



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th August 2016



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We welcome Fr John today.

Fr Peter will be at the Police Chaplains' Conference at Glen Waverley from Monday to Wednesday this week.

Rupanyup Community Mass this Wednesday August 10th at 6.30pm at Rachel & Anthony Chapman's home.

Natimuk Nursing Home Mass this Thursday August 11th at 4.15pm. Margaret Niehus ann.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday Aug. 18th at 5.30pm. Reports into Anita, please, by August 15th.

We pray with **Sr Jacinta**, as she leaves on Monday for a month in South Australia. Jacinta will spend some time in Adelaide in Conference and have her own Retreat.

From August 22nd to 26th Jacinta will lead the Priests of Port Pirie Diocese in their Annual Retreat.

May God's Spirit be with Jacinta in this important time for her and the people she is with.

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Project Compassion (Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness appeal) says a huge thank you to all the generous people and groups who

donated to the work of Project Compassion during Lent 2016. This year's theme was "Learning more, creating change". Pope Francis says "Education is an act of hope". Caritas Australia works with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. \$11 million was raised by Project Compassion 2016!
Thank you.

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We pray for the safety and success of the Rio Olympics, and for a deeper awareness of the poverty and struggles of the people of Brazil and beyond

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 next weekend August 13th & 14th. 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 9th Aug	NO MASS	St Teresa Benedicta
Wednesday 10th Aug	AWC 9.30	St Lawrence
Thursday 11th Aug	9.30am	St Clare. Jos Velthuis anniv.
Friday 12th Aug	9.30am	St Jane Frances de Chantal
Saturday 13th Aug	10.00am	Sts Pontian & Hippolytus

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: Bill Kennedy, Giuseppe Baviello - Italy (brother of Alfonz & Gina Baviello & Ada Macchia), Joan Perry
ANNIVERSARIES: Ann Downs, Margaret Niehus, Ramon Schaefer, Bill Harrison, Jos Velthuis, James & Mary Hynes, Kathleen Byrne, John (JJ)O'Connor, Sr Dorothy Finnigan sgs
SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Fred Webb 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, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Sr Barbara May, Fr Adrian McInerney.
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 - 2nd Sunday of the Month 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th August 2016
Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola Sunday AWC 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.

Centacare Counselling in Horsham Free call 1300303988

- 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			
Aug 6/7	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Micky Roberts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker Anne Hermans Cathy Taylor	Neville Strachan Karen Hill Kingsley Dalglish Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills	
Aug 13/14	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am	
Readers	Les Butler	Kingsley Dalglish	
Commentator	Tess Hayes	Anthony Dowling	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer John Parker Tess Hayes	Cate Rigby Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon	
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Shayne Keenan	
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Men's Choir	
Welcomers	Joan Whiley Lorraine Clancy	Bessie Boseley Helene Bush	
Children's Liturgy		Amanda Carracher	
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	14th August Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Barbara Gloury Kath Atkins	21st August Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	
FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)			
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 119.00
Horsham	\$ 831.00	Dimboola	\$ 104.00
Total			\$ 1054.00
2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 38			
Envelopes	\$ 2025.00	Loose	\$ 39.80
Credit Card	\$ 2672.50	Direct Debit	\$ 2451.67
Total			\$ 7188.97

Making Connections: At the end of each day, take some time to reflect on how well you lived the gospel call. Resolve to be more attentive to preparing for what is to come if that is necessary.

Marriage Tip: Go out of your way today to encourage your spouse. Words of affirmation are a symbol of hope and love.

Daily Prayer: Keep our lamps burning brightly, our hearts ever watchful for the hour of your Son's return, that we may open the gate as soon as he knocks and be admitted by him to the eternal banquet.

A Vocation View: Where is your treasure? There is your heart! Have you considered that God's will is your treasure for you? Come, follow Him!

In Jesus' time "Meals were a sacred time when God's presence was awaited and welcomed in every meal. The people recognized that although they had earned their daily bread, God still gave them all they had. Fellowship in a meal was always fellowship before God."

"As our body cannot live without nourishment, so our soul cannot spiritually be kept alive without prayer." *St Augustine*

Country Mass Times in August:

August 14: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30am
 August 21: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
 August 27: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30



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.

Diocesan 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" - today 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.

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.

Fr Robert McCulloch, Columban from Pakistan and Rome, will be celebrant at our Horsham Masses on August 20/21.

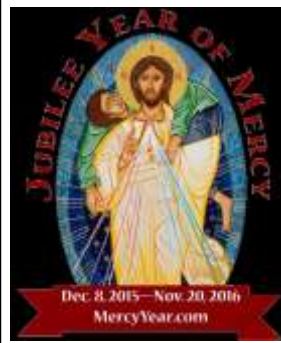
PARISH ACCOUNT PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT AND UPDATE ON GIVING TO OUR PGP. We have 334 givers, weekly average \$3,733. Thank you for your giving

Pledge	Givers	Pledged	Given	Average	%
Week	109	\$50,666	\$46,294	\$1,251.19	91%
Fortnight	14	\$7,590	\$5,696	\$153.95	75%
Month	94	\$46,081	\$38,792	\$1,048.45	84%
Quarter	20	\$7,215	\$8,015	\$216.62	111%
Half Year	17	\$12,580	\$7,760	\$209.73	62%
Year	80	\$29,991	\$16,833	\$454.95	56%
Total:	334	\$154,123	\$123,390	\$3,334.00	80.06%

Nov 2015-Jun 2016. Nov 2014-Jun 2015

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Income		
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
Total Income	123,043.06	115,181.42
Expense		
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
Total Expense	146,538.17	134,589.87

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 in Parish life and ministries.

Thank you for CFA volunteers



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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.

Theme: A Way of Being in the World, commemorating the Jubilee Year of Mercy and taking up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central faith element

Enrolments are being accepted now.

Contact the Office 53821155

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 Volunteering is a great way to play a meaningful and rewarding role in our community. Many benefits exist for Volunteering including maintaining active involvement in the community, developing social links, increasing confidence, maintaining and developing skills and having fun! Volunteering can be a highly rewarding experience! Volunteer programs provide benefits to an organization and the community. Have you contemplated enhancing your experience of Church by Volunteering? U are important. You cannot spell Ch_rh without u. Ad_It without u. Yo_th without u. S_ccess without u. S_nday Mass without u. Comm_nity without u. The Community and Church needs u.

THANK U

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-2

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

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. 'Give alms. Get yourselves 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.' '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.'

Gospel Reflection - 19th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Today's Gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a 'little flock'. There is no need for fear: God, their 'father', has given them 'the kingdom' and they are to give in their turn. They are to give 'alms' or, use their resources to engage in 'works of mercy' (eleemosune). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: 'Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also.' The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery towards the end of the

gospel reading. The slave master who mistreats his slaves is in no sense a gospel image of God. The Lukan Jesus is simply engaging his hearers' experience of slavery, from whatever perspective, to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant are 'blessed'. The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have brought smiles all round, if not outright laughter, from its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is simply not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme

violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are awake there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal. The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement that he is among them as one who serves. God's way of being in the world is full of healing and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses are about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you sup-

pose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother

against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel urges us to give generously and thus build up treasure in heaven. For "wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be."

"The only weapons the Catholic Church can take up are prayer and fraternity among peoples"

A message from Mgr Dominique Lebrun, Archbishop of Rouen after the assassination of Fr Jacques Hamel by Islamists

Census Night: this Tuesday, August 9th. Be proud to mark your religion **Catholic**. An opportunity to have your religion counted.