



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—21st July 2019



### Strategic Planning Workshop

During 2019 we will be planning for our Diocesan Education Community 2020 - 2024.

A Planning team has been convened to lead us through this process. The Team will be led by Patricia Hindmarsh (former Director of Catholic Education in Tasmania) and will include Sr. Helen Nolen rsm, Eileen Rice, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Peter Morgan, John Meneely, Janine Hillman (Admin.) and Sandra Harvey.

To ensure that the strategic plan is representative of all communities we ask that you please encourage staff, parents, parish and other interested community members to attend the workshop.

**Horsham's workshop will be held on Thursday 25th July with two sessions—4.30pm to 6.00pm and 7pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

**All are welcome to attend.**

Please note: Registration is not required. For enquiries, please contact Janine Hillman, Ph: 5337 7174, E: [jhillman@ceob.edu.au](mailto:jhillman@ceob.edu.au)

### PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick 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 in pain, their source of hope in times of despair, sorrow, woundedness, their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and love. Bless **caregivers**, as channels of your love, they are your very hands on earth. Give them gentleness as they help the sick, to respect their dignity and value to You. Give them patience and courage as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care, 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, on 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.

#### PARISH CONTACTS

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Phone: 5382 3000

St Brigid's College  
Principal: Peter Gutteridge  
Phone: 5382 3545

Our Lady Help of Christians  
Principal: Cathy Grace  
Phone: 5385 2526

We welcome Fr Bill Melican who is here this weekend to assist Fr John.

#### Lutheran Home Mass

will take place on Friday 26th July at 10am.  
All Welcome

#### FR PETER'S HOLIDAY

Fr Peter has visited Budapest, the City of Danube and his host in London has been Margaret Plumridge, he spent time with a research fellow and also Tibor Marti. Here are a couple of snapshots.



#### WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 23 July	5.30pm	Betty Nevill Anniversary
Wednesday 24 July	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Emilia Marchesini
Thursday 25 July	9.30am	St James
Friday 26 July	10.00am	Sts Joachim & Anne Lutheran Home Mass
Saturday 27 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:** Gavan Egan (son of Leo and Clare), Emilia Marchesini

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack Slattery, Patricia Sanders, Marjorie Haebich, Betty Nevill, Bill Harrison, Nora and Norman Dunn, Kieran Hallam

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Shilpa Joe, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, John McNamara, Owen Duncan.

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Next Sunday 4th Sunday of the Month  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th July 2019**

Horsham **Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am**

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 9.00am**

**Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.**

### Regular Activities in the Parish

**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-12pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

**BAPTISM PREPARATION.** For enrolment and appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

**SBC, SMJ, OLHC welcome 2020 enrolments now.**

**Fr Richard Leonard SJ** will lead our Parish in a Mission from November 23rd to 27th this year.



**SBC Students are asking you to save the BREAD TAGS from your plastic bread bags, please.** You can leave these in the box in the Church marked "Bread Tags". These tags are recycled and made into seeding trays, the proceeds will help to provide wheelchairs for people in need in South Africa.

**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

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Cathy Grace, Margaret Lingham, Joan Lane-Storey, Srs Manuela & Tirsa, Anita Masiero (Sec)

## ROSTERS

20/21 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Tess Hayes Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor John Parker	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
<b>Commentator</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Michael Connellan
27/28 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Angela Murphy
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Geoff Simpson Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox
<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Gary Coutts Pat Strachan	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
<b>Prayers</b>	Lesley Price	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>28th July</b> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	<b>4th August</b> Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

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

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 68.00
Horsham	\$ 842.00	Dimboola	\$ 72.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 982.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1870.00	Loose	\$ 38.50
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1908.50</b>

## Prayer for Justice

Lord May we be open to recognise all people as made in your likeness.

May we be open to our deepest yearning for a world alive with your justice and truth.

May we be open to dream of a society where all are treated with respect and, with the power of your spirit, to take the steps to bring it about.

May we be open to building a society where justice and equity abound for all.

Amen

**Country Mass Times:**

July 21: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
July 28: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30.  
Murtoa AWC 9am  
Aug 4: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30  
Aug 11: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
Aug 18: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am

**Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #4**

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning [point for the Church in Australia](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**Position Vacant – Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members**

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups. For more information, visit [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenary\\_council](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenary_council), the Office for Employment Relations website [www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au) or contact Ms Olivia Lee, ph. (02) 9919 7822, email [olivia.lee@catholic.org.au](mailto:olivia.lee@catholic.org.au). Applications close on July 22, 2019.

**100 Years of Catholic Education St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill**

St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill are looking for photos or memorabilia that could feature in displays and publications about their history. If you can help, please contact Kate Quin or the school office, ph. 5033 2541.

**Church pews available**

St Simon's Parish Rowville (Victoria) has available a number of timber church pews in good, serviceable condition. Most have kneelers.  
Light colour: 29 pews x 3.5 metres long; 6 pews x 3m; 8 pews x 4m. Darker colour: 12 x 3.5 metres (carved ends); 10 pews x 2m (rounded ends).  
All are available (single or bulk), free of charge, to any parish or organisation which is willing to collect and transport them after October 1 this year. Expressions of Interest to Fr Kevin Dillon, email [frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au) or ph. 0421 777 360.



**The St Vincent de Paul WINTER APPEAL is held in the Winter months**



This appeal coincides with the time of year that many of our least fortunate in society need assistance the most. Funds raised will be dedicated to rebuilding lives – to providing blankets for warmth, assistance in paying utility bills and rent and the provision of food for people in chronic need this winter. Please give generously (**envelopes can be found at the Piety Stall counter**). More information about the appeal can be found at <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au/>

**World Day Against Trafficking in Persons – July 30**

July 30 marks the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Please consider a donation to our member organisation, Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH), so that it can continue its work with the community towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and globally <https://acrath.org.au/>

**2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival** will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019. All-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals will be available. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. More information is on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the Diocesan Website or contact Patrick 5337 7160.

**Children's Liturgy Information Session.**

We are currently looking for Children's Liturgy Volunteers. Are you interested in helping out? Children's Liturgy is such an important Ministry within our Church. We hope to continue running it, however we are in urgent need of volunteers. With only 3 volunteers available, we have only been able to run it on occasion

An Information session will be held:

Next Sun 23rd July, after 10:30am Mass in the Children's Liturgy Meeting Room, next to the Kitchen. This meeting will explain what's involved in helping with this very important Ministry. It's very simple but rewarding.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to be involved.

Rebekah Rowe 0434 913 189 or [rebekaherowe@hotmail.com](mailto:rebekaherowe@hotmail.com)

**NEW PARISHIONERS, CHANGED ADDRESS, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS FORM**

Please fill in and place on the collection plate or drop in to the Parish office.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE

(HOME)..... (MOBILE).....

I wish to join the Planned Giving Program. **Yes** **No** (Please circle)

**First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5**

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

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**Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's

message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation: cf Luke 8:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

**Gospel Reflection – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus has been affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus has been seen as a less desirable Christian stance. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things". In recent times, some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry. One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter

between them, approving Mary's choice against Martha's. This voice has had the effect of creating a false dichotomy and of reducing the women characters to exemplars of active ministry on the one hand and of quiet contemplation on the other. In other words, the negative judgement of Luke's Jesus reflects the views of a certain group in Luke's house churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth. A more women-friendly voice in the text presents Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women disciples, Martha is a generous host who uses her resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus and who listen to his words, among them her sister Mary. The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote blood relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who

gather to hear the teaching of Jesus and to share Martha's hospitality. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (periespato) by many ministerial tasks (peri pollēn diakonian), and most leaders or church workers can sympathise with her in this. There is no indication in this description that she is distracted. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus. Coming from the lips of Jesus, the expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's exercise of leadership in the community. This story is problematic in many ways. It forms part of a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This is in stark contrast with the ways that women are presented elsewhere in the gospels, especially in the gospel of John.

**Next Week's Gospel Luke 11:1-13**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night

to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the

door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'