



St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd July 2017



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Prayer of the Aboriginal People

Father of all, You gave us the Dreaming, You have spoken to us through our beliefs, You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus We thank you for your care. You own us, you are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change. We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture. Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people, So that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land. Amen.

We welcome Bishop Peter Connors who is here to help celebrate Masses. We also wish Bishop Peter a very blessed 30 year anniversary of his ordination as Bishop.

Annual Collection for the Pope NEXT WEEKEND July 8/9

Bishop Paul has asked parishes across the Ballarat Diocese to contribute to the annual collection for the Pope which will be held next weekend July 8th & 9th. All churches in our parish will participate.

This is a worthy cause as it gives us the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

A second collection will be taken up next weekend at all masses, we ask that you please give generously.

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.



NAIDOC Week

celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 4th July 5.30pm

Wednesday 4th July 9.30am Frank Panozzo

Thursday 6th July 9.30am

Friday 7th July 9.30am

Saturday 8th 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: Phil Collins—Ballarat (husband of Jane)	
ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Keegan, Val Merrett, Liam Scott, Andree Coutts, Laurence Tobin, Brian Butler, Carmilo Cericola, Lucy O'Neill, Norman Dunn, Nora Dunn, Frank Panozzo	
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, Kate O'Beirne, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley	
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 2nd Sunday of the Month 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th July 2017	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday Mass 8.30am
Nhill	Sunday Mass 10.00 am
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: <i>Living a contemporary Church life of faith, hope, love.</i> 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 November 5th. Murtoa Sunday October 15th.	

ROSTERS		
1/2 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz	Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson
8/9 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Anna Robertson
Commentator	John Parker	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster	Judy Reid Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish Faye Wills Cate Rigby Karen Hill Neville Strachan
Projector	Gerard Natividad	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Judy & Hugh Delahunty	Angela Stephens Lyn Starr
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	9th July Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan Kath Atkins	16th July Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 105.00
Horsham	\$ 903.00	Dimboola \$ 22.00
Total		\$ 1030.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 2957.00	Loose \$ 68.55
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$ 603.00
Total		\$ 3628.55
Making Connections: Repeat this often as a mantra this week: <i>Lord, as you welcome me, may I be open to welcome others.</i> Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. Even though family relationships are vitally important, 'the first vocation of a Christian is to follow Christ'. Marriage Tip: Be intentional about giving your spouse your undivided attention when you see each other after your daily duties. Set aside time to sit together and talk about the highs and lows of your days. Daily Prayer: Let no earthly affection dissuade us, no inner fear deter us from taking up the cross and following Jesus, that by losing ourselves in sacrifice and service, we may find life and the reward promised to the righteous. A Vocation View: Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me." Sharing the Tradition: The first Sunday of July is named by the Australian Bishops as National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Reflect on the burdens and struggle which the Aboriginal people have undergone since settlement and seek ways to further the Reconciliation movement. 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 movement.		

Horsham and Country Mass Times in July

Fr Peter will be on holidays in July

*The Nhill Masses in July
will be on the 1st and 2nd Sundays*

July 8th & 9th: Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am.
Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am.
Murtoa Mass 8.30am.

Fr John McKinnon will celebrate the Horsham and Murtoa Masses.

Fr John will celebrate Dimboola & Nhill Masses

July 15th & 16th: Horsham 6.30pm & 10.30am
Dimboola Mass 8.30am. Murtoa AWC 9am.
Fr John will be on his own.

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.

Reflection:

As if the Church were not satisfied with fifty days of paschal feasting, the festivals continue beyond the season. First the Holy Trinity is honoured and then the Body and Blood of Christ. The feast invites us to enter into the whole mystery of Jesus' self-gift to us in the Eucharistic meal. We are reminded that the Eucharist is first and foremost an action that engages us heart and soul. Our communion in the Body and Blood of Christ makes the Church the Body of Christ. Like Jesus we break the bread and pour out the wine of our lives for the sake of the world.

From "Break Open the World"

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.



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

POOR MAN'S MASS

Last Friday we celebrated the Poor Man's Mass with SBC, SMJ, OLHC and St Pats. 1563 items were brought to the altar to the value of \$4,066 and this was donated to the Christian Emergency Food Centre and St Vinnies.

A big thank to all from St Vinnies and the Food Centre as this was up from last year.



Child Safety Standards. Ss 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 :2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked.

Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Resp Psalm Ps 88:2-3. 16-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but

alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Acclamation: 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Gospel Reflection -13th Sunday

It sounds contradictory, "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it," but these are the conditions of discipleship. A man called to the priesthood offers himself completely to God's Church, just as a husband in marriage gives himself completely, holding nothing back from his wife. A consecrated woman gives herself in total devotion as a bride of Christ, just as a wife gives herself unreservedly in matrimony to her husband. All of these examples are renunciations of the self to love in imitation of Christ.

Venerable Fulton Sheen writes in *Life of Christ*, "Christ was our 'stand-in' on the stage of life. He took our guilt as if He were guilty and thus paid the debt that sin deserved, namely, death. This made possible our resurrection to 'new life' in Him. Christ, therefore, is not just a teacher or a pleasant revolutionist, but our Savior." As his followers, we must be prepared to give all, just as the Savior did for us. This may require us to suffer the white martyrdom of public derision, scorn and ridicule or, perhaps we will be called upon to give our very lives as red

martyrs, like our persecuted brothers and sisters in faith in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Jesus understood that many would not accept the message He proclaimed. To follow Jesus, we must be willing to put the Gospel before everything else, including our very lives. Those who refuse to "take up the cross" in obedience to Him are "not worthy" of being his disciples. Jesus Incarnate makes possible and prefigures our ultimate *Summum bonum*, that is. seeing God face to face and loving Him forever in heaven. We, like the Master, must be prepared to suffer for the Kingdom in proclaiming the Good News. Indeed, Christ said to his disciples (and us), "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first." (John 15:18)

Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan writes, "*Today, too, there are still those who are suffering a lingering martyrdom, worse than quick death on the scaffold, because they obey God rather than man. We can help them to persevere, by our prayers. We ourselves, who are free from any overt persecution, must show our gratitude to God for being allowed to practice our religion openly and without fear, by doing*

just this. We must live according to the convictions of our Christian faith. We are here in this world for a few short years, our real and lasting home is in heaven. We must keep this thought uppermost in our mind in all our doings and dealings. As well as carrying out our own personal duties, we must remember the spiritual needs of our fellowmen. They, too, need to go to heaven and anything less will be eternal disaster for them. We may not be able to preach, or teach them the truth of the Christian faith, but we can and must help all those who are doing so." Most loving God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the light of truth, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lord shows us the way to eternal salvation. He tells his apostles "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 10:37-39)

Next Sundays Gospel: Matthew: 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it

pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,

and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'