

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th August 2017



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**BALLARAT CLERGY
 SUPPORT FUND
 Collection for Sick /
 Retired Priests
 ANNUAL COLLECTION
 Next Weekend
 SEPTEMBER 2/3 at all our Masses**

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the Diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. 18 retired priests are currently supported by the Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly \$1.7 million since 199, including \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

**Envelopes are in the Foyers
 this weekend.
 There will be a LEAVING
 COLLECTION at each Mass
 next weekend.**

**A credit card facility is available for
 your convenience, contributions over
 \$2.00 are tax-deductible
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PRAYER FOR 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, they are your very hands on 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 Hospital.

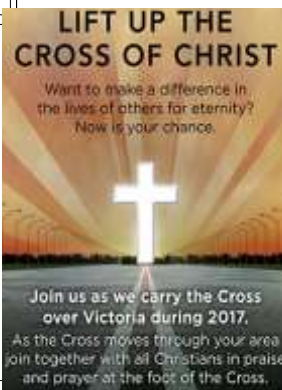
We welcome Fr John.

Fr Damian Heath is feeling good and the doctors say he can travel. He will come to us on the 2nd Sunday of each month, coming in September



**Ss Michael and John School
 Will lead the Ministries at 10.30am Mass
 next Sunday September 3rd, which is
 Father's Day.**

Congratulations to our School on a wonderful celebration of Grandparents and Special Friends Day last Friday and the beautiful sharing after Mass in the School.



We are privileged to have a visit of the Charismatic Movement Cross here in Horsham for a week from Sept 7th. More details next week

WEEKDAY MASSES (A funeral Mass will replace a week-day Mass)

Tuesday 29th Aug	9.30am	The Death of St John the Baptist
Wednesday 30th Aug	9.30am	SMJ Yrs 3/4 to attend
Thursday 31st Aug	9.30am	Princess Diana, Frank Lloyd, Alec Smith ann
Friday 1st Sept	9.30am	We welcome Springtime today.
Saturday 2nd Sept	10am	Those in sporting finals

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: Don Martin (father of Daryl), David Griffiths (Ballarat), Rita Madden (Ballarat)

ANNIVERSARIES: Evelyn Duffus, Barry Lattanzio, Ellen Fewster-Hynes, Oscar Jacobs, Paul Connors, Sr Therese Stubbs, Terry Moroney, Frank Lloyd, Princess Diana, Jens Wasowicz, Charles Rowe

SICK: Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Madeleine Cameron, Joan Glen, Lynn Cooper, Debbie Nolan Francis Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Jean Ivess, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Lorrain Holland, Terry Turvey, Maureen Ryan, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Fr Paul Mercovich, Heather McPhee.

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 1st Sunday of the Month
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd September 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

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: *Living a contemporary Church life of faith, hope, love.*

Parish Appreciation 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 September 17th
Murtoa Sunday October 15th.

ROSTERS

27/28 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Simon Lynch Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernatette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Bob Pritchett Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon
2/3 September	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	SMJ Schol
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	SMJ School
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Ann Hermans	Kingsley Dalgleish Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon
Projector	Gerard Natividad	SMJ School
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir/SMJ
Welcomers	Judy and Hugh Delahunty	Denise Vallance Mary Brown
Children's Liturgy		Sharon/Teash
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalgleish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	3rd September Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy	10th September Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 95.00
Horsham	\$ 758.00	Dimboola	\$ 54.00
Total			\$ 907.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 925.00	Loose	\$ 22.00
Total			\$ 947.00

Making Connections: Keys are a symbol of authority. Jesus says to Peter, 'I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.' Jesus entrusts his authority to Peter, and thus to successive Popes. This authority must always be used with wisdom and compassion and with it comes responsibility. The crossed keys are part of the emblem of the Pope.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The great stone temple built by Herod was at a natural spring which is the source of the Jordan River. It was here that Jesus told Peter, that he, too, would be a rock on which the church is built - dedicated to the one true God.

Marriage Tip: Kids are one of the joys of marriage (much of the time). But they also tend to take their time off the top of your energy reserve. You aren't married to your kids so don't let them substitute for the intimacy you owe each other.

Daily Prayer: God, well-spring of all wisdom and font of every insight, you inspired Simon Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God, and on the rock of this faith you built your church. Pour out your Spirit in abundance, that all may join in this profession, and so become living stones built up into your church, standing firm upon the one foundation, which is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

Vocation View: As Christians we are called to see those in authority use their power as service and love.

21st Sunday: St. Paul reminds the Romans, and us, that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously gifts of time, talent, and treasure

Country Mass Times:

Sunday Sept 3: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10. Murtoa 8.30
 Sunday Sept 10: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
 Sunday Sept 17: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10. Murtoa 8.30
 Sunday Sept 24: Natimuk Mass 8.30,
 Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am
 Sunday Oct 1: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30.
 Sunday Oct 8: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. **Nhill 10am**
 Sunday Oct 15: **Nhill 10.** Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30



If you wish to learn more about our faith, or to inquire into becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Peter.

Parish Emergency Care Catering

The trolley in the Church Foyer has plates and containers people have not picked up after bringing food for past Catering. Please check to see if you have a plate or container on the trolley. *Thank you, Betty Heinrich*

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY is on Sunday September 24th

This Year's Statement is titled:

"Everyone's Business: developing an inclusive and sustainable Economy"

The Bishops call for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. Australia has had a long period of economic growth, but the benefits of this have not come to everyone. Pope Francis calls for a world economy that places people at the very centre, and meets their basic needs



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DEMENTIA You are not alone

Lecture by Assoc Professor Mark Yates, from Ballarat Health Services.

Wednesday September 6th in Ss Michael and John Parish Centre

Registration and Expo in Centre 1.30pm – 5pm
 Professor Yates Lecture: 3pm to 4pm.

Cost: Free. Afternoon Tea supplied.

You need to register online at:
horsham2017.eventbrite.com.au

Contact Anita in our Office for any help to register.
 All welcome.

TWO NEW SEMINARIANS: WELCOME TO PETER CAY AND BILL LOWRY

Peter arrived from Vietnam, from the Diocese of Vin, on June 27th 2017. Peter has begun his full time English language course at ACU, taking up residence at Corpus Christi College on July 29th, as a pre-seminarian for the Diocese of Ballarat, having previously graduated from a University in Hue. Bill Lowry has been accepted by Bishop Paul as a seminarian for the Diocese of Ballarat. In his 2nd year at Corpus Christi, Bill has been a student for Melbourne Archdiocese, but lived in Ballarat prior to the seminary, he has now applied for and been accepted as a student for our Diocese. We welcome and pray for them both.

Child Protection Sunday

In response to a request from Pope Francis, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has set aside **Sunday September 10, Child Protection Sunday**, as a Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse. We will have prayer Resources for that Day.

103rd WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Today we celebrate Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Sunday

The Church in Australia has migrant Catholics from many countries; Mass is celebrated in more than 30 languages every Sunday. **The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Day is "Child Migrants, the vulnerable and voiceless."**

Our parishioners come from many cultures?

India, Netherlands, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Italy, Philippines, England, Scotland, Ireland, Nigeria, South Sudan, Poland, China, Taiwan, Korea

We welcome memorabilia of the country of your birth to display, those in traditional dress, and those who have brought a 'special' dish from their homeland for a cuppa after 10.30 Mass.

CHILD MIGRANTS, THE VULNERABLE AND THE VOICELESS
 21 - 27 AUGUST 2017

We pray for SBC Year 8's on their Camp this week.

SBC Yr 10 B/C Classes Mass this Friday 10.05 at SBC

We congratulate and pray for Fr Greg Tait, in Portland, celebrating 25 years of Ordination on August 29th.

Those who would like to help prepare for Sr Jacinta's Appreciation Dinner of November 19th, please see Anita or phone the Office 53821155.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (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, Anita Masiero (Secretary)

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: Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you

answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

**Gospel Reflection – 21st Sunday
Veronica Lawson rsm.**

“Be yourself. Everybody else is taken”, sings Melinda Schneider. The lyrics of this lovely song, composed for Melinda’s dying father, affirm some fairly obvious truths. Even though we know that “everybody else is taken”, most of us spend much of our lives trying to measure up to other peoples’ expectations and fail to be truly ourselves. In our self-absorption, we can also misread others and fail to know them as they are. Being accepted as we are is among the most precious of gifts. Jesus knew this. He was utterly true to himself and he allowed others time to discover for themselves his real identity and the nature of his mission. If the mission was to succeed, then “people” needed to look beyond their preconceptions about him and accept him as God’s anointed one, as the revelation of the living God. Jesus’ true identity is a key issue for Matthew’s community as it is for us.

In the first verse of the gospel, he is presented as the anointed one of God, the Messiah or Christ. Before his birth, the reader knows him as “Emmanuel”, God with us. What the narrator asserts at the outset, certain characters in the story come to understand as the narrative unfolds. Jesus’ fearless teaching and his healing ministry bring the crowd to recognise him as a prophet in the tradition of Elijah or Jeremiah or John the Baptist, and as the incarnate Wisdom of God. The power of God at work in Peter leads him to a deeper understanding of Jesus’ identity. No matter that Peter has faltered in the past and will falter again, even to the point of denying any knowledge of or association with Jesus. He finally arrives at deep insight and proclaims his faith in Jesus as both Christ or Messiah and son of the living God. Insight is a gift, and God can work wherever there is openness and goodwill. Peter has both in abundance. He is declared “blessed”

on account of this gift of insight, and entrusted with the “keys” of God’s kingdom. The specific power of binding and loosing that is given to Peter is subsequently given to the community of disciples (18:18) where the saying is framed on the one hand by instructions about dealing with transgressors and on the other by the assertion that where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, he is there in their midst. “Binding and loosing” belongs to Peter and to all who gather in the name of Jesus whom Matthew presents as God-with-us, as prophet and Wisdom, as the Christ or Messiah, and as the revelation of the living God. The exercise of the power “to bind and to loose” demands the same wisdom and insight as does the capacity to recognise and affirm the true identity of Jesus.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to

his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



St Peter is represented with the keys, the best known symbol of the Pope, because Jesus said, “I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.”