



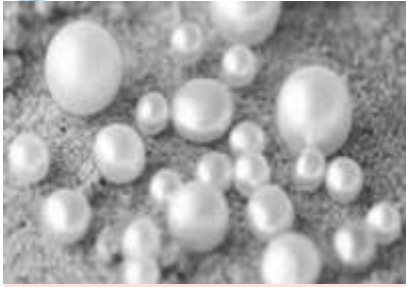
# St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



## BULLETIN

### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th July 2017



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**BBI-ACCC**  
**85TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**Gospel Leadership**  
IN TIMES OF  
**THE HOPE OF POPE FRANCIS**  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Time: 10am to 3.00pm  
Address: Parish Centre  
BYO Lunch to share  
RSVP: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 by contacting the Parish Centre  
for registration on 5382 1155

#### 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.

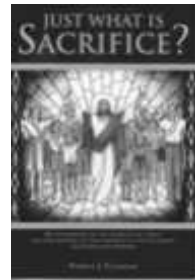
Bless **caregivers**, as channels of your love for they are your very hands on this earth. Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, that they respect the dignity and value of the sick to You. Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care.

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.

Next Sunday Horsham and Murtoa Masses will be celebrated by **Fr Pat Flanagan.**



He will be promoting his book **"Just What Is Sacrifice?"**

Copies of the book will be available after Mass.

*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone a cross the waters to create many ripples."*

*St Teresa of Calcutta*

**Tuesday August 1st Mass will be held at 9.30am** with SBC Yr 7 students and the Japanese Students that are currently on exchange at the school.

**ALL WELCOME**

*There will be no 5.30pm Mass.*

#### **Pope Francis of Harmony in the Family in the Family**

"Just by a small gesture, a little something, harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary. But do not let the day end without making peace in your family". (#104) *Amoris Laetitia*

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

Tuesday 1st Aug	9.30am	SBC Yr 7 and Japanese Students
Wednesday 2nd Aug	9.30am	Frances Plazzer Intentions
Thursday 3rd Aug	9.30am	
Friday 4th Aug	9.30am	
Saturday 5th Aug	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:** Kate O'Beirne—Geelong

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vera Bigham, Jedda Berry, Toni Besselaar, Bill Kennedy, Edward Omant, Con Fortuna, Connie, Len & Con Dougherty

**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, Lorrain Holland, Terry Turvey, Maureen Ryan, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Jean Ivess

**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 1st Sunday of the Month  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th August 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

**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

29/30 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	John Parker Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Ann Hermans Anthony Amor Lorraine Clancy	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby
5/6 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Anthony Dowling
<b>Commentator</b>	Micky Robarts	Eileen McManus
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Micky Robarts Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor	Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett
<b>Projector</b>	Gerard Natividad	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bob & Tess Hayes	Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl & Maree Wren	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>6th August</b> Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush Mary Ward	<b>13th August</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan

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

Natimuk	\$ 20.00	Murtoa	\$ 106.00
Horsham	\$ 921.00	Dimboola	\$ 74.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1121.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1636.00	Loose	\$ 114.80
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1750.80</b>

**Making Connections:** The image of treasure dominates this text. Jesus sees the search for God as part of the journey of people in all walks of life, because everyone is searching for 'treasure' in their lives. We need to have discerning hearts so that we can recognise what is real treasure and then give our whole lives to it.

**Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore.** The householder who brings out things both old and new may be a reference to people like Matthew himself, who, as well as receiving the teachings of Jesus and believing in him, also retain a profound respect for the Law and traditions of Judaism.

**Marriage Tip:** Doing things together is good, but depending on your personality some spouses can feel smothered. Do you have enough alone time or personal hobbies to refresh your spirit and bring a renewed you and new ideas to your marriage?

**Daily Prayer:** Many the paths by which you lead us, and wide the net that gathers us in. Teach us to refrain from judging others, that we may attend to our own commitment and be trained by your Son for the kingdom of heaven.

**A Vocation View:** Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

## Horsham and Country Mass Times in July

*Fr Peter is on holidays in July*

**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 Robert McCulloch** will celebrate the Horsham Masses August 12th and 13th. There will also be a leaving collection for the Columban Missions

Support  
**Horsham's  
Christian  
Emergency  
Food Centre**  
by buying a  
sausage or drink

**Sunday  
30 July '17  
9am - 4pm**

**BUNNINGS  
warehouse**

**SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE**

## **Parish Emergency Care Catering**

Would all people who have plates or containers in the Parish Centre please pick them up as they are using cupboard space we need.

Thank you Betty

## **CWL MEETING**

The next meeting of the CWL will be on **Tuesday**

**August 1st** in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm

All Welcome

**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.

## **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 round the world. You can find more info at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/index.shtml> and <https://acrath.org.au/>

## **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.

**Child Safety Standards.** Sts 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: 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

**Resp Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130**

Lord, I love your commands. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your

mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. Lord, I love your commands.

**2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30**

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**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 13:44-52**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

**Gospel Reflection -17th Sunday  
Veronica Lawson**

Today's gospel passage begins and ends with reference to treasure. It invites us to pause and name what constitutes the real "treasure" in our lives, to know our own hearts. What do we really want? Many of our contemporaries are asking that question in relation to a consumerist lifestyle that appropriates far more than our share of the world's resources and leaves little time or energy for considering either the plight of our endangered planet or the needs and aspirations of those on the edge. There is a new realisation that standard of living and quality of life are far from synonymous. Several years ago, I had the good fortune to meet Kamran Mofid, an Iranian-born economist who holds dual British and Canadian citizenship. For two decades, Mofid had espoused and taught his students an "economy first" approach to life. Then, in a "search for life's bigger picture", he took

up studies in pastoral theology and subsequently founded Globalization for the Common Good, an Oxford-based organisation dedicated to a global economics for the good of all rather than the benefit of the few. Mofid and his team believe that "the rich heritages of the world's religions" are a key resource for the promotion of global peace, justice, and the well-being of all earth's creatures. They invest their energies and resources in establishing dialogue at multiple levels, celebrating religious diversity, and seeking ways to overcome ideological divisions. They seek in these ways "to harness the wealth of the world's diverse spiritual and ethical traditions to create a sense of common purpose that can enable us to build social and economic policies that are truly humane and life-enhancing." Mofid turned his whole life around at considerable personal sacrifice for the sake of a "treasure" previously hidden to his consciousness. With like-

minded people of diverse faiths, he now pursues a path that is named in Matthew's gospel as the reign or empire of the heavens. Like Matthew's community, we need to be "scribes" trained for or educated in the ways of God. We need to bring out of the treasury of our traditions "what is new and what is old", wisely discerning what to keep and what to relinquish. Parables help to subvert our presuppositions, our ways of looking at the world. They disturb our complacency if we allow them to do so. The parables of the buried treasure and the pearl of great price remind us that gospel discipleship demands an all-embracing investment of heart and spirit. We don't have to re-invent the wheel. We simply need to search our hearts to know where our treasure lies and join with others like Kamran Mofid who show us how we might claim it for the common good of the entire Earth community.

**Next Sundays Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents

here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain

Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

