



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 22nd September 2019



Plenary Council 2020



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The 6 Themes we are asked to reflect and pray upon

up to April 2020 are:

1. Missionary and evangelising.
2. Inclusive, participatory and synodal.
3. Humble, healing and merciful.
4. Prayerful and Eucharistic.
5. A joyful, hope-filled, servant community
6. Open to conversion renewal and reform.

A Discussion Sheet covering each of these Topics will be prepared for our reflection.

Lesley Price will speak at our Horsham Masses this weekend on how we will approach this process to involve all.

There is a Meeting this Wednesday September 25th at 10am in the Meeting Room for those interested in leading a Group and with information for anyone else interested. All are welcome. You can meet in Groups or do an individual discernment.

The fruits of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda of the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020.

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, of hope in times of despair, woundedness, sorrow, 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 carers and helpers 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.

Lutheran Home Anointing Mass this Friday September 27th at 10.30am. All welcome.

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We welcome Fr John here for Masses this weekend.



Baptistine Sisters Foundation Day

this Thursday Sept 26th
Mass at 5.30pm in the Church

All Parishioners are welcome to join Sisters Tirsa and Manuela for a shared tea in the Parish Centre after Mass.

You are welcome to bring a plate of slices or salad

Social Justice Sunday next Sunday 29th September.

The Social Justice Statement entitled

Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world.

In this year's Statement, the Bishops reassert Pope Francis' call to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. The statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements online that can be harmful. Information overload, social isolation, marginalisation of the vulnerable, consumerism and fake news are just some of the challenges. As individual users and as people and communities of faith, we are called to be inhabitants of this new digital world. **Copies of this year's Social Justice Statement will be on sale at Masses next weekend at \$1**

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 24 Sept	5.30pm	Mary Agnes Ryan anniv. Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
Wednesday 25th	9.30am	Pat McBean (Lyn Starr's sister)
Thursday 26 Sep	9.30am	Gavin Frew anniv
Friday 27 Sept	10.30am	Lutheran Home Anointing. St Vincent de Paul
Saturday 28 Sep	10.00am	Sr Barbara May 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: Mary Nieuwendijk (nee Holligan) - Adelaide

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Paul Mercovich, Sr Barbara May, Gavin Frew, Beverley Delahunty, Terry Keenan

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, John McNamara,

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 5382 1155

**Next Sunday 5th Sunday of the Month
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th September 2019**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

**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.



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The collection in our parish this year has raised **\$1382.05** to date.

You can still contribute, by using the BCSF envelope available in the Foyers. Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

OLD CANDLES

If anyone has any old candles that we are able to recycle to make our candles could you please drop them into the Parish office. Thank you.

The Shared Table. Brochures are in the Church Foyers to explain how your \$1 a week can help the people of Lima, Peru, set up kitchens to cook good food. Please return your form and money to the Office.

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

21/22 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Bob Pritchett
28/29 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Peter Gutteridge	Angela Murphy
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Michael Connellan
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett
Projector	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Filipino Choir	Filipino Choir
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Darryl and Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	29th September Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	6th October Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Rupanyup	\$ 75.00	Murtoa	\$ 64.00
Horsham	\$ 956.00	Dimboola	\$ 41.00
Total		\$ 1136.00	

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 960.55	Loose	\$ 12.80
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total		\$ 973.35	

Making Connections: Use your talents for others this week. Be good stewards of creation and act in an ecologically sound way.

Marriage Tip: Pope Francis encourages parents to "waste time" with their children. The same could apply to spouses, too! "Waste time" today with your family.

Daily Prayer: Not by what we say, God of justice, but by how we treat one another do you decide if our worship is acceptable, our service pleasing in your sight. Let the sincerity of our worship be matched by the depth of our commitment to justice. In a world where money rules supreme, may you alone be our master, and may we find our delight in serving each other.

A Vocation View: Who is motivating you? Do you think it is the Lord? God motivates us to attend to the needs of others

"I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice." – *Abraham Lincoln*.

"Prayer is a plant the seed of which is sown in stewardship such that anyone can tell? the heart of every Christian; but its growth entirely depends on the care we take to nourish it." *Catherine McAuley*

"Let us rejoice in the goodness of God who has made our world so full of beauty." *Fr. Julian Tennison Woods 1881*

Country Mass Times:

Sept 29: Murtoa Mass 8.30am. Dimboola AWC 8.30.
Oct 6th: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. **Nhill 5pm**
Oct 13th: Murtoa Mass 10.30. Dimboola Mass 8.30.
Oct 20th: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Oct 27th: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
Nov 3rd: Murtoa 10.30. Dimboola 8.30. **Nhill 5pm**

CWL 90th BIRTHDAY Sunday Oct 20th

The CWL 90th Birthday Celebration and Reunion is on **Sunday 20th October** at 10.30am Mass, and a Lunch in the Parish Centre after Mass.

All current and former members are invited to Mass and Lunch to celebrate the 90th birthday and to rekindle old friendships.

RSVP: by October 1st, to Marina 5382 1047, Tess 5381 1785 or Frances 5382 1546

CWL AGM Tuesday October 1st 1.30pm.

Thank you to all who are involved in Liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, and who volunteer time and talents to these and community organizations.

U are important.

You cannot spell Ch_rh without u.

Ad_It without u. Yo_th without u.

S_ccess without u.

S_nday Mass without u.

Comm_nity without u.

The Community and Church needs u. **THANK U**



Seniors Week October 7th to 11th.

We will honour our Senior Parishioners with an Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre on Tuesday October 15th at 2pm.

Afternoon Tea will be supplied.

Come as you are. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Anita in the Office 53821155.

Palms Australia: Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek volunteer medics, teachers, tradies, business & admins to assist their development.

Enq: 029560 5333



From September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation - through prayer, changes in lifestyle, advocacy. Themes for the month are Ocean, Fauna & Flora, Storm, today the Cosmos, next Sunday Blessing of Animals. The fourth week in the Season of Creation confronts us with the issue of the strategies we may need to employ if we are to create more sustainable ways of inhabiting the planet. **Blessing of the Animals Prayer in next weekend's Liturgy.**

Bring your pet along to 10.30 Mass for a Blessing.

Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Ordination of Rev Shane Mackinlay as Bishop of Bendigo, will be in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13th at 7.00pm, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome to attend. Shane's Ordination as Bishop will be in Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo, Wednesday October 16th at 12 Noon

John Molony Tribute A special day is to be held to honour the memory of John Molony who was a priest in the Ballarat Diocese during the 1950's and early 1960's, to remember his dedication to the issues of his time. **Saturday, October 19, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat Hall, 11am to 4pm.**

Speakers will speak on topics that mattered to John and are of interest to people of today, with Discussion groups on these issues. Registration is important to complete catering arrangements. To enrol by September 30th, contact Phillip Moore, ph. 0448 623 142 or phill.moore1@bigpond.com or Frank Sheehan, ph. 0429 347 345 or email franksheehan@bigpond.com

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - November 24 at 10.30

Mass. Let us celebrate the Feast of Christ the King in November with the coming together of our combined Parish nationalities. We are looking for our many cultural groups to carry a flag of their country of origin and to wear their national dress. More details later

From the Parish Council Meeting. 8 present, 5 apologies.

Child Safe Workshop Report. Anita and Bob Pritchett, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, attended a Workshop in Ballarat on Sept 14th. All ministries in all Churches to have WWCC. We will put have glass door in the Reconciliation Room, and small windows in Sacristy and Meeting Room doors in the Church. **We will put Children's Liturgy on hold as a number of important issues need to be clarified before proceeding.** **We are seeking a Female to support Bob as Safeguarding Officer, anyone interested please see Fr Peter.** **Maintenance** - lines have been marked by Bob. New markings will be done on the stage in the Hall. Key Pad for cleaning room. Look at getting more on the Maintenance committee. Steps to the altar - tape needed? Bob to look it to it. Need to look into the rails at the front of the altar.

We will honour our Senior Citizens on October 15th Catering Ladies Meeting very successful.

SBC students to help with Catering Days.

Plenary Council will proceed over coming months.

Christmas Crib Display. From Tuesday December 3 to Sunday December 8th, Fr Andrew Hayes, Fiona Tonkin and Kevin Linard will bring to our Parish more than 300 nativity scenes in a stunning exhibition. There are figurines, cribs and mangers of all shapes, sizes, ages and histories, and many of the nativity scenes have fascinating stories behind them. One of the oldest items dates back to 1750, a sheep from Germany 254 yrs old. **The Display will be in Nhill on Tuesday 3rd, and in the Parish Centre from Wednesday 4th to Sunday 8.** **Schools will attend the Display. If you have a Crib scene you may wish to display for this time, you are welcome to bring it. Please see Fr Peter beforehand.**

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

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-2, 4-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from

the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle

of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinth 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Gospel Reflection – 25th Sunday.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

The theme of the 2019-2020 Social Justice Statement is "making it real: genuine human encounter in a digital world." It calls us to ensure that the new digital technology facilitates rather than inhibits the spread of the gospel. The gospel reading invites us to look at the wealth we enjoy, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty we claim for ourselves, to notice the poor who wait for justice at our gates and seek a part in the life we enjoy. This inclusive embrace is the vision we espouse in this final week of the Season of Creation. The gospel parable presents a nasty mega rich character using his wealth to support a totally self-centred life-style. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly every day. He has no concern for or interest in the destitute

and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a share in whatever falls ('scraps' in our translation) from the rich man's table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare. Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is "sorely wounded"; he is "cast" at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores. Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel's iconic ancestor, Abraham. In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no

mention of angels to transport him to the place of his ancestors. The rich man's suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now "a long way off" in Abraham's embrace. Earlier in Luke's story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will call the toll-collector Zacchaeus a "son of Abraham". To be "of Abraham" is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel's ancestor in faith. It is to "hear" Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship. Riches belong, not to the few, but to the whole Earth community. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. The rich man came to this realisation too late. The period of digital detox calls us to reflect to restore the balance required for the health of all on our planet.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just

as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The National Police Memorial Service is on Tuesday October 1st at 11am in SMJ Church, with the March from the Police Station to the Church at 10.30am. Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the Service. You are all welcome

Holy Hour next Sunday September 29th after 10.30 Mass from 11.30am to 12.30pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, time for personal prayer.