

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



BULLETIN

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th July 2017



We welcome Fr John McKinnon here to celebrate Masses this weekend. We also congratulate Fr John on his 60th Jubilee year as a priest. God's blessing be with you.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick brothers and sisters to your loving care.

We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, 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 **caregivers**, as channels of your 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 who are needful of their care.

Give them courage to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands, and when they need your enduring help.

Give them love and 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, and those in Homes and in the Hospital.

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Annual Collection for the Pope TODAY July 8/9

Today after communion we will have a second collection for the Pope's annual collection for the Holy Lands. Please donate to help the Pope in his pastoral work. Thank you.

A Prayer for Winter

Let us huddle together this morning, our community a place of warmth in our lives as we share the flame of hope and connection. Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit.

We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this morning, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm. Let us wrap our prayers around them and each other like scarves, and wish each other safe journeys through the storm. May we be insulated from fear as the earth is insulated by the snow, and, like bulbs, may we continue to grow and open inside, despite the cold, ready for the spring, to stretch and grow towards justice.

Amen.

We welcome Fr John. Fr John will live in the Presbytery whilst Fr Peter is away. Fr John will celebrate weekday Masses & Funerals I thank Fr John for his care and ministry.

Funeral Mass for Elsa McGennicken will be held on Wednesday July 12th at 1.30pm

Vigil Rosary and Prayers will take place on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 11th July 5.30pm

Wednesday 12th July 1.30pm McGennicken Funeral

Thursday 13th July 9.30am

Friday 14th July 9.30am

Saturday 15th July 10am



We welcome in Baptism to the Family of God :

Carter David John Hodgins
son of Glen and Chantel

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: Elsa McGennisken, Edna Rowe-Mt Evelyn (grandmother of Michael Rowe and Justine Severin)

ANNIVERSARIES: Carlene Munn, Kevin Gaylor, William Hickey, Michael Rowe

SICK: Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Madeleine Cameron, Joan Glen, Lynn Cooper, Francis Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Joan Glen, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Lorraine Holland, Terry Turvey, Maureen Ryan, Kate O'Beirne, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass (10.25)

Each Saturday Morning:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20
Rosary 9.30. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am**

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th July 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 9.00am**

**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 at Parish Office

Meditation Group: Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.

CWL Meetings 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. Meeting Room.

Men's Group Breakfast meetings 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30am in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455

St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-2pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

BAPTISM PREPARATION. 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Church Piety Stall. Gifts for all Sacraments, cards, medals

Affordable Counselling from Centacare Ballarat, for families, individuals. **Free Call** 1300 303 988 for appointment

PARISH DATES:

Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ from October 28th to November 1st. Theme: *Living a contemporary Church life of faith, hope, love.*

Parish Acknowledgement Dinner for Sr Jacinta Sunday November 26th at Coughlin Park at 12nn.

Sunday November 12th: SMJ School Spring Fete

Diocesan Liturgy Formation Day: Sunday 18th February 2018 with Bishop Paul Bird and others.

Sacrament Masses: Nhill Sunday November 5th.
Murtoa Sunday October 15th.

ROSTERS

8/9 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster	Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Karen Hill Neville Strachan
15/16 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Tess Hayes	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Hermans Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch	Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Tim Lannen
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Pat Williams Joan Whiley	Denise Vallance Mary Brown
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	16th July Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	23th July Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hernon-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 56.00
Horsham	\$ 750.00	Dimboola	\$ 120.00
Total			\$ 926.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 3993.00	Loose	\$ 66.40
Credit Card	\$ 2492.50	Direct Debit	\$ 8812.17
Total			\$ 15364.07

Making Connections: In your life, within your family or workplace, do you know someone who is burdened and weighed down by cares and concerns? Can you find ways to ease that burden this week?

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. A yoke is a piece of agricultural equipment that went around the neck of an ox. It is attached to a plough or a cart that the ox drags along. This method is still used in many parts of the world. The yoke takes the burden of the load which the oxen must pull. It is heavy work.

Marriage Tip: Husband and wife are meant to lead each other to heaven. What have you done today to enrich your spouse's spiritual life?

Daily Prayer: Set our hearts free from the burden of pretension and refresh our weary souls with the teaching of Christ, that with him we may shoulder the gentle yoke of the cross, and proclaim to everyone the joy that comes from you.

A Vocation View: Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

Horsham and Country Mass Times in July

Fr Peter will be on holidays in July

July 15th & 16th: Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am
Dimboola Mass 8.30am. Murtoa AWC 9am.
Fr John will be on his own.

July 22nd & 23rd: Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am
Natimuk Mass 8.30am. Dimboola Mass 8.30.
Murtoa Mass 10.30am
Dr Ian Waters DCL, from Melbourne, will celebrate the Natimuk and Horsham Masses.
Fr John will celebrate Dimboola & Natimuk Masses

July 29th & 30th: Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am
Dimboola AWC 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30.
Fr John will be on his own.

August 5th & 6th: Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am
Dimboola Mass 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30am
Nhill Mass 10.00am
Fr Pat Flanagan will celebrate the Horsham and Murtoa Masses, promoting his new book "What is the Mass".
Fr John will celebrate the Dimboola & Nhill Masses.

Fr Damian Heath has had a set back and is unable to come to us in July. We pray for him.



CWL Irish Luncheon

25th July 2017

\$20.00 per head

Commercial Hotel, Wilson Street
12noon start

Must RSVP by July 21st

Contact: Joan 538 12411 or Frances 5382 1546

Reflection

As if the Church were not satisfied with fifty days of paschal feasting, the festivals continue beyond the season. First the Holy Trinity is honoured and then the Body and Blood of Christ. The feast invites us to enter into the whole mystery of Jesus' self-gift to us in the Eucharistic meal. We are reminded that the Eucharist is first and foremost an action that engages us heart and soul. Our communion in the Body and Blood of Christ makes the Church the Body of Christ. Like Jesus we break the bread and pour out the wine of our lives for the sake of the world.

From "Break Open the World"

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July Lapsed Christians.

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Parish Pastoral Council Members: Chris Robarts (Chair), Mary Marshall, Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Gary Typuszack, Alison McKinnon, Lesley Price, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Joan Lane-Storey, Margaret Lingham, Gary Coutts, Anita Masiero (Secretary)

Interested in learning more about
the Catholic faith?



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We welcome inquirers into the Catholic Faith, or anyone who may

wish to improve their knowledge of our Catholic Faith, to join our RCIA Program this year. The Program enables people to ask questions, and to be guided by our Parish Team, to be informed and understand the life, Sacraments, Prayer and pastoral outreach of our Church. Inquirers, or anyone who may be interested, are invited to contact the Parish Office on 53821155.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Together We Can Do Heroic Things

How Can You Help?

Make a financial donation. Envelopes in the Narthex. (Donations are Tax deductible)

Donation of Goods

Donations of clean quality clothing, furniture, blankets, doonas, household goods can be left at the Vinnies Centre.

Contact the Centre on 5382 4003 for any furniture etc to be picked up

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Proposals

In April this year, the bishops of Victoria published a pastoral letter in response to proposals to introduce legislation allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide. As a follow-up to that letter, a group of lay people has prepared a flyer encouraging people to write to parliamentarians and express their opposition to such legislation. Copies of the flyer can be found in the foyer. You are invited to write to parliamentarians as suggested.

The Body of Christ is not simply something we receive; it is something we become. The bread and wine we share are truly the Body and Blood of Christ, **and we who receive them become one body** — incorporated into Christ and into each other.

Child Safety Standards. Ss Michael & John Parish has appointed Bob Pritchett as our Safeguarding Officer.

We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care.

A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish. We have uploaded onto the **Parish Website the Code of Conduct** that complies with Child Safety Protocols, for Parish staff, volunteers, Parish Council, Liturgical Ministers, Children's Liturgy, contractors.

Our Parish is committed to be a child safe community

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Resp Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat

their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9. 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Acclamation: cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of

heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



**Gospel Reflection -14th Sunday
Veronica Lawson**

Some people have little appreciation of the depth of their own wisdom. Others seem to think they have the monopoly on wisdom. Jesus contrasts the latter, those who consider themselves wise and intelligent, with the truly wise ones, the "little ones" to whom the secrets of God's empire have been revealed. The first part of today's gospel is his prayer of gratitude for God's choice of the "little ones". God's ways turn human expectations upside down. The final verses of today's gospel are among the best known and best loved in all of the gospel tradition. "Come to me...and I will give you rest" is a lovely invitation. It is issued to those who are weary and burdened, and that includes most of us at some or another. The "rest" that Jesus offers is God's rest. It is not just relief from drudgery and hard work. In

the biblical tradition, rest is shabbat. It is freedom from any sort of enslavement, freedom to remember God's goodness in creation. Rest time or shabbat is about making a space to contemplate the wonder of the galaxies, the wonder of life in all its forms and all its potentialities. God's rest restores life to our wearied spirits. It frees us to open ourselves to ever new possibilities and to be there for others. For me, spending a little time each day with a poem or a beautiful painting, even a postcard, has become an experience of entering into God's rest. "Take my yoke upon you..." is Jesus' further invitation. Later in this gospel, the same verb will be used when Jesus tells his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." The "yoke" of Jesus, the cross that he will take up, and the cross

that his disciples are invited to bear are all of a piece. A yoke is a cross-beam or cross-bar. Jesus will carry his cross-beam to execution. Disciples, in their turn, will carry their cross-beams, figuratively if not literally. They will not be weighed down or burdened by this prospect for the "yoke" of which Jesus speaks is easy and the burden is light. How can this be? The answer lies in the final invitation: "Learn of me, for I am gentle and humble of heart..." In Matthew's beatitudes, the gentle are those who inherit the earth. There is nothing weak about the gentle ("meek" is not a helpful translation). The non-violent methods of the gentle are infinitely more effective in restoring creation than the violence of so many who present themselves as "wise and intelligent". God's "rest" is the source of their power -and of ours.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower

going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they

were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'