

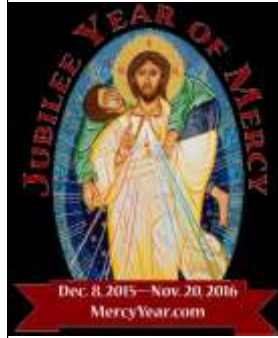
Volunteers in the Centre or in the Conference are always welcome - call in anytime.
With out your continuing generosity we could never continue our Mission.

You can bring non-perishable food to Mass



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.



Pope Francis' Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you see Him. Show us your face and we shall be saved. Send your Spirit, and consecrate every one of us with the Spirit's anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy, may be a year

of grace from the Lord, and we your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor. Let your Church be your visible face in the world. We ask this of you, God of mercy and forgiveness, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy.

We pray this prayer at the end of the Intercessions



19- 25 JUNE 2016 DIFFERENT PASTS, SHARED FUTURE

Refugee week is an annual week-long celebration of the positive contributions of refugees to Australian society.

Theme: With Courage Let Us All Combine

The theme is taken from the second verse of the National Anthem, and celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice. It serves as a call for unity and for positive action, encouraging Australians to improve our nation's welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home. Refugees are people who have fled from their home because of persecution or the well-justified fear of it. These people are usually in a Country outside their own, where they have sought asylum on grounds that would justify their being classed as a refugee. A country which has signed the 1951 UN Convention and UN 1967 Protocol relating to Refugees has agreed that it will not send asylum seekers back to a country where their lives will be at risk. The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, pleads the cause of refugees and asylum seekers because the Gospel compels us to do so. We remain hopeful that the hearts and minds of Australia's people will increasingly support the more humane treatment of refugees and asylum seekers. The nation's response should be just, compassionate and consistent with our obligations under International Law.

St Brigid's College Year 11 Social Justice Retreat Assembly in the College Gymnasium this Monday June 20th at 12.15. Leaders of the Team from Adelaide will attend. All welcome. The Students are keen to follow up with a Social Justice Group. May we have Parishioners who will support them.

Thank you to all our Parish ministries



Blessings on all who volunteer in our community

**GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a statement regarding the forthcoming federal election, "Voice for the Voiceless". **COPIES OF THE BISHOPS' STATEMENT and PRAYER ARE IN THE FOYERS TODAY.**

Coughlin Park Community Centre will be officially opened next Saturday June 25th at 11am. The Coughlin Park Board of Management is Brendan Ryan (Chair), Roger Sordello, Glenn Carroll, Dennis Wade, Chris Ellis, Peter Gutteridge, Fr Peter, and Parishioners Mary Marshall, Jill Coutts, Cath Robertson.

After the Opening, the Community Centre is totally under the control of the Parish and the Coughlin Park Board of Management.

Bookings for the Community Centre, which can seat up to 180 people, must be made with the Parish Office, phone 5382115 or email horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au

This is the only email for Coughlin Park Bookings

The Parish will control the calendar for bookings, both for Coughlin Park Users and for any outside groups who may wish to book the Centre.

The Parish will co-ordinate the calendar with the Users of Coughlin Park - football, bowls, cricket, tennis, the Schools.

If the Users do not have a booking for the Centre, outside bookings can take available dates.

The Parish Office is the only Booking Centre.

No User Group can make a direct booking to the Calendar. Other aspects of bookings will be discussed by the Board of Management at its Monday Meeting.

Bookings for the Coughlin Park community Centre are now open.

For inquiries phone the Parish Office 5382115. Bookings will be confirmed once the User's Calendar is referred to.

1st Reading: Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1
It is the Lord who speaks: 'Over the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem I will pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer. They will look on the one whom they have pierced; they will mourn for him as for an only son, and weep for him as people weep for a first-born child. When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Judah, like the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. When that day comes, a fountain will be opened for the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem, for sin and impurity.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: Galatians 3:26-29
You are, all of you, sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Merely by belonging to Christ you are the posterity of Abraham, the heirs he was promised.

Acclamation: John 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:18-24
One day when Jesus was praying alone in the presence of his disciples he put this question to them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets come back to life.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' It was Peter who spoke up. 'The Christ of God,' he said. But he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone anything about this. 'The Son of Man', he said, 'is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.' Then to all he said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it.'

Gospel Reflection - 12th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm
The mention of prayer in Luke is always a signal that something momentous is about to happen. Today's gospel opens with the puzzling assertion that Jesus is praying "alone" although his disciples are with him. It is as if his conversation with them is part of Jesus' solitary prayer. This gives us an insight into the prayer of Jesus: his prayer and his life mission are intimately connected. It is important for him and for his mission that his disciples come to recognise who he is. He puts two questions to them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?" The crowds see him as John the Baptist or Elijah or one of the prophets "arisen". We can hear the disciples all joining in this part of the conversation, sharing what they have heard. Their answers echo an earlier passage in this same chapter of Luke where Herod Antipas is

said to be puzzled by such descriptions of Jesus and asks "Who is this about whom I hear such things?" (Luke 9:7-9). Since Herod put this question, Jesus has pursued his ministry of teaching and healing and responding to the hunger of the crowds. Jesus himself now raises the question of his identity. We can sense the silence of the disciples when they are faced with the second question, "Who do you say that I am?" It is Peter alone who answers this time. For him and for the other disciples, Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed of God. Jesus instructs them to keep this to themselves. The disciples have much to learn before they can truly understand what they profess. Within first-century Judaism, many expected a royal militaristic figure who would drive out the occupiers and restore Israel's status as an independent nation. Even as Peter identifies Jesus as the "Messiah of

God", it is unlikely that his notion of messiah or Christ leaves room for a suffering Messiah. Has Jesus in his prayer been pondering the way of suffering he is to endure if his work as the Messiah of God is to be completed? He is to undergo "great suffering", he will be rejected by the religious authorities, he will be put to death and God will raise him up. This description meets none of the popular expectations of God's Messiah. In case the disciples miss the implications of this, Jesus makes it clear that suffering is also the lot of those who want to "follow" him. Discipleship, now as then, has nothing to do with protecting one's own interests, with "saving one's life". It has everything to do with hearing and responding to the distress of the poor and the earth itself.

Next Week's Gospel - Luke 9:51-62
As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of air have nests, but the Son of Man has

nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury the dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him. 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'
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A key theme in Luke's writings is that of journey. In the Gospel, Jesus' mission is the formation of his disciples in what it means to be His follower.
But, you, who do you say I am?
Jesus also asks this of us. Who is Jesus

for us, and if we believe in him what difference does it make in the way we live? Jesus is a servant who does not match society's expectations of a Messiah. We often look at ourselves in order to discover our identity as disciples, when actually we should look first to Christ in order to discover who it is that we are serving.
"When we, by the working of mercy and grace, be made meek and mild, we are fully safe; suddenly is the soul oned to God when it is truly peace in itself: for in him is found no wrath." – Julian of Norwich