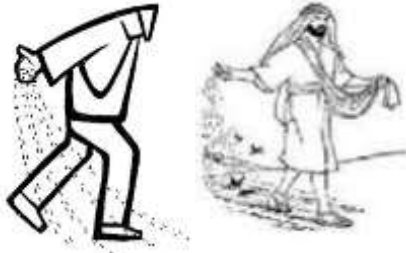


# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th July 2017



### PARISH CONTACTS

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Principal: Gary Typuszak  
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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.

*"Winter is the time for  
comfort—it is the time  
for home."  
Edith Sitwell*



Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm  
Address: Parish Centre, Horsham  
BYO Lunch to share  
RSVP: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 by contacting  
the Parish Centre for Registration on  
5382 1155

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### WEEKDAY MASSES (A funeral Mass will replace a week-day Mass)

Tuesday 17th July 5.30pm  
Wednesday 18th July 9.30am  
Thursday 19th July 9.30am  
Friday 20th July 9.30am  
Saturday 21st July 10am

### 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:** John Maher

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Agostino Masiero, Allan Cameron

**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, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong

**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 4th Sunday of the Month  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd July 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Natimuk **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 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 19th 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 September 17th  
Murtoa Sunday October 15th.

## ROSTERS

15/16 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	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
22/23 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Maree Plazzer	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes	Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Karen Hill
<b>Projector</b>	Gerard Natividad	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottomes
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bill & Josie Phelan	Helene Bush Marina Manserra
<b>Prayers</b>	John & Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>23th July</b> Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Herson-Spasic	<b>30th July</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

### FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 105.00
Horsham	\$ 838.00	Dimboola	\$ 47.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 950.00</b>

**Annual Popes Collection:** to date **\$ 947.60**

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 928.00	Loose	\$ 53.55
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 981.55</b>

**Making Connections:** Say this prayer each day: *Lord, may the seed of your word fall into deep soil in me. May it not return to you without yielding its fruit in me.*

**Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore.** Matthew's Gospel uses the term 'kingdom of heaven' rather than 'kingdom of God' because his audience is largely Jewish converts to Christianity and the Jewish people avoid using the holy name.

**Marriage Tip:** Have you developed any parting or reconnecting habits that confirm your love? A goodbye kiss or welcome home hug is a great start. Save the first five minutes of reconnecting to check in with your spouse.

**Daily Prayer:** God, Sower of the seed, we marvel at how your word accomplishes the purpose for which you sent it forth: how few of the seeds you sow take root, yet how spectacular their abundant yield. Make us good soil, ready to receive what you sow, that we may hear the word and understand it, bear fruit and yield a hundredfold.

**A Vocation View:** The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

## Horsham and Country Mass Times in July

*Fr Peter is on holidays in July*

**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.**

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**



## **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

**Meditation Group** meets in the Church Meeting room each Tuesdays at 2pm. All welcome.

## **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)

## **World Day against Trafficking in Persons - 30 July**

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims. In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The United Nations designated **July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons**, declaring that such a day was necessary to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights."

This is an issue that affects people in Australia as well as around the world. You can find more info at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/index.shtml> and <https://acrath.org.au/>

**Child Safety Standards.** Ms 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: Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness.

Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy, the

meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat, They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

### 2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

### Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

### 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!'

### Gospel Reflection -15th Sunday Veronica Lawson

One of the privileges of my life has been an ongoing involvement in Catholic education, especially in religious and theological education of staff. While my connection now is somewhat removed from the day to day life of schools, I am keenly aware of the selfless dedication of leadership and staff in their efforts to create environments for the children and young adults in our communities to receive God's word in its multi-layered reality. A sense of wonder and appreciation of the goodness of creation, of respect for the human and the more-than-human Earth community, is at the heart of any truly worthwhile education. The experience of violence or broken trust in the lives of some children may inhibit that sense of wonder and respect. Sensitive educators, at home and at school, are

attuned to the diversity of experience among children and are called to attend to the inevitable diversity of needs so that all might be open to learn and to grow in wisdom and grace. Jesus' parable of the soil, seed and sower reminds us that the grace of God's word is there for everyone who is open to receive it. If the seed takes root in rich soil, the harvest is assured. If it misses the mark and falls on the path, the benefit is for the birds alone and not for the human community. If the soil is rocky, the growth is premature and short-lived and the harvest is very limited, so that the birds are deprived along with the human community. If the seed falls among thorns, it is choked-so once again, there is no harvest. The readiness of the soil is all important, though the extent of the yield is the measure of God's abundant grace. This parable reflects Jesus' closeness to the

whole Earth community and his familiarity with the lives of ordinary people. While scattering of seed before ploughing seems a rather wasteful method of sowing a crop, such a practice is attested in the ancient world. Is the sower an extraordinarily generous God or an exploitative and wasteful estate owner? Parables tease their hearers and invite them to ponder their many levels of meaning. We have to bring our own life experience into dialogue with the word of each parable and search out its meaning for us. When we consider our children, the parable of the soil, seed and sower may yield its wisdom more slowly than parents and teachers may wish. Young people tend to mature at different rates and their faith develops in myriad ways that only God as harvester truly comprehends. We do whatever we can and trust that God will ensure an abundant harvest.

### Next Sundays Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you

sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

