



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th July 2016



Fr Damien Heath writes to thank you for the wonderful celebration of his 60th Jubilee of Ordination last Sunday:

“ Dear Parishioners,
You have all contributed to making this Jubilee Day an extremely bright ‘Red’ letter day for me and my family.
Your celebration will always remain a very happy memory for me, and I hope, for all of you as well.

Thanks especially to the organisers, with special thanks to those who laboured in the kitchen. May we all enjoy good health to see many other such occasions.”

Damien Heath.

I thank Anita, Mary Marshall and Maureen McInerney as the committee who did the background preparations, to our SBC helpers and others, and to all who donated and contributed slices and soups for our delicious meal. Thank you to Betty Russell for her superb cake and decoration in honour of Damien



Tuesday July 26th is the Feast of Sts Anne and Joachim, parents of Our Lady. They are patron Saints of Grandparents. May all of you, and the special friends of our children, who do not have grandparents here, have a blessed and happy day, thank you for the example of your faith and life to our children and may God bless you with good health.

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.

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CWL Christmas in July this Tuesday 26th July at the Commercial Hotel, Wilson Street, Horsham starting at 12 noon. Cost \$18 per head. RSVP to Joan 53812411 or Barbara 53823182 no later than today. All Welcome.

ANOINTING MASS at 10.30 at Lutheran home this Friday July 29th.

We welcome Fr John today.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism at Murtoa on Sunday:

Dillon Mitchell,
Leteshya Mitchell,
Shanyka Mitchell,
Kodee Mitchell,
Indyanha Mitchell,
Oleighvah Mitchell,
L-Ah Mitchell, Izaak Mitchell,
children of Amanda and Sam

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 26th July 5.30pm Sts Joachim & Anne
Wednesday 27 July 9.30am
Thursday 28th July 9.30am
Friday 29th July **10.30am** St Martha. **Lutheran Home.** Ray Coutts ann
Saturday 30th July 10.00am Richard & Edward Omant

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: John Nester, Coral Turri, Madge Burke, John O'Flaherty

ANNIVERSARIES: Ray Coutts, Kieran Hallam, Celeste Turri Marjorie Haebich, Michael Sordello, Gertrude Pelda, Margaret Jones, Edward Omant, Richard Omant,

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Bill Kennedy, Peter Kelly Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Teresa White, Helen Brennan, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Joy Flynn, Jack Slattery, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Fred Webb, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco,

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

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 - 5th Sunday of the Month
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31st July 2016**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am

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

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

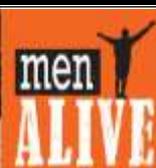
St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meets twice monthly. Available
Monday & Friday 11am-12pm, for assistance. Phone 5381 2371

**BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS. NO PROGRAM
UNTIL AUGUST.** Baptism inquires still are made to the Parish
Office 53821155, and date confirmed with Fr Peter

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.

Affordable Counselling, by Centacare Ballarat, for
families, individuals, **Free call 1300 303 988**



**Men aLive Weekend in Hamilton
next Saturday July 30 – Sunday 31.**

\$50 per person (concessions available)

Includes: Workshops, morning and
afternoon tea and BBQ dinner on Saturday.

To register phone John Hockey 0439 319 823

Email: manager@stmaryshamilton.org.au

The retreat is in the Dunworth Centre beside the Church.

Starts 8.30 Saturday, ends with Mass Sunday 12.30.

ROSTERS

July 23/24	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Cathy Taylor Ann Hermans Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch	Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Russell Reid Mary Marshall Rosie Taylor
July 29/31	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Angela Murphy
Commentator	Taylor Butler	Kingsley Dalgleish
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvana Foster	Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Embedded	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Gary Coutts Pat Williams	Judy Bryan Zita Cannane
Children's Liturgy		Jo Martin
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalgleish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	31st July Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McLnerney	7th August Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 109.00
Horsham	\$ 927.00	Dimboola \$ 54.00
Total		\$ 1090.00
2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 36		
Envelopes	\$ 1763.00	Loose \$ 53.20
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$
Total		\$ 1816.20

Making Connections: Live out the "Our Father": Honour God, give thanks for daily bread and forgive others who wrong you.

Daily Prayer: Across the centuries, heavenly Father, on countless lips and in every tongue the prayer of your Son resounds, and we who know the words so well need still to learn their power. May we who ask you for our daily bread give gladly and generously to those in need. Let us who search for mercy ourselves be quick to let others find mercy with us. May we who knock at the door of your kingdom keep our own heart and hands open wide in welcome.

Vocational View: God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.

Marriage Tip: Technology is wonderful when it works, but sometimes it works too well and robs couples of face time. After an argument, it can be easy to jump to conclusions; be cautious seek to understand where your spouse is coming from.

Children and the grandparents build the future: children lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives. This relationship and dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened!"

Country Mass Times in July/August:

July 31st: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
August 7th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
August 14: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am

ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2016

RETHINK HOMELESSNESS

How Can You Help?

Make a financial donation. Envelopes available at the Piety Stall in the Narthex.



PARISH ADULT FAITH EVENTS

Discernment Refresher Night

Thursday July 28th from 7pm to 9pm
in the Parish Meeting Room.

For 2015 participants - a time to review how you have made your choices since our Discernment Workshop since St Ignatius' Feast last year.

For new participants - a time to discover a wise pathway towards knowing what God wants of you.

All welcome, newcomers with the 2015 participants.

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Discussion Night Wednesday August 3rd

from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Theme: What is it like to be an adult Catholic in the 21st century?

Visiting Priest, Fr Iain Radvan SJ, Campion Director, will accompany Sr Jacinta in facilitating this discussion.

Please book at the Parish Office 53821155 for both events as soon as possible.

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**E CONFERENCE on the Year of Mercy
Tuesday September 20th 10am to 2.30pm**

Keep free.

The response of the Sisters to our Parish Pastoral Council optimism to Bishop Paul Bird's request to our Parish to accommodate two Baptistine Sisters .

Your Excellency Bishop Bird:

Peace and joy be yours! I just came back from a convention that is why I couldn't reply to your message right away. It was with great pleasure to hear about the optimistic response of the Pastoral Council of the Parish in Horsham to the proposal of having two Baptistine Sisters in their parish. I already passed the good news to Sr. Tirsa and Sr. Manuela who are very hopeful of this opportunity. As soon as I can meet with the Vice-Provincial Council we will discuss the matter especially concerning the issues that the Horsham Parish Council has raised. May I thank you once again for your continued support and collaboration. We pray for God's guidance as we seek to know and do His Will. Sincerely yours, Sr. Jesusita.

+ Dear Sr Jesusita, Thank you for your message. I hope the convention was a fruitful gathering. I am grateful for your positive response to the possibility of having two Baptistine Sisters based in Horsham. I appreciate your passing on this hopeful news to Sr Tirsa and Sr Manuela. God bless you, Sr Jesusita. Yours sincerely, Bishop Paul

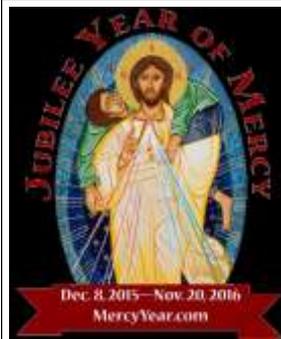
Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Religion? Have you thought about becoming a Catholic?

If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in thinking of becoming a Catholic, please contact Anita at the Parish Office 53821155, or see Fr Peter.



PRAYER FOR RAIN: Thank you, Lord God, for the 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

Coughlin Park Community Centre

Bookings for the Community Centre, which can seat up to 180 people, are welcome.

Bookings can only be made with the Parish Office, phone 53821155 or email

horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Bookings will be confirmed once the User's Calendars are referred to, the lease signed and the bond paid. The cost of hiring the Community Centre is \$500 plus a bond of \$500 (which is refundable). Other hiring fees are available on inquiry from the Parish Office.

Celebrating Volunteers
Thank you for all Parish life and ministries.



"If the message we get & give is really, "Forgive us as we forgive" it's time to give all to the mercy of God, to put down unholy judgement, to purge self of grudges, and to be welcoming, caring and to move where we spread God's mercy"....



We pray for Georgia Kirby & Pilgrims in Krakow Poland for the 2016 World Youth Day, July 25-31. World Youth Day Live streaming of events on <http://www.xt3.com/wyd2016/> WYD Mass with Pope Francis July 31st

Next Week's Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to, do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Acclamation: Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received

the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Gospel Reflection - 17th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying: two teachings on prayer sandwiching a strange parable. Jesus is at prayer and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond, evoking the words of the Jewish Kaddish prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world.... May God's kingship be established in your lifetime and in your days...." In this context, Jesus calls God "Father", a metaphor or image denoting the power of God over against the power of the Roman emperor. The prayer continues: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." It is not a prayer for more than we need, but for just as much as we need.

The parable that follows will demonstrate how this might happen. The final petitions in the prayer that Jesus teaches are for forgiveness for sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and freedom from testing, both recurring themes in Luke's gospel. We cannot live without "bread" just as we cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiveness and the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial. The second cameo has raised questions for interpreters. Is this parable about persistence or shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is shamelessness or avoidance of shame. Avoidance of shame makes sense in a

culture where one would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour who is unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night. The translation "persistence" seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings "Ask and it will be given you...." Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality, but the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" can expect to receive them. God cares for those in need and does so without too much prompting.

GRANDPARENTS ARE VITAL, POPE TELLS YOUTH "Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their love for God,

expressed in the warmth and love of family life", "How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essen-

tial for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family.