



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th November 2018



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November is Holy Souls Month

Holy Souls Envelopes are in the Church Foyers.

If you wish to have a Mass offered for your loved ones, please write their names on the Envelope, and leave on the Collection or at the Parish Office.

Book of Remembrance:

The Book will be available throughout the month of November to record the names of deceased family members and friends you wish to remember.



The Advent Reflection Booklet "Saviour" have arrived.

Those who ordered copies can pick them up from the Parish Office at \$3 each. Others who wish to purchase a Saviour booklet please see Anita in the Office.

PRAYER : SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust the sick to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon those who do care in their own homes, those who work in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. O God be the source of comfort to those in pain, be their hope in despair, sorrow, woundedness. Be their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with the courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and your healing 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. Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are in need 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, to walk with the sick in pain and sadness. Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.

We welcome Fr John

CWL Advent Reflection Day with Sr Jacinta Tuesday November 20th at 1pm in the Meeting Room. All welcome.

There will be a short CWL Meeting after the Reflection

Final Reminder

Membership and Horizon Subs now due.

The Brigidine Sisters are celebrating 130 years of their first foundation, Ararat, in the Ballarat Diocese on November 25th 2018 at the **Immaculate Conception Church** at 10.30a.m. Mass followed by **Light Lunch** in the Ararat Parish Centre.

Past pupils, teachers and friends are all welcome.

RSVP: Wednesday, 21st November, 2018
Sr Jacinta CSB, 0414337807

CWL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Royal Hotel, Firebrace Street, Horsham
12 noon—11th December 2018
\$25.00 per head.

RSVP: before 3rd December to
Tess 5381 1785 or Frances 5382 1546
All ladies in the parish are welcome to attend.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you have not yet collected your envelopes please do so **TODAY** to help us save in postage.

WEEKDAY MASSES: (Funeral Mass may replace weekday Masses)

Tuesday 20th Nov	5.30pm	Luke Thomas Nov. Intentions
Wednesday 21st Nov	9.30am	Mary Lawson Nov. Intentions
Thursday 22nd Nov	9.30am	Barker/Rafty Nov. Intentions
Friday 23rd Nov	9.30am	Mary Hallam Nov. Intentions
Saturday 24th Nov	10.00am	Leon & Bernie Ryan Nov. Intentions

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: Carmella Colosimo	
ANNIVERSARIES: Barbara Pfeiffer, Gavan Merrett, Jack Foley, Diosma Chandler,	
SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Cathy Mintern, Fleur Armstrong, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Rosetta Cafarella, Betty Fitzgerald, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Rachel O'Connor, Maree Frew, Brian O'Loughlin	
Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688	
Saturday Devotions: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am. Rosary 9.20. Morning Prayer of the Church. Mass 10am. CONFESSIONS 10.25am	
Next Sunday Feast of Christ the King 4th Sunday of the Month 25th November 2018	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday AWC 8.30am
Natimuk	Sunday Mass 8.30am
Murtoa	Sunday AWC 9.00am
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: Mondays in the Meeting Room. Mornings 9.30 - 11.30 Evening - <i>Contact the Parish Office</i> - BYO Craft - Gold Coin .	
Meditation Group: Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.	
CWL Meetings 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. Meeting Room.	
Men's Group Breakfast 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre, 7.30 to 8.30am Contact Patrick 0428847455	
St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm for assistance. Phone 53812371	
BAPTISM PREPARATION. Contact Parish Office 53821155.	
CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church	
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP 7pm to 8pm. every Monday at 16 George St. Eileen McManus 5382 4745 All welcome	



We pray for the success of the final JOY + Festival in Ballarat on Sunday November 25th. Our Horsham Youth will attend this Festival.

Les Butler at SBC will organize numbers going and transport for the youth going.

For young people aged from 15-30, in the Cathedral Hall 2.00pm - 8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, with special guests.

ROSTERS		
17/18 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz	Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish
Commentator	Tess Hayes	Dianne Noy
24/25 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Peter Guthridge	Alison McKinnon
Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill
Projector	Robert Sartori	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	25th November Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	2nd December Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Natimuk:	\$	Murtoa \$ 106.00
Horsham	\$ 1037.00	Dimboola \$ 98.00
Total		\$ 1241.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 1465.00	Loose \$ 65.35
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$
Total		\$ 1530.35

Did You Know? Points of Interest and Catholic lore: The first Christian communities believed that the end times and Christ's second coming were imminent. It was only after many years, when this did not eventuate, that the language of the second coming was tempered. It is generally accepted by scholars that Mark's Gospel was the first one written, probably about 65-70 AD, and thus it reflects this belief in the imminent second coming of Christ.

Symbols & Images: By using the image of the fig tree as a sign of the coming of summer, Jesus is pointing out to his disciples that they should keenly observe the world around them. Rereading the 'signs of the times' and responding in faith to changing circumstances is one of the tasks of a Christian.

Marriage Tip: Winning an argument is not about proving you're right. It's not YOUR problem or MY problem. It's OUR problem. Sometimes the marriage can win if you lose.

Vocational View: 'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence.' Let our Vocation be, to be one with God - forever.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Nov 25: Natimuk Mass 8.30am
Murtoa AWC 9am
Dimboola AWC 8.30am
Sunday Dec 2: Murtoa 8.30am
Dimboola 8.30am
Nhill 10am

June 2019 Cathedral Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage

An information session will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 in the Ballarat Cathedral Presbytery for the June 9 – 22, 2019 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Fr Justin Driscoll and Leonie Spencer from Lifestyle Travel in Ballarat invite interested people to 'come and see'. This pilgrimage will include Petra in Jordan, the Dead Sea, Mt Nebo, Madaba, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Ein Kerem, Jericho and Quamran

Daily Prayer:

You keep vigil, O God, over the fortunes of your people, guiding their destiny in safety as the history of the world unfolds. Increase our faith that those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall rise again, and give us your Spirit to bring forth in our lives the fruit of charity, so that we may look forward every day to the glorious manifestation of your Son, who will come to gather the elect in your kingdom.

Who is Jesus to me?

Jesus is the Word made Flesh.
Jesus is the Bread of Life.
Jesus is the Victim offered for our sins on the Cross.
Jesus is the Sacrifice at Holy Mass for the sins of the world and mine.
Jesus is the Life – to be loved.
Jesus is the Joy – to be shared.
Jesus is the Hungry – to be fed.
Jesus is the Thirsty – to be satiated.
Jesus is the Naked – to be clothed.
Jesus is the Homeless – to be taken in.
Jesus is the Sick – to be healed.
Jesus is the Lonely – to be loved.
Jesus is the Unwanted – to be wanted.
Jesus is the Leper – to wash his wounds.
Jesus is the Beggar – to give him a smile.
Jesus is the Drunkard – to listen to him.
Jesus is the Little One – to embrace him.
Jesus is the Drug Addict – to befriend him.
Jesus is the Prostitute – to remove from danger.
Jesus is the Prisoner – to be visited.
Jesus is the Old – to be served.
Jesus is my Everything. Amen.

<https://daily-prayers.org/angels-and-saints/prayers-of-blessed-mother-teresa-of-calcutta/>

Everything is on the table



Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020 – Listening and Encountering Have your say – respond online

The Listening and Dialogue Encounter happens in many ways. Invite your friends and family to have a conversation about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Ask everyone – “What do you think God is asking of us at this time?” And have them send in their responses online.

Go to plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

To promote our own prayerful thinking about our responses in our Parish to the question – what is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in Australia? -

opportunities to gather together will be offered in November by the Adult Faith Group and Men's Group.

Lesley Price and Garry Heinrich will prepare a short video and speak to this and the Plenary Council, at a weekend in November.

Palms are looking for fresh volunteers to send out in 2019! At Palms, we are looking for some fresh volunteers to send out to various missions and places here and overseas in 2019. If you are looking for a change of routine, or know someone who is, check out our current opportunities at www.palms.org.au

“The Catholic Weekly” - Archdiocese of Sydney

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a new website for “The Catholic Weekly”. The new site offers a better user experience and much faster loading times of stories, images, videos and podcasts and it is also mobile friendly www.catholicweekly.com.au

Child Safety Standards.

Bob Pritchett is our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

We have a **Child Safety Policy** for the safety and wellbeing of children in our care.

A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** exists for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish is always child safe

Caritas Asia Appeals

Flooding in Kerala, India Typhoon Mangkhut, Philippine, Sulawesi Earthquake and Tsunami,
Donations are tax deductible

the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au.

Place in an envelope marked **CARITAS** on the Collection or leave at the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5, 8-11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul

among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and pray constantly,

that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Gospel Reflection. 33rd Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

in the opening lines of today's gospel reading, there are clear echoes of two passages from the prophecy of Isaiah. The first passage reads, "For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light" (Isaiah 13:10). These images from Isaiah read like an unravelling of God's work in creation. The second passage likewise predicts a scenario that seems to reverse the Genesis creation account: "All the host of heaven [the constellations] shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall wither like a leaf withering on a vine, or fruit withering on a fig tree" (Isaiah 34:4). The prophet is using powerful poetic imagery to speak of God's judgment on the people of Israel who have strayed from their covenant relationship. The parallel images in Mark 13 are

referenced to the aftermath of the "time of distress" associated with the destruction of Jerusalem, a time of intense suffering for the community of believers. Jesus tells his disciples that, after all their suffering, strange cosmic phenomena will signal his return in glory and usher in a new age for God's people when the faithful will be gathered in. The message is intended to give comfort and hope to Mark's persecuted community of the late sixties or early seventies of the first century. Just as the new leaves on the fig tree signal the approach of summer, so too will the strange signs in the heavens signal Christ's coming and the onset of a new era, an end to the "time of distress". The message is thus one of encouragement for the community as they face an uncertain future rather than one of judgment. The strange apocalyptic imagery and the ancient cosmology that has Jesus returning on the clouds need not distract the modern

and scientifically sophisticated reader from hearing the call to trust in God no matter what happens. This reading may remind some of us that the unravelling of God's work is more than a poetic image in our times. The freak storms, the cyclones, and other signs of global warming we have seen might well serve as reminders to attend more carefully to the preservation of planet Earth. We may also hear a call to pay closer attention to what the "other-than-human" Earth elements can tell us about God and God's ways. Tim Winton's memoir, *Island Home*, offers a contemporary reminder of who we are as planetary beings, of what we have done to our planet and of how attentiveness to land and landscape is integral to being who we are. The wild fig or the black-flanked rock wallabies, for instance, may be more eloquent teachers than we had ever realised.

Next Week's Gospel: John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have

handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you

are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'