



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 13th October 2019



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We welcome Fr Damian and we thank him for his ministry.

We welcome and congratulate the children at Murtoa today who are celebrating their Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Chloe Richards, Kadee Mitchell, Sophie Trotter. We welcome their families and Sponsors. We thank Anne and the School for working with the families in preparing the children

CWL 90th BIRTHDAY and Reunion

is next Sunday Oct 20th

at 10.30am Mass, and a Lunch in the Parish Centre after Mass.

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

Could all members please bring along a slice.



I was a stranger and you welcomed me...

Come along to hear

An Update on Asylum Seekers.

Visiting Speaker:

Sr Brigid Arthur csb,

Co-ordinator of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

**Monday 14th October 7.30 pm.
SS Michael and John's Parish Centre.**

With the Funeral Mass of Adrian Fernee and Refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass, the Afternoon Tea for our Senior Parishioners this Tuesday 15th has been postponed to Wednesday October 30th at 2pm in the Parish Centre.

We will ask for you to indicate if you can come by putting your name of the sheet in the Foyer or ringing Anita at the Office 53821155. *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 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 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.



SMJ School MISSION MASS and MISSION FETE this Friday 18th Mass at 9.30am,

Fete in the School Grounds 11.30 to 12.30.

Families are welcome to come and support the children in their Fete activities.



We welcome into the family of God in Baptism today

Oliver James McRae

son of Alexander and Jacinta

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 15th Oct	11 am	St Teresa of Avila. Funeral Mass Adrian Fernee
Wednesday 16 Oct	AWC 9.30	
Thursday 17 Oct	9.30am	St Ignatius of Antioch
Friday 18th Oct	9.30am	St Luke. SMJ School Mission Day Mass
Saturday 19th Oct	10.00am	

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: Betty Pritchett (Bob's mother), Adrian Fernee, Fr Anthony Van Dyk OP (Tony) (Adelaide) - brother of Dominic Van Dyk and Ann Hermans

ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Macchia, Peter Kelly, John & Dorothy Drum

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 2nd Sunday of the Month
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th October 2019**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **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. For enrolment and appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

Catholic Theological College Open Day Wednesday 6th November · Study options, Library and Building tour, Refreshments · Two programs: 4.30pm-6.30pm or 6.00pm-8.00pm · Bookings essential RSVP to Jenny Delahunty by Friday 1 November Phone: 9412 3314 Email: jenny.delahunty@ctc.edu.au 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

OLD CANDLES to recycle to make our candles could you please drop them into the Parish office. Thank you.

Global Rosary - October 13 You are invited to pray the rosary today October 13th, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. You can pray the rosary personally or by praying the rosary with others

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

12/13 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce	Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Kingsley Dalgleish
19/20 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Emelia Sudholz	Kingsley Dalgleish
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Shayne Keenan
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubit Maree Plazzer Peter Gutteridge Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor	Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Lesley Price	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	20th October Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	27th October Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 86.00
Horsham	\$ 799.00	Dimboola	\$ 75.00
Total			\$ 960.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1720.00	Loose	\$ 108.40
Credit Card	\$ 1904.17	Direct Debit	\$ 1699.67
Total			\$ 5432.24

Making Connections: Be inclusive of people who are sometimes treated as 'outcasts' in our society. Say thank you to someone who has done something for you.

Marriage Tip: St. Francis of Assisi is known for his great joy, even in difficult times. Find joy in everything today and share it with your spouse and children.

Daily Prayer: On his way to Jerusalem, God of all healing, on his way to die, your Son made ten lepers clean. To us sinners, cleansed and forgiven, give a spirit of constant praise and thanksgiving. Let faith be our salvation and service of others our gift of thanks, as we follow your Son toward the cross and new life.

A Vocation View: Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude.

Thank you to all who are involved in Liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, who volunteer time and talents to these and to 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_unday Mass without u.

Comm_nity without u.

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



Country Mass Times:

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**

HELPERS WANTED

Helpers are needed for the setting up for the CWL 90th celebrations next Saturday 19th October at 10.30am

175th Anniversary of the first Mass in Portland –

November 1844. All are welcome to celebrate this anniversary Mass with Bishop Paul CSsR and Fr Greg Tait on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 10.30am at All Saints Church, Portland, followed by a light luncheon at Bayview College.

Please contact Di Kierce, ph. 0427 946 053. if you wish to attend.

Plenary Council

Below are the Themes for the Listening & Discernment sessions, the dates and times for Gathering:

Prayerful & Eucharistic: Wednesday October 23rd at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price.

Humble, Healing & Merciful - Sunday Oct 27th at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Sr Jacinta.

- Monday Oct 28th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Sr Jacinta

Missionary & Evangelising - Sunday Nov 3rd at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price

- Wednesday Nov 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price

Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform -

Sunday November 17th at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price.

Wednesday November 20th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Fr Peter.

We will do the Themes : Missionary and Evangelising, and A Joyful, Hope-filled Servant Community in February and March.

Ordination of Bishop-elect Shane Mackinlay



We offer our prayers and warmest congratulations to Bishop-elect Shane Mackinlay who will be ordained as the eighth Bishop of Bendigo, this Wednesday 16th Oct at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, at 12noon. A former parishioner of Ballarat East, Shane was ordained to the priesthood

at St Alipius' Church on 6th September 1991. Congratulations to Shane's Parents, parishioners of St Alipius'.

John Molony Tribute next Saturday October 19th. A day of tribute to John Molony, a priest in the Ballarat Diocese in the 1950s and early 1960s. The day will commence at 11.00am to 4pm in the Cathedral Hall, and will include a buffet lunch. Bookings essential. For more information contact Phillip Moore, ph. 0448 623 142 or phill.moore1@bigpond.com or Frank Sheehan, ph. 0429 347 345



RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences, "It takes a village"

Both events will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat.

The diocesan RCIA Conference will be held on Friday, November 15 from 5.30pm – 9.00pm and the RCIA State Conference will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 8.30am – 4.30pm. Information available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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Child Safe Workshop Report.

Children's Liturgy will be postponed as a number of issues need to be clarified before proceeding.

We are seeking a Female to work with Bob Pritchett as Safeguarding Officer. If anyone is interested please see Fr Peter or Bob Pritchett

Extraordinary Month of Mission October 2019

For Mission Month, the Holy Father has chosen the theme "Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World". There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

1. Prayer;
2. Witness of extraordinary people of mission;
3. theological reflection/formation; and 4. Charity.

Throughout October our parish will hold the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with **the Church in Ghana**, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable. In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children', and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life.

Next Sunday October 20th is Mission Sunday

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: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

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Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Thessal 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Gospel Reflection – 28th Sunday.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Every day we hear news of race riots, ethnic violence and discrimination somewhere in our world, often quite close to us. Even those who do not resort to violence can tend to be suspicious of those who have different origins and different ways from them. The worst atrocities are frequently perpetrated between those who have differing understandings of the same faith. We have seen elements of this in the protracted Syrian conflict, even if religion is only one component of the conflict. We are seeing, there as elsewhere, the end product of a failure to recognize the shared humanity of all people. Today's gospel story invites us to reflect on the potential goodness of everyone. It continues last week's focus on the saving power of faith. Just four Greek words make up the most telling sentence in the story: "And he was

Samaritan!" A new element has entered into the narrative: faith is not the sole preserve of the Jewish people. A despised half-Jew can have faith, faith buried deep within and actively at work like the life in the mustard seed. Jesus is approached by ten lepers in a village in border territory. All have been excluded from participation in village life on account of their skin disease. All beg for inclusion, expressed in terms of mercy (eleos). All follow the prescription of the Law of Moses to show themselves to the priests (Leviticus 13-14). All are declared "clean". Only one turns back, praises God in the market place, falls at Jesus' feet and thanks him. Readers do not know to this point whether the village and its inhabitants are Galilean or Samaritan. They only know that the village is situated in the region between Galilee and Samaria. Now the shocking truth is revealed: one is a Samaritan, doubly marginalised as a "foreigner" or

"stranger" and it is this one alone that gives thanks to Jesus and honour to God. This one alone receives the now familiar affirmation: "your faith has saved you". Jesus tells the Samaritan to rise up and continue on his way, on his journey of faith. The other nine are healed, presumably because they too have some limited faith. They have nonetheless forgotten the source of their healing and abandoned the journey to life. One measure of our faith is our capacity to acknowledge and to celebrate the source of our well-being when life is good and we have no felt need for healing. Our capacity to say a simple word of thanks to all those who mediate to us the goodness of a compassionate and merciful God. We might also take time this week to focus on and give thanks for the wonderful diversity of life in our world, diversity within the other-than human as well as within the human community.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he

delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

SBC Presentation Ball on Friday Oct 25th at 8pm at the Events Centre.



Natimuk Nursing Home Mass this Thursday 17th at 4.15pm.

MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday Oct 17th from 7.30am to 8.30am in the Parish Centre.

Fathers, sons, single men welcome

FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting this Thursday Oct 17th at 12 noon.

Please bring the papers from our October 2nd Meeting.