



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th October 2017



PARISH MISSION

Saturday October 29th to Wednesday November 1st Mission Program with Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Saturday Oct 28th & Sunday 29th - Fr Richard will celebrate Horsham and Murtoa Masses.

Session 1: Monday 30th October: Mass at 9:30 in SMJ Church
Mission Session 10am in the Church

“Going out to the world: we need all the help we can get” One of the richest things Catholics take the world is our tradition. Some people think Catholic Tradition is a static bloc of doctrines that must be imparted to our young. By looking at Mary, the Mother of Jesus we will see how our tradition is rich and responsive to the needs of today. Followed by Morning Tea at 11.15am.

Monday evening Mission Liturgy: 7:15pm in Parish Centre
(Repeat of Session 1 from the morning) Followed by supper 8.45pm

Session 2: Tuesday 31st October: Mass at 9:30 in SMJ Church
Mission Session 10am in the Church

“Nine steps to making better choices for my life” On the strongest elements within the Catholic tradition is the process of discerning the promptings of God in my daily life. How can we practically apply the best of our Christian spirituality to the choices we make at home, work and the wider community?

Followed by Morning Tea at 11.15am

Tuesday evening: Mission Liturgy: 7:15pm in Parish Centre
(Repeat of Session 2 from the morning) Followed by supper 8.45pm

Session 3: Wednesday 1st November: Mass at 9:30 in SMJ Church
Mission Session 10.00am in the Church. Followed by Morning Tea at 11.15am

“Where the Hell is God? Holding to Faith through the Tough Times.” Our faith in God is easier when everything is going well. But what about the times in our lives when it is challenged, undermined and threatened by the things that happens to us, or those we love? This critical session will help out words around how we can believe in a God who walks with us in the “valley of tears”?

Wednesday evening: Mission Liturgy: 7:15pm in the Parish Centre
(Repeat of Session 3 from the morning) Followed by Supper at 8.45pm

We welcome Fr Richard Leonard SJ.

We pray for God’s blessings on our Parish Mission.

Holy Souls Day
Thursday Nov 2nd:
SBC Liturgy 12.20 in the Gym
OLHC School Mass 2pm at School

CWL AGM Tuesday
14th November in the
Parish Meeting Room
at 1.30pm. All welcome

**Mass at SMJ Church on Sunday
November 12th is at 9.30am**
(SMJ SCHOOL FETE DAY)
Country Masses November 12th:
Dimboola Saturday 11th 6pm. Murtoa 8.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday Oct 30th: 9.30am Mission Mass

Tuesday 31st Oct	9.30am	Mission Mass
Wednesday 1st Nov	9.30am	All Saints Day
Thursday 2nd Nov	9.30am	All Souls Day. 6pm Mass at Cemetery
Friday 3rd Nov	9.30am	
Saturday 4th Nov	10am	Neville Hobbs anniv.

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: Daryl Simm - Melb

ANNIVERSARIES: Mollie McCallum, Jack Nevill, Joyce Byrne, Kath Byrne, Neville Hobbs, Robert Vincent, Ray Bush, Heinrich Koeller

SICK: Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Joan Glen, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Jean Ivess, Terry Turvey, Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor,

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
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th November 2017**

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.**

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 Meeting will be at the 3rd Thursday of the month 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

November is Holy Souls Month

Holy Souls Mass Envelopes are in the Foyers, if you wish to have a Mass offered for the Holy Souls.

**Holy Souls Remembrance Book
Is in the Foyer.**

Please add names of loved ones who have died in the past twelve months, or names you wish remembered in our Holy souls Month Masses

Missions Collection. Thank you. \$ 2087.00

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards available in Piety Store.

ROSTERS

28/29 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Geoff Simpson Ann Hermans Lorraine Clancy	Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Cate Rigby Tim Lannen
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Sr Manuela
4/5 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Tess Hayes	Eileen McManus
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor	Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Karen Hill
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish
Children's Liturgy		Sharon/Teash
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	5th November Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	12th November Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 35.00	Murtoa	\$ 91.00
Horsham	\$ 908.00	Dimboola	\$ 67.00
Total			\$ 1111.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1048.00	Loose	\$ 38.00
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1086.00

Making Connections: At the end of each day this week, spend a few moments reflecting on how you experienced God's love today and how you extended God's love to others.

Sharing the Tradition: We may sometimes feel that the call to 'love as ourselves' may be egotistical. The Church has always insisted that knowing and accepting ourselves is a first step to knowing and loving God. Christians believe that, although we are wounded by sin, we are created in the image and likeness of God and have been redeemed by Christ, so we are fundamentally good and worthwhile. Unless we appreciate this truth about ourselves, it is difficult to see and love the good in others and to relate lovingly to god. **Living the Word:** The words 'with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind' express the totality of the response to God which Jesus calls for. This balanced by the command to love our neighbour, whomever that may be, as ourselves. Both of these are needed in our faith. **Marriage Tip:** See your spouse as the most precious gift you will ever receive. Do not underestimate God's ability to send you the spouse who will help you grow spiritually and personally. **Daily Prayer:** Drive from our hearts the idols this world worships, money and power, privilege and prestige, that we may be free to serve you alone, and, by loving our neighbour as ourselves, may make your Son's new commandment of love the law that governs every aspect of our lives. **A Vocation View:** We must

Country Mass Times:

Sunday Nov 5th: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
Sunday Nov 12: Murtoa Mass 8.30
Dimboola Saturday 11th at 6pm.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Gary Typuszak, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Joan Lane-Storey, Margaret Lingham. Anita Masiero (Secretary)

Child Safety Standards. Ss Michael & John Parish has 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. Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish

CARITAS APPEAL

for African Famine, Mexico Earthquake, Cyclone Damage in the Carribean. Mark envelope "Caritas", put on the Collection

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St Brigid's College
Principal: Peter Gutteridge
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Our Lady Help of Christians
Principal: Gary Typuszak
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EXAM PRAYER Loving God, Be with me as I enter this exam. Still my heart and open my mind. Help me to write with confidence and allow me to demonstrate all that I have learned. Thank you for the many people who have prepared me for this time and thank you for the opportunity to bring my learning to this moment. Be with me, as I enter this exam time. Amen.

We pray for VCE Students as they begin their exams this Wednesday with English.

On TUESDAY 31st October, Christians around the world will commemorate together the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation (1517).

Ss Michael & John's Primary School Horsham



SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER
10am to 3pm

rides & games - arts & crafts - pony rides -
plant sale - garage sale - undercover market stalls -
entertainment stage - international cuisine & all day BBQ
- licensed bar area - devonshire & high tea - AND MORE!

A FUN-filled day for EVERYONE!

FREE ENTRY

Endless Ride Wristband
Receive \$25 Day of \$50

SMJ Spring Community Festival **SMJ Phone 5382 3000**

The Committee seek your donations of cakes and slices (with a list of ingredients on them for people with allergies) - drop off on the day of the Fete. Plants and cuttings can be left at the school the week before. All donations are very welcome.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**EUTHANASIA
ASSISTED SUICIDE.**

This coming Friday the Victorian Upper House will debate a bill to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. The Victorian Bishops are concerned about the consequences of this law for vulnerable people. They are asking that we contact our representatives now. Two Western Victoria representatives are undecided. Their votes will be decisive. We particularly encourage people to contact the office of James Purcell with a brief and courteous message. James Purcell MLC: james.purcell@parliament.vic.gov.au
Phone: (03) 5568 2929

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**Parish Appreciation
Dinner for
Sr Jacinta
Sunday November 19th
at Coughlin Park at 12nn.**

Please write your name on the sheet in the Foyer today if you are attending, and please sign if you can bring a salad or slice.
Thank you.

PRAYER FOR 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, their source of hope in moments of despair, sorrow, woundedness, 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, they are your very hands on earth. Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, to 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 Hospital.

It is with sadness I announce the resignation of Mr Gary Typuszak as Principal of OLHC Murtoa. We will have an acting Principal for 2018 subject to approvals from the Bishop and the CEO. We pray for Gary, his family and OLHC school

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my

stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you

broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Gospel Reflection – 30th Sunday

Veronica Lawson rsm.

Until fairly recently, the Jewishness of Jesus was often downplayed, even ignored. Today's gospel passage has Jesus affirming the most central of Jewish traditions, namely the command of Deuteronomy 6 known as the Shema (so called from the first word in the statement meaning "hear"). The words of the Shema are recited repeatedly every day by every faithful Jew. Although not a prayer in itself, the Shema is an integral part of Jewish liturgy and prayer. It is a creedal statement that continues to function like an overture to Jewish life and practice. The doorpost at the entrance to a Jewish home generally features a tiny rectangular box known as a mezuzah. It contains a scroll bearing the text of the Shema. Those who enter touch the mezuzah with the greatest reverence. When I

first encountered this practice, I was deeply affected by the power of the symbol to link one with the deep story of a people, in this case with that of the Jewish people.

In Matthew's story, Jesus the Jew provides an honest response to the less than honest questioning of an expert in Jewish law. He overlooks the hostility of the lawyer and evokes the text of the Shema. Jesus thus invites the lawyer to return to the heart of their shared tradition. He links the teaching of the Shema on wholehearted love of God with a second commandment taken from Leviticus 19: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". The lawyer's unfair "testing" of Jesus is evidence that this is precisely what he fails to do: he addresses Jesus as teacher, a term of respect, and yet fails to show him the respect due to him as neighbour.

For Jesus, the whole of the Torah

and the teaching of the prophets are summed up in the commandments to love God with all one's being-heart, soul, and mind, and to love one's neighbour as oneself. Not just love, but intensity of love is the issue here. We see such intensity of love in the lives of people like Dr Catherine Hamlin and the late Dr Reg Hamlin whose fistula hospital in Addis Ababa has, since 1959, restored health and dignity to the most marginalised of women. I see it in the heroism of my own friends who pour out their lives for the sake of those in communities remote from the centres of power. The witness of their commitment functions like the mezuzah in our lives: it draws us back into the heart of the gospel tradition and calls us to a deeper, more intense love. It also helps us to deal with the insincerity of those who seek to score points and undermine the dignity of others.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted

obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

**Masses All Souls Day
this Thursday November 2nd**

9.30 in the Church.

6pm at the Horsham Lawn Cemetery
*Please bring a chair to 6pm Mass.
Fr Peter will bless the graves of loved ones after Mass.*

This Friday 3rd is a Public holiday in Horsham. Our Schools will operate, but will have NO SCHOOL on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th.