



St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk - Rupanyup

BULLETIN

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd January 2017



Gospel Reflection Veronica Lawson rsm

Most of the gospel readings this year will be from the gospel of Matthew. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end over a few days, attending to all the elements in the story. Elaine Wainwright's new eco-rhetorical commentary on Matthew's gospel invites us to read with attention to habitat as well as to the human and the holy. The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama with all its elements. We need to realise that what we bring to the text will inform our reading of the text. What we notice will depend on our own social and cultural contexts and on our capacity to bring our particular interpretive stance into dialogue with the worlds that inhabit the text. While the main character in the story is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups. In the passage selected for today, the Matthean Jesus makes his appearance as a great light that has arisen in Galilee of the Gentiles. He is light for a people who have lived in darkness and the shadow of death and oppression. In the context of Roman imperial rule, Jesus offers hope of God's reign. We might focus on the gift of light. Without an appreciation of light itself we cannot really understand this image. Jesus invites his hearers to expand their horizons, to "repent" for the empire or kin-dom "of the

heavens" has come near. He then calls four fishermen to follow him, to join him on his mission of proclaiming the empire or reign "of the heavens". The verb "to follow" is an invitation to live out in their lives/our lives the pattern of Jesus' life. They "immediately" leave their boat and their father and follow him. At times we need to distance ourselves from family expectations for the sake of the gospel. At times we have to de-centre our material possessions even while we affirm the goodness of their materiality and their significance for the work of the mission. One might get the impression that the alternative community that Jesus forms around him is all male. This impression is dispelled a few verses later when we learn that "great crowds followed him" (4:25). In Matthew 18, there is specific mention of children and, towards the end of the gospel, we find that women have "followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him" (27:55). There is a far more extended group around Jesus than today's reading might suggest. Women, men, and children, are all invited to turn our lives around and to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life.

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- School Offices will be open this Friday January 27th.
 - Staffs at all our Schools return Monday January 30th.
 - St Brigid's College begin Classes for all Year levels on Tuesday January 31st.
 - Ss Michael and John School and Our Lady Help of Christians School, Murtoa, begin their Classes on Wednesday February 1st.
 - SBC Year 12 Retreat: Wednesday February 1st to Friday Feb 3rd at Halls Gap.
 - February 1st is the Feast of St Brigid, patron of the College and Brigidine Sisters.
- Blessing and Commissioning of**

Blessing and Commissioning of School Staffs
 Sunday February 19th at 10.30 Mass.
 Cuppa after Mass.

Anointing Mass at the Lutheran Home
 this Friday 27th Jan 10.30am. All welcome

COUNTRY MASS TIMES
29th January -
 Dimboola AWC 8.30am
 Murtoa Mass 8.30am.
5th February -
 Dimboola Mass 8.30am
 Murtoa Mass 10.30am

Australia Day Mass this Thursday January 26th at 10am in SMJ Church. We pray for God's blessing on our Country, its leaders and people.

- *Congratulations to Kingsley Dalgleish on being named 2017 Horsham Citizen of the Year. Well done KD, and thank you and your family.*

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$		Murtoa	\$	
Horsham	\$	1473.00	Dimboola	\$	116.15
Total				\$	1589.15

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$	2480.00	Loose	\$	68.85
Credit Card	\$		Direct Debit	\$	
Total				\$	2548.85

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 24th Jan	5.30pm	Silvino Sartori anniversary
Wednesday 25th Jan	9.30am	Conversion of St Paul
Thursday 26th Jan	10 am	Australia Day
Friday 27th Jan	10.30am	Lutheran Home
Saturday 28th Jan	10am	St Thomas Aquinas

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: Rita Higgins (Mother of Marita Liston)

ANNIVERSARIES: Gwen Coyne, Silvino Sartori, Violet O'Sullivan, Les Reicha, Matthew Lynn, Agnes Marshall, Pat Miatke, Brian Miatke.

SICK: Kobe Davidson, Ruby Spasic, Peter Kelly, Fred Webb, Corey Panozzo, Brian Rice, Madeleine Cameron, John Coleman, Carmela Baviello, Peter Laskey, Lyn Cooper, Joy Flynn, Carmel Cannard, Jill & Christie Higgenbottom, Frances Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Michael De Jong, Heather McPhee, Lorrain Holland, Xavier Reicha, Bernie Ryan, Rhiannon Jackson

Emergency Care: Coordinator Betty 5382 6688

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
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th January

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm
 Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Rosary, Litany of Mary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.

ROSTERS

Jan 21/22	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dagleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby
Jan 28/29	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Peter Gutteridge	Michael Connellan
Commentator	Les Butler	Shayne Keenan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Tess Hayes Maree Plazzer John Parker	Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson
Projector	Shayne Keenan	Julie Antonoff
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Mary Dowsley Nanette Freckleton

Church Cleaning, Flowers: Jan 29th: Josie Phelan, Pauline Irwin, Joan Butler, Mary Dowsley, Margo Hogan **Feb 5th:** Anna Robertson, Jenny Clarke, Bernie Lakin, Rhonda Tursi

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9
 In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1
 The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians
 I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ

been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Acclamation: Matthew 4:23
 Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
 Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Making Connections: Try to be a light for other people this week. Be aware of opportunities in which you could draw other people to Christ. **Marriage Tip:** You may not think about your decision to marry as a call from God, but rather as an intense attraction to your beloved. Isn't that what compelled

the apostles to follow Jesus? **Daily Prayer:** You have established your church, O God, on the faith of the apostles and on the example of their response, immediate and complete. Let your word draw in splendor upon our community to dispel the shadows of division and to disperse gloom.