



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup



## BULLETIN

### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31st July 2016



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We welcome Fr John today.

Fr Peter attends the Northern Zone Priests and PA Meeting at Birchip this Tuesday 9.30 to 12.30pm.

**CWL Meeting this Tuesday August 2nd at 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

All ladies are welcome.

We continue to await for further information from the Bishop and the Baptistine Sisters, and the possibility of the Sisters coming to visit us. Please offer your opinions to our Parish Councillors.

#### PARISH ADULT FAITH

**Discussion Night  
this 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 Rodvan SJ, Campion Director, will accompany Sr Jacinta in facilitating this discussion.

**Please book at the Parish Office  
53821155**

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Today, Sunday July 31st, is the Feast of St Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Jesuits, and this week we celebrate the Feasts of St Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Redemptorists, on August 1st, St Peter Julian Eymard, Founder of the Blessed Sacraments, on August 2nd, St Dominic, founder of the Dominicans, on August 3rd, St John Vianney, patron Saint of Diocesan Priests on August 4th, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Founder of the Josephites, on August 8th. We pray for all priests and religious today, and for the mission and charisms of these Congregations in our Church.

**We have a Holy Hour of Devotion today, Sunday, from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.**

Come for all or part of that time to pray with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Rosary at 2.10, Benediction to conclude



St John Vianney      St Peter Julian Eymard      St Dominic. St Alphonsus

#### 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.

**St Mary's Church Hamilton 150th Anniversary:** All are invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary on the weekend on August 13 & 14, 2016. Celebration Dinner on Saturday, August 13 and Mass on Sunday, August 14 at 10.30am. A complimentary lunch will follow the blessing of a commemorative stone. History tours and displays will also be a feature on the weekend. Dinner bookings and further information contact Parish Office (5571 1161) or Anne Slattery (5570 8210)

#### WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 2nd Aug	5.30pm	St Peter Julian Eymard
Wednesday 3 Aug	9.30am	St Dominic. <b>5.30 Mass:</b> Veronica Butler
Thursday 4th Aug	9.30am	St John Vianney, patron of Priests
Friday 5th Aug	9.30am	
Saturday 6 Aug	10.00am	The Transfiguration of the Lord

#### 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:** Jack Slattery, Daryl Reid (brother of Russell), Fr. Jacques Hamel (France)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vera Bigham, Jedda Berry, Roy Miatke, Veronica Butler, Toni Besselaar, Monica McPhee, Margaret Braiser,

**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, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Fred Webb, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Sr Barbara May

**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 - 1st Sunday of the Month**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th August 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 resume on August 18th.** Baptism inquires made to the Parish Office 53821155, and the date is 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** to make an appointment.

- Monday August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption and a holy day of Mass obligation.
- SMJ School and St Brigid's College will celebrate a Combined Schools Mass on Monday August 15th at 11.30am, in the Church. All families and parishioners are welcome. Mass also at **5.30pm on Monday 15th**
- OLHC School Murtoa Mass on August 15th at 2pm at the School, and a cuppa after. All welcome.

**ROSTERS**

<b>July 29/31</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
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<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Maree Plazzer Maureen Ervin John Parker Marie McMillan Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvana Foster	Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Noreen O'Connor
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<b>Aug 6/7</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
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<b>Readers</b>	Kevin Dunn	Alison McKinnon
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<b>Commentator</b>	John Foster	Eileen McManus
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<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Anne Hermans Cathy Taylor	Neville Strachan Karen Hill Kingsley Dagleish Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills
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<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Julie Antonoff
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<b>Musicians</b>	Embedded	Combined Choir
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<b>Welcomers</b>	Bill & Josie Phelan	Mary Dowsley Mary Brown
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<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Kelly Trebicki	
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<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl & Maree Wren	
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<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>7th August</b> Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	<b>14th August</b> Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Barbara Gloury Kath Atkins
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**FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)**

Natimuk	\$ 35.00	Murtoa	\$ 130.00
Horsham	\$ 840.00	Dimboola	\$ 85.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1090.00</b>

**2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 37**

Envelopes	\$ 2015.00	Loose	\$ 58.35
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 2073.35</b>

**Making Connections:** This week reflect on the attitudes and values you need to cultivate to be rich in the sight of God, share something with those in need.

**Daily Prayer:** What gift, O generous God, did you ever keep for yourself? Creations, rich bounty, is at the service of all your creatures, and, in Jesus, your Son, you offer us the surpassing treasure of life eternal. With such generosity ever before our eyes, help us to avoid greed in all its forms, to measure life's worth, not by the quantity of possessions, but by the life and love we freely place at the service of others.

**Vocational View:** Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than things of earth. God is everything: the only thing.

**Marriage Tip:** "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine ...? (Romans 8:35) Try substituting your spouse's name for "Christ." Jesus never said it would be easy. Call on the power of God and your commitment to each other during hard times.

**Country Mass Times in August:**

August 7th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.  
 August 14: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am  
 August 21: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

**ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2016  
 RETHINK HOMELESSNESS**

**How Can You Help?**

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



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



**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 Fr Peter.

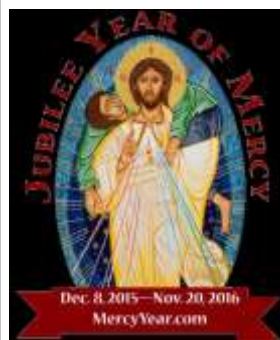
**Liturgy Formation 2016**

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission presents Liturgy Formation sessions on Funeral Ministry, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the Sacramental Program, "Let the Children Come" - on August 7 at Ararat and August 21 at Hamilton. As this day includes the launch of "Let the Children Come", all involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs are encouraged to attend. More information and registration is available on the Diocesan website, [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**Migrant & Refugee Sunday 21st August**

Pope Francis has chosen as this year's theme 'Migrants and Refugees challenge us: The Response of the Gospel of Mercy'. This is a time when we celebrate the cultural diversity of our community. You are invited to bring memorabilia of the Country of your birth to display at Mass on the weekend of August 20/21

**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](mailto: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.

Thank you for CFA volunteers



We pray for Georgia Kirby & Pilgrims in Krakow Poland as they end the

2016 World Youth Day, **WYD Mass with Pope Francis tonight Sunday July 31st, at 6pm on [www.xt3.com/live](http://www.xt3.com/live)**

**PARISH ACCOUNT PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT**

	Nov 15-Jun 16	Nov 14-Jun 15
<b>Income</b>		
Planned Giving	121,573.09	112,919.56
Hall Hire Fee	0.00	1,070.00
Chaplaincy	1,043.40	695.60
Sundry Income	426.57	496.26
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>123,043.06</b>	<b>115,181.42</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Priest Stipend	5,197.84	2,895.40
Liturgical	2,234.52	5,845.62
Levies	21,534.78	21,660.38
Administration	36,086.84	24,992.39
Property Costs	15,098.90	15,620.94
Repairs & Maintenance	3,823.47	9,092.86
Salaries & Wages	53,368.53	47,416.61
Salary Costs	6,193.29	5,160.67
SMJ School Subsidy	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>146,538.17</b>	<b>134,589.87</b>

**PGP Giving Summary May - June 2016**

Average Pledge per week \$3,733.25 (334 givers)

	Pledge	Giver	Pledged	Given	Average	%
Week	109		\$50,666.00	\$46,294.00	\$1,251.19	91.00%
Fortnight	14		\$7,590.00	\$5,696.00	\$153.95	75.00%
Month	94		\$46,081.53	\$38,792.69	\$1,048.45	84.00%
Quarter	20		\$7,215.00	\$8,015.00	\$216.62	111.00%
Half Year	17		\$12,580.00	\$7,760.00	\$209.73	62.00%
Year	80		\$29,991.00	\$16,833.00	\$454.95	56.00%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>334</b>		<b>\$154,123.53</b>	<b>\$123,390.69</b>	<b>\$3,334.89</b>	<b>80.06%</b>

The PGP is progressing well, thank you for your giving. New givers are welcome, cards are in the Foyer / Office



**1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-2**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14.**

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

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. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of

our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Acclamation: Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in

spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**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.'

**Gospel Reflection - 18th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Every faithful Jew and every faithful Christian knows that 'the earth belongs to God and all that is in it' (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be 'rich toward God' or 'rich in God', find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life's end, with a question: 'To whom will this hoard belong?' The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: 'the earth and all that is in it belongs to God'. Jesus is addressed as 'teacher', and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate.

He demonstrates that he is 'teacher' rather than 'divider'. He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager or steward as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even perhaps a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the land-owner in upon himself rather than out towards others and so 'toward God'. First person singular pronouns dominate "What am I to do?... I have no place.... I will do this.... I will .." The futility,

senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, 'You fool...', and by the divine judgment on the landowner's self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today's second reading where greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god. There is the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint, and to acknowledge by the way we live that the good things of the earth belong to God, and to all of God's people, not just to the privileged few. 'Store up treasure in heaven with God' and we become forever 'rich toward God'.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 12:32-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third,

but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the

menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'