



St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup

BULLETIN

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th October 2016



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We welcome Fr John .

Mass at Natimuk Nursing Home this Thursday
October 20th at 4pm



SBC final Assembly for Year 12 students this Thursday October 20th at 12.15 in the College Gym.

All welcome

We pray for all VCE students in their exams. The first exam is English on Oct 26

We wish students and their families every blessing for the Year 10 Presentation Night this Friday October 21st at the Horsham Events Centre.

October is the Missions month. MISSION APPEAL ENVELOPES are in the Church foyers.

Next Sunday October 23rd is Mission Sunday.

SMJ School will lead the ministries at 10.30 Mass.

The focus of this year's Mission Appeal is Papua New Guinea, supporting programs in the communities of the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga, to help people heal wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships and find peace through mercy. The Mission Appeal helps these communities where peace, love, forgiveness, faith, hope, light and joy, are being nurtured for all to have life to the full. The work of local leaders engages with the community - listening, caring, advocating and training - so that all can experience consolation, understanding and love.

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 this 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 18th Oct	No Mass	St Luke
Wednesday 19 Oct	9.30am	St Paul of the Cross
Thursday 20th Oct	9.30am	
Friday 21st Oct	9.30am	
Saturday 22nd Oct	10.00am	St John Paul 11

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



Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Norah Tinker, John Connelly, Aileen Sartori, Murray Grant.

ANNIVERSARIES: Lina Molella, John Young, Mary Fernee, George Caris, Dan Landrigan

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,

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 - 4th Sunday of the Month
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd October 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

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.

A Priesthood Vocations Day for young men. Saturday November 12th, at St Patrick's College Ballarat. A bus will leave the College at 10.30 for Scarsdale, then a 13km walk to Linton, with Mass and lunch there. The day ends back at the College at 3pm. Fr James Kerr and two Corpus Christi College Seminarians will lead the Retreat/Walk. For more information or to register for the day contact Fr Ed Moloney, Diocesan Vocations Director, email edward.moloney@cam.org.au

ROSTERS

Oct 15/16	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Peter Gutteridge Joan Parker	Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett
Oct 22/23	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Garry Heinrich	SMJ
Commentator	Anita Masiero	SMJ
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce Simon Lynch Maree Plazzer	Noreen O'Connor Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Neville Strachan Shirley Hoffmann Kingsley Dalgleish
Projector	Shayne Keenan	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	
Welcomers	Pat Strachan Connie Besselaar	Mary Dowsley Nanette Freckleton
Children's Liturgy		N/A
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	23rd October Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	30th October Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hermon-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 108.00
Horsham	\$ 1084.00	Dimboola	\$ 76.00
Total			\$ 1268.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)-Wk 48

Envelopes	\$ 1252.00	Loose	\$ 74.85
Direct Debit	\$	Credit Card	\$
Total			\$ 1326.85

Making Connections: Spend time contemplating what 'fear of God' and 'respect for people' means today. Practice 'fear of God' and 'respect for people' this week in as many ways as you can.

Marriage Tip: Take up a new hobby or skill together! Learning at any age can be fun and beneficial.

Daily Prayer: With hands uplifted, O God, like Moses at prayer, we long to intercede. With hands outstretched, like your crucified Son, we long to embrace the whole world. Give us grace never to lose heart, and thus may faith be found abundant on the earth.

A Vocation View: Even as a child you knew the importance of asking often for something you really wanted. Now again, in an adult way, ask God to show you His will. But, be ready to do it!

A RETREAT BEYOND THE YEAR OF MERCY.
 St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat Sunday October 30th, from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The Retreat will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." All welcome. Register with the Cathedral Office: ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5331 2933

Country Mass Times in October:

October 23: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
 October 30th: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
 November 6th: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am
 November 13: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.

**MONTH OF PRAYER
 AND FASTING FOR
 MARRIAGE AND
 FAMILIES**



PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILIES for Sundays in October

This week we pray for all families in distress. "Heavenly Father, grant healing to all families in distress, especially those burdened with strained relationships. Draw close to families who experience violence, upheaval, illness or division: May all who have been wounded find comfort and healing".

Prayer for Families in the Foyers today

Haitians go to church despite devastation of the hurricane. Haitian survivors of Hurricane Matthew put on their Sunday finest and picked their way through downed power lines to sing, praise, and pray in ruined churches. At said at least 522 deaths were confirmed there alone - despite the loss, families packed into what remained of the city's churches on Sunday, many seated in pews under open sky because Hurricane Matthew ripped away roofs and even walls of the sanctuaries. At least one was so badly damaged that worshippers set up an altar and prayed outside – (\$100K already donated from Project Compassion funds).

We congratulate Adelle Weidemann, Felipe Sierra, Madeleine Funke and Cassie Heaphy, who celebrate their Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at 10.30 Mass today.

SMJ Year 6 students will celebrate their complete First Reconciliation over these coming weeks.

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.

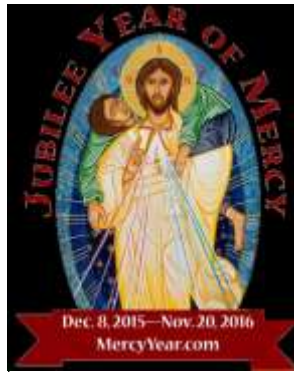
To help us know numbers please sign the sheet in the Foyer and please indicate if you can bring a soup or slice.

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

U are important. You cannot spell Ch_rh without u. Ad_It without u. Yo_th without u. S_ccess without u. S_unday 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.

* Fr Peter will attend the Northern Zone Priests and Parish Leaders' Meeting in Mildura tyonight Sunday and Monday. He will be Celebrant at John Connelly's Funeral Mass at Birchip on Tuesday at 2pm. (*hence no 5.30pm here on Tuesday*). Fr John will celebrate 9.30am Mass on Friday.

+ Rosary for Aileen Sertori will be in SMJ Church this Wednesday October 19th at 6.30pm. Aileen's Funeral Mass is at Heathcote on Friday 21st at 11am. Fr Peter will be celebrant at Aileen's Mass.

St Michael & St John's Primary School Operation Christmas Child.

School families are busy packing their boxes to send to children in need in the Asia-Pacific Area this Christmas. 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 next Friday, October 21st.



Online Study: The Ballarat Diocese offers 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

SMJ School Mission Day Mass Friday Oct 28th at 9.30 in the Church, with the Fete from 11 to 12 in the School Grounds.

SBC Mission Day Mass Friday Oct 28th at 12 noon in the College Gym with Fete Day activities from 1pm.

All families and Parishioners welcome to both or either Masses and Fetes.

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. On the Parish Council agenda.

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's

guard.
The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.
The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

Our help is from the Lord,

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to

obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Acclamation: Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Gospel Reflection - 29th Sunday Yr C. Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Today's gospel begins with a reference to prayer, a favourite theme in Luke, and ends with a question about faith. If the parable were about prayer as the narrator suggests, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for anyone and is slow to hear the cry of the poor! There are clearly problems with this, and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has made three key additions to the story: the introduction about prayer; the final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words; and the three questions at the end. The original parable probably ended with the words of the judge. What difference might this make for us as 21st century readers? The story almost certainly took on different meanings as it shifted from an oral to a written context.

Luke fits the parable rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities.

The scene for the verses representing the original parable is "a certain city", possibly suggesting that it is a story for any and every city. There are two main human characters, the judge and the widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? Is it because he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary? What sort of judge would admit to having no respect for anyone, even to himself?

A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. It literally reads: "so that

she won't finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Is Jesus drawing attention to the plight of widows in that society who can only get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. A system that provides no other recourse for the vulnerable simply has to change. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not at all clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that even those who seem to have little power can win out in the end.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring

even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Finance Meeting this Wednesday
October 19th at 12 noon in the Meeting Room. Lunch provided

October
is Catholic Missions Month
and the month of the Rosary.

November month of the Holy Souls

All Saints Day Mass Tuesday
November 1st at 10am in SMJ.

All Souls Day Mass
at the Horsham Cemetery on
Wednesday November 2nd at 6pm.