



St Michael & John's Parish

Horsham - Dimboola - Murtoa - Natimuk Rupanyup



BULLETIN

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—29th January 2017



We pray for God's blessings on our Schools as they begin the 2017 School Year this week.



St Brigid's College begin all classes Yrs 7-12 this Tuesday January 31st

Wednesday February 1st is the Feast of St Brigid, the College Patron. There will be a Prayer Assembly at 9am in the Gym. All welcome.



Ss Michael & John School begin all Classes on Wednesday February 1st



Our Lady Help of Christians School Murtoa begin all Classes on Wednesday February 1st.

PRAYER for SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source of all healing power. We pray that your blessings and care be upon all those in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort in times of pain, their source of hope in moments of despair, woundedness and sorrow, 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 love. Bless those who are **caregivers**, as channels of your tender love, for they are your 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, in Homes and in the Hospital.

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Thank you to Teresa Plazzer for being in the Office whilst Anita was away January 8-22.

Thank you to Fr John for his ministry to our Parish whilst Fr Peter was in Sydney. Fr John is not here this 5th weekend.

Sorry to those who left messages on our phone January 8-22. The message program did not record. If you have a message we need to know please ring the Office during this week. The program is still not repaired.

Fr Peter will be with the SBC Year 12 Retreat Wednesday to Friday.

The Staffs of our Schools will come together at Coughlin Park Community Centre on Monday for Mass at 12 noon and a lunch after. We pray for God's blessings on their important role as educators of our children in faith and life.

We pray for SBC Year 12 students on their Retreat at Hall's Gap from this Wednesday to Friday, an important time of reflection, prayer and leadership.

Blessing and Commissioning of our School Staffs at SMJ 10.30 Mass on Sunday February 19th with a cuppa after to meet them.

This Friday February 3rd is the Feast of **St Blaise**, the Patron Saint of illnesses of the eyes, ears, nose and throats. Fr Peter will give this blessing at Mass on Friday at 5.30pm, and at Masses next weekend.

The **Feast of the Presentation** of the Lord is February 2nd. We will celebrate this Feast at 10am Mass on Saturday. We pray for all in Religious Life on this Day, Sr Jacinta, and the Baptistine Sisters. We bless candles for use in our Liturgies this year.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday Jan 31st	5.30pm	St John Bosco
Wednesday Feb 1st	9.30am	St Brigid
Thursday Feb 2nd	AWC 9.30	Presentation of the Lord
Friday Feb 3rd	5.30pm	St Blaise
Saturday Feb 4th	10.00am	Celebrating the Presentation 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: Peter McLeish- Melb (Anne Martin's brother), Pat Hogan (Birchip), Chris Riley (Warrnambool), Fr Joe McMahon, Sr Ellen Holland (Cluny sister in our Seminary days)

ANNIVERSARIES: Doreen Webb, Christine Ryan, Kent Schaeffer, Agnese Panozzo, Ann Fallon, Mike O'Brien, Des Brasier, George Brasier

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

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 - 1st Sunday of the Month
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th February 2017

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.



The United Nations has approved 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development. The resolution recognises "the importance of international tourism, for developing and fostering better understanding among peoples everywhere, leading to an awareness of the heritage of various civilizations, a better appreciation of the inherent values of different cultures, contributing to peace in the world".

ROSTERS

Jan 28/29	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Tess Hayes Maree Plazzer John Parker	Mary Marshall Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson
Feb 4/5	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Kevin Dunn	Anthony Dowling
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Eileen McManus
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bob Hayes Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Peter Gutteridge Rosie Taylor Maree Plazzer	Julie Antonoff Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish
Projector	Anita Masiero	Alison McKinnon
Welcomers	Lorraine Clancy Pat Strachan	Angela Stephens Lyn Starr
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	Feb 5th Anna Robertson, Jenny Clarke, Bernie Lakin, Rhonda Tursi	Feb 12th Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection - Plate (Presbytery Acct)

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 87.00
Horsham	\$ 915.00	Dimboola	\$ 86.00
Total			\$ 1088.00

2nd Collection - Green Bag (Parish Account)

Credit Card and Direct Debit figures are monthly totals

Envelopes	\$ 1340.00	Loose	\$ 74.90
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1414.90

Making Connections: Live the Beatitudes as consciously as possible this week.

Marriage Tip: Husbands and wives united in love are a great gift to the world! Consider those things that divide you and your spouse: old grudges or disagreements. Ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of unity.

Daily Prayer: To those who are poor in spirit, O God, you have promised the blessedness of your kingdom. Rescue your church from the seductive promises of this world's powers and form us as the community of the beatitudes, that we may become your faithful remnant in the world, and that Christ alone may be our wisdom and our righteousness, our sanctification and redemption.

A Vocation View: A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Bring joy and kindness today.

Australian Blessing: May you always stand tall as a tree. May you be as strong as the rock Uluru, as gentle and still as the morning mist. May you hold the warmth of the campfire in your heart. And may the Creator Spirit always walk with you.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Country Mass Times

February 5th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am
February 12th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am
February 19th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am
February 26th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am
Natimuk Mass 8.30am with Bishop Bird
March 5th: Dimboola 8.30am. Murtoa 10.30am
March 12th: Dimboola AWC 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

St Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to

acknowledge your response to our Christmas appeal. Your generous donations of food and toys helped many needy families in our Community. We thank the Special Ministers of the Eucharist for their help in delivering our biscuit gifts to the people they visit in the Nursing homes in particular. 60 gift packs were delivered. We thank Fr Peter and our Community for your help and support always.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday February 16th at 5.30pm.

Men's Breakfast Thursday February 16th at 7.30

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1st.

SBC Opening of the Year Mass Thursday
February 16th at 9.30am in SMJ Church.

SACRAMENT DATES for Children in 2017

Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation:

Wednesday February 22nd at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

First Reconciliation Times and Dates:

Wednesday & Thursday March 22/23, either day at either 5pm or 7pm, in SMJ Church

Parent Meeting for Confirmation and First

Communion: Thursday April 20th at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

Masses for Confirmation and First Communion:

Saturday June 3rd 6.30 Mass.

Sunday June 4th 10.30 Mass

Saturday June 17th 6.30 Mass

Sunday June 18th 10.30 Mass.

Saturday June 24th at 6.30pm Mass.

Confirmation and First Communion for Murtoa and Rupanyup will be on Sunday October 8th at 10.30 Mass at Murtoa



Congratulations to all Award acceptees for your spirit of service and voluntarism to us all.

*Sister Mary O'Shannassy, S.G.S

(Prison Chaplain & Co-ordinator), Jan Morris, John Robinson, Heather Hewett, Kingsley Dalglish, Horsham Performing Arts, and all others across our Nation.

O God, we pray for a successful harvest for our farmers.

Ss Michael and John Parish Remembrance Wall

Our Parish plans a Remembrance Wall near to SMJ Church, to acknowledge and celebrate people who have died and who have been part of the story and history of our Parish, and of your family life. Parishioners will be invited to purchase a plaque with name/s and date/s of people. The Remembrance Wall will not be a wall of glorification, but a wall that reminds us of the faith, commitment and giving nature of our forbears and our loved ones.

We are in the process of having a Wall made. A number of people have left details with Anita for a Plaque. You can do the same at any time.

A Plan of a wall is below.

The plaques can have whatever symbol you wish and wording you wish. The cost of a plaque is \$120.

This Memorial Wall has spaces for 252 plaques and is in the shape of a Book



Bishop Paul Bird has made the following Clergy appointments.

Fr Peter Sherman began at Parish Priest at St Alipius' Ballarat East last weekend.

Fr Marcello Colasante has been appointed Parish Priest of Wendouree and Ballarat North, effective from February 25th.

Fr Matthew Thomas has been appointed Parish Priests at Swan Hill, effective February 25th. The Parish of Camperdown, where Matthew was, is advertised to the priests.

Fr James Kerr has been appointed Assistant Priest of Mildura effective last weekend. He had been at the Cathedral for three years.

Our Baptism: we think on the good things our own baptism has endowed us with. Being baptized, we enter into a new relationship with God the Father, becoming truly his children. We are filled with the Holy Spirit and enfolded into the Body of Christ, the church. No longer slaves to sin, we die with Christ and are born in Christ with a new and restored humanity; a humanity reclaimed, purified, elevated by Christ. What a tremendous gift and choice baptism is! As we welcome babies and adults into our church and human family, may we continue to strengthen our family bonds with them in Christ, founding our love for each other on Christ and his covenant.



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

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

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2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Acclamation: Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Gospel Reflection – 4th Sunday Yr. A Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our listening only to the mellifluous flow of language and of failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to all that suffer injustice, including the earth itself, and to those who choose non-violent ways of addressing the pain of the Earth community. With the escalation of violence across the globe and with powerful leaders opting for military rather than diplomatic solutions to global conflicts or threats, it is time to listen anew to these opening words of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

The mountain setting establishes Jesus as wisdom teacher like Moses of old. God's favour rests on the poor, on the humble, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice

seekers, on those who know how to mercy, on the pure in heart or single-minded, on peacemakers, and on those who suffer in the cause of right. The repetition of "blessed are..." (a better translation of the Greek makarioi than "happy are...") provides multiple links with Israel's collection of sacred songs, the Psalms. For Israel's lyricists, God's favour or blessing is on those whose hope is in God, on those whose delight is in God's way, on those who take refuge in God, on the guileless in spirit, and on those whom God forgives. The content of the beatitudes echoes the voice of Israel's prophets, especially Isaiah 61. God's spirit is upon Jesus. He brings the good news of God's present and future favour or blessing to the destitute and to those who mourn. The distinguishing mark of God's favoured ones is right relationship. God's favour or blessing comes in

diverse forms: the basileia or empire of the heavens; comfort in the face of grief; the earth for a heritage; the joy of being mercied; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven". If heaven is only a place to be enjoyed in the afterlife, it is little consolation for the desperately poor or for those who are persecuted or misrepresented to know that "the empire of the heavens is theirs" or that their "reward is great in heaven". Heaven is better understood as a way of talking about God or God's empire of justice and compassion in contrast with the heartless empire of Rome and its modern equivalents. Maybe the most urgent invitation in our present context is to mourn strategically the displacement of so many of earth's inhabitants who long for the blessing of God's kin-dom in the form of comfort and mercy and the opportunity to share the fruits of the Earth.

Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. We are currently seeking a couple to manage the Warmun Retreat Centre in February. There are several other roles also available including a couple in Balgo to assist the priest in the running of the parish. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 0415 526 142 Email volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web www.broomedioocese.org Mail PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725

Throughout the Old Testament the people of Israel repeated a cycle of behaviour. When their relationship with god was strong they upheld the covenant and they prospered. They would forget that their prosperity lay in being in right relationship with one another and with God and so they would neglect those relationships. They would turn so far away that some tragedy or oppression would befall them. Out of their despair they would recognise their need for God and they would 'repent' and re-establish their relationship with God. Jesus' call to repent is a call to looking at the relationship with God in a whole new way.