



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time—7th July 2019



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

Natimuk Nursing Home
Mass Thursday July
11th at 4.15pm.
All Welcome.

CWL LUNCHEON

"Glen Logan"
Dooen Road, Horsham
Tuesday 23rd July 2019
12.30pm \$25.00 per head.
RSVP: no later than 14th July
Phone: Tess 5381 1785 or
Frances: 5382 1546
All Welcome.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

The theme for this year is: "Peace to this house and all who dwell within." The Pastoral Letter from the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples is a stirring call to action for all Australians and can be viewed on the Diocesan website
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Note from Fr Peter

Very, very hot here in contrast to you at home. Mass with the Pope, Japanese ambassador to Vatican with Fr Robert McCulloch, with Baptistine Sisters at their Motherhouse in Rome, with Bishop Terry Curtin a year mate, Paul Bird coming into the Basilica. Just a few memories to take from Rome. Love and prayers for you all.



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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 9 July	5.30pm	Robert and Kerry Robertson Anniversary
Wednesday 10 July	9.30am	
Thursday 11 July	9.30am 4.15pm	St Benedict Natimuk Nursing Home Mass
Friday 12 July	9.30am	
Saturday 13 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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Andree Coutts, Margaret Keegan, John Maher, Kevin Gaylor, Brian Butler, Robert and Kerry Robertson

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 2nd Sunday of the Month
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th July 2019**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

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

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

6/7 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Micky Robarts Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Bob Pritchett
13/14 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Kingsley Dalgleish
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	14th July Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	21st July Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 248.00
Horsham	\$ 822.00	Dimboola	\$ 68.00
Total			\$ 1138.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 3011.00	Loose	\$ 35.30
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 1609.97
Total			\$ 4655.97

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul Bird's 70th birthday.

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul's 70th birthday will be held on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 12.05pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.
All are welcome to attend.

Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Law

The following documents are available on the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria re Voluntary Assisted Dying - "We Care - How those who conscientiously object to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act can accompany those who suffer."

Country Mass Times:

July 7: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
July 14: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
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

Announcement of National Themes for Discernment for the next phase for Plenary Council

The six National Themes for Discernment flow from that primary goal of being a Christ-centred community of people, and we are invited to reflect, to pray and to consider what God is calling our Church in Australia to be

The 6 themes are:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

The discernment process will involve establishing working groups for each National Theme for Discernment. People in faith communities across Australia will also be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters. The outcomes of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda for the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020. For information go to

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

A comprehensive report on what people said in their submissions in March, will be released on 28 July.

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.

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)



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/>

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.

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, the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee, ph. (02) 9919 7822, email olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on July 22, 2019.



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.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! Before you all the earth shall bow: shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Colossians 3:15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few,

so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.

Gospel Reflection – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

It is not unusual for a crisis to function as the catalyst for the development of new initiatives. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ and not primarily a hierarchical institution. While there is little doubt that we are living in the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognize that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church. The so-called "crisis of numbers" is also leading many priests and religious to rediscover the heart of their respective calls either to leadership in faith or to prophetic challenge. Prior to Vatican II, access to theological and biblical education was largely restricted to the for-

mation of clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to "fill the gaps", we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church. In today's gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses "seventy others" and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or "pairs" constitute a formidable resource for the mission. They are authorized to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God's kin-dom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality offered them. Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus' followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples. Further support for this comes from Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul.

They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Emperor Claudius' expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an "accurate" but "incomplete" knowledge of Jesus. In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the gospel mission. Many of them are prepared to do more if they can find the acceptance to function effectively. They need the authorization of the present leadership and the unfailing support of the local communities.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to

justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion

when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'