



St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9nd October 2016



The other 9
where are they?
Only one came
back to give
thanks to God -
a Samaritan!!

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We welcome Fr John here
with us this weekend.

**FINANCE MEETING this
Thursday Oct 13th at 12nn
in the Meeting Room**

Mass at Natimuk Nursing
Home this Thursday
October 13th at 4.15pm

**Coughlin Park Board of
Management Meeting at
7pm this Wednesday
October 12th at the
Coughlin Park Centre.**
Sylvia Wong from
Catholic Church
Insurance will attend



MISSION APPEAL ENVELOPES are in the Church foyers today.

The focus of this year's Mission Appeal is Papua New Guinea. In the remote communities of the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga, Catholic Mission is supporting programs to help people heal wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships and find peace through mercy. Inspired by the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace", in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Mission Appeal focuses on communities where peace, love, forgiveness, faith, hope, light and joy, are actively being nurtured for all to have life to the full. The work of Stephen and local leaders is about actively engaging with all in the community - listening, caring, advocating and training - so that all can experience consolation, understanding and love. *"Heal the wounds and may their people find peace through mercy"*

Young Couples and Families Group

Inviting all young parish couples and families to come along to our first gathering on
Saturday the 29th of October.

The idea behind this group is to build social networks and community connectedness for our younger parishioners (target group - those under 40 - but all are welcome). The group will gather at the Parish Centre at 5:30pm before the Vigil Mass (at 6.30pm) for a meal.

\$5 per person / \$10 a family.
To RSVP please contact Justin Amor on 0409356728.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday October 20th at 5.30pm.

Please have reports into Anita by October 17th.
The Meeting Agenda:
Visit to our Parish of the Baptistine Sisters from November 14-18.
Parish 140th year Mass and Dinner on November 20.
Remembrance Wall.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 11th Oct	5.30pm	
Wednesday 12 Oct	9.30am	Una Purcell ann. Bali Bombing victims
Thursday 13th Oct	9.30am	Joe Macchia anniv.
Friday 14th Oct	9.30am	
Saturday 15th Oct	10.00am	St Teresa of Avila.

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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Una Purcell, Bali Bombing victims, Joe Macchia,, John & Dorothy Drum, Jock Panozzo, Terrence McManus, Joe Rice

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Fred Webb, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Susan Finnigan, Teresa White, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Joy Flynn, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Roma Magee, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Fr Adrian McInerney, Michael De Jong, Nora Tinker

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Confessions Saturday 10.25

Saturday Morning Devotions:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20. Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.35. Mass 10.

**Next Sunday - 3rd Sunday of the Month
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th October 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 in Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm. Contact Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

CWL Meetings 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. 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 held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Contact the Parish Office 53821155,

Piety Stall in the Church has gifts for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, cards, medals etc., 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.

Travel safely on our wet and damaged roads over these days

ST VINNIE'S SHOP seeks donations of bric-a-brac, furniture, clothing. Gratefully accepted. Please leave at the shop or phone them 53824003

THE SHARED TABLE

You are invited to give \$1 a week to help children in Lima through the "Shared Table" **Details with Forms are in the Foyers.**



ROSTERS

Oct 8/9	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer John Parker Tess Hayes Anne Newton Silvana Foster	Shirley Hoffmann Kingsley Dalglish Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Mary Marshall
Oct 15/16	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Tess Hayes	Mary Marshall
Commentator	Geordie Butler	Louise Kemp
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker	Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett
Projector	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Sharon Creasey Judy Bryan
Children's Liturgy		Angela Stephens
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	16th October Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Kath Atkins	23rd October Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 117.00
Horsham	\$ 1067.00	Dimboola	\$
Total			\$ 1184.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 47

Envelopes	\$ 1669.00	Loose	\$ 24.90
Direct Debit	\$ 2266.67	Credit Card	\$ 2492.50
Total			\$ 6453.07

Making Connections: Be inclusive of people who are sometimes treated as 'outcasts' in our society. Say thank you to someone who has done something for you.

Marriage Tip: St. Francis of Assisi is known for his great joy, even in difficult times. Find joy in everything today and share it with your spouse and children.

Daily Prayer: On his way to Jerusalem, God of all healing, on his way to die, your Son made ten lepers clean. To us sinners, cleansed and forgiven, give a spirit of constant praise and thanksgiving. Let faith be our salvation and service of others our gift of thanks, as we follow your Son toward the cross and new life.

A Vocation View: Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude.

BEYOND THE YEAR OF MERCY A retreat afternoon, at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." All welcome. Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5331 2933

Country Mass Times in October:

October 16th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am
 October 23rd: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30.
 Murtoa 10.30.
 October 30th: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30

MONTH OF PRAYER
 AND FASTING FOR
 MARRIAGE AND
 FAMILIES



PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILIES for Sundays in October

Our Bishops ask us: Scripture and the Church's history give us many examples of a great impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together. Join us for a month of prayer and fasting across the nation during the month of October 2016. We hope that in this time of national conversation on the subject of marriage we can ask all to pray, for the well-being of marriages and families, for people who are same-sex attracted or gender questioning.

We pray for a respectful discussion on marriage.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant that our families be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.

Sunday October 9th. For the strengthening of marriages and families in distress. **Prayer:** *This week we pray for all persons who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty and their families.* Heavenly Father, grant true peace and joy to family and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and supportive especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.

Prayer for Families in the Foyers today

Georgia Kirby will speak on her WYD trip to Poland at 10.30 am Mass today, Sunday.

SMJ Parish celebrates 140 years this year. Mass to celebrate this event is on Sunday November 20th in SMJ Church at 10.30am, the Feast of Christ the King.

We will have a Parish Dinner after Mass. Depending on numbers it will be either in the Parish Centre or the Coughlin Park Centre.

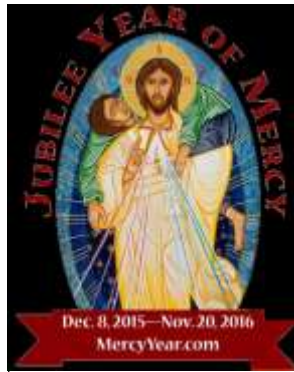
To help us know numbers please sign the sheet in the Foyer and please indicate if you can bring a soup or slice.

Thank you to all who are involved in Liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, and who volunteer time and talents to these and to community organizations.

You are important. You cannot spell Church 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**



Thank you, O God, for the beautiful rain on our lands.



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.

Coughlin Park Community Centre

Bookings for the Community Centre, which can seat up to 200 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.

St Michael & St John's Primary School

We are participating in **Operation Christmas**

Child. Many of our families are busy packing their boxes to send to children in need in the Asia-Pacific Area this Christmas.

If you would like to support us in this project, boxes and brochures are available for 50c after Mass at the Piety Stall or from the school office. Boxes are due back at school by Friday, October 21st.



Online Study: The Ballarat Diocese is offering employees and volunteers the opportunity to an Online Study Program. Further information if interested on Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or Amanda Smith 5337 7125

SBC final Assembly for Year 12 students Thursday October 20th at 12.15.

SBC Year 10 Presentation Night is Friday October 21st at the Events Centre.

Mission Sunday is October 23rd.

SMJ School and SBC Mission Day Fetes on Friday October 28th. SMJ Mass 9.30. SBC Mass 12noon

Ss Michael and John Parish Remembrance Wall

Our Parish plans a Remembrance Wall near to SMJ Church. In our 140th year, this Remembrance Wall will celebrate people who have been part of the story and history of our Parish. Parishioners will be invited to purchase a plaque with name/s and date/s of people. This is a way of remembering and acknowledging those who have gone before us. The Remembrance Wall will not be a wall of glorification, but rather a wall that reminds us of the faith, commitment and giving nature of our forbears.

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he

is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Acclamation 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Gospel Reflection - 28th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Every day we hear news of race riots, ethnic violence and discrimination somewhere in our world, often quite close to us. Even those who do not resort to violence can tend to be suspicious of those who have different origins and different ways from them. The worst atrocities are frequently perpetrated between those who have differing understandings of the same faith. There are elements of this in the present Syrian conflict, even if religion is only one component of this protracted war. We are seeing the end product of a failure to recognize the shared humanity of all people. Today's gospel story invites us to reflect on the potential goodness of everyone. It continues last week's focus on the saving power of faith. Just four Greek words make up the most telling sentence in the story: "And he was Samaritan!" A new element

has entered into the narrative: faith is not the sole preserve of the Jewish people. A despised half-Jew can have faith, faith buried deep within and actively at work like the life in the mustard seed.

Jesus is approached by ten lepers in a village in border territory. All have been excluded from participation in village life on account of their skin disease. All beg for inclusion, expressed in terms of mercy (eleos). All follow the prescription of the Law of Moses to show themselves to the priests (Leviticus 13-14). All are declared "clean". Only one turns back, praises God in the market place, falls at Jesus' feet and thanks him. Readers do not know to this point whether the village and its inhabitants are Galilean or Samaritan. They only know that the village is situated in the region between Galilee and Samaria. Now the shocking truth is revealed: one is a Samaritan, doubly marginalised as

a "foreigner" or "stranger" and it is this one alone that gives thanks to Jesus and honour to God. This one alone receives the now familiar affirmation: "your faith has saved you". Jesus tells the Samaritan to rise up and continue on his way, on his journey of faith. The other nine are healed, presumably because they too have some limited faith. They have nonetheless forgotten the source of their healing and abandoned the journey to life. One measure of our faith is our capacity to acknowledge and to celebrate the source of our well-being when life is good and we have no felt need for healing. Another is our capacity to say a simple word of thanks to all those who mediate to us the goodness of a compassionate and merciful God, whatever our circumstances. As this Jubilee Year of Mercy nears its end, we give thanks for everyone and everything that mediates God's mercy to us.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' "For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and

night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. "And when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Please pray for Adelle Weideman Felipe Sierra, Madeleine Funcke Cassie Heaphy, of Rupanyup, who celebrate their Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at Murtoa next Sunday Oct 16th at 10.30 Mass

