

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th September 2017



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Fr John is supplying for Fr Eric Bryant in Stawell these three weekends - September 24, October 1 & 8. Please note changes in Country Mass/ AWC times.

Fr Damian will be in Horsham on October 7/8.

**Dimboola Mass and Tea this Wednesday Sept 27. Mass 6pm in the Church, Tea in the Community Room after Mass. All welcome.**

**Anointing Mass at 10.30 this Wednesday 27th at Lutheran Home. All welcome**



### The Baptistine Sisters

Sr Tirsia and Sr Manuela arrive in Australia this Monday Sept 24 with Sr Jesusita, Provincial, and her vicar, Sr Rosita. Fr Peter and Fr Justin Driscoll will meet them at the Airport. They will stay in Ballarat a few days, and come to Horsham this Friday afternoon September 29th.

Srs Jesusita and Rosita will return to the Philippines on October 10th.

**Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass on Saturday morning October 7th at 10am,** to formally establish their first Australian Foundation Community which will be named after their Founder "St. Alfonso Maria Fusco".

There will be **Morning Tea after Mass on Saturday morning October 7th** in the Parish Centre to welcome the Sisters, and a Cuppa in the Church after Saturday night Mass Oct 7 and Sunday Oct 8, to welcome them

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY TODAY

This Year's Statement is titled: *"Everyone's Business: developing an inclusive and sustainable Economy"*.

**The Social Justice Statement is available price \$1.**

We welcome Fr Tony Schipp from Wagga, related to the Breens, as Celebrant at tonight's 6.30 Mass

### 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.



This Friday Sept 29th we celebrate **National Police Remembrance Day** with an Ecumenical

Service in SMJ Church at 11am. Police and local Services will March at 10.30 from the Police Station to Urquhart Street and to the Church. All welcome, and to lunch in the Parish Centre afterward

### 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



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

Tuesday 26th Sept	5.30pm	Sts Cosmas & Damian
Wednesday 27th Sept	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Anointing Mass.</b> St Vincent de Paul.
Thursday 28th Sept	9.30am	
Friday 29th Sept	9.30am	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
Saturday 30th Sept	10am	St Jerome

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** Sr Imelda Gallagher rsm + Fr Paul Mercovich died in Alice Springs Hospital on Friday from head injuries from a fall. PP of St Arnaud and Charlton. May Paul rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dom Zarlenga, Sr Kathleen Finnigansgs

**SICK:** Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Joan Glen, Lynn Cooper, Francis Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Jean Ivess, Gemma Bronkhorst, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Lorrain Holland, Terry Turvey, Maureen Ryan, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Debbie Nolan, Una Bartlett, Brendan Kennedy

**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 4th Sunday of the Month  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st October 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

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** Meeting will be at the RSL on Thursday 21st September at 6pm. 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:** Murtoa Sunday October 15th.

## ROSTERS

23/24 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Ann Hermans Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Rosie Taylor	Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid
<b>Commentator</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Michael Connellan
30 Sept/1 Oct	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Maree Plazzer	Bob Pritchett
<b>Commentator</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Andrea Cox
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Joan Parker Ann Hermans Cathy Taylor Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce	Andrea Cox Faye Wills Kingsley Dalglish Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Russell Reid Mary Dalglish
<b>Projector</b>	Gerard Natividad	
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Connie Besselaar Gavin Hynam	Mary Dowsley Nanette Freckleton
<b>Prayers</b>	John & Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>1st October</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	<b>8th October</b> Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush

### FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 110.00
Horsham	\$ 883.00	Dimboola	\$ 62.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1055.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1102.00	Loose	\$ 76.90
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1178.90</b>

### Summary: Social Justice Statement 2017-2018

Pope Francis has called for an economic system that places men and women at the very centre - one that meets the needs of all people and is just and sustainable. He denounces economic structures that take a purely utilitarian view of human beings, treating them as mere elements of production, to be thrown away if they are not seen as useful or productive.

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. The Bishops' Statement is built around the Gospel for Social Justice Sunday today where Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all are contributors and are recognized for their human dignity. Australia has experienced a quarter of a century of continuous economic growth, but the benefits of this good fortune have not been distributed equally. In our workplaces, conditions and security of employment have been eroded, while those who are unemployed subsist on incomes well below the poverty levels. Australia is experiencing a housing crisis. And our Indigenous brothers and sisters struggle with economic and social burdens that most Australians cannot imagine. In the light of these challenges, the statement calls us to build an economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Such a society will reject an 'ideology of the market' that forgets the principles of justice and equity. Justice must be built into the very foundations of our community, and business can work for everybody's benefit, not just for shareholders. The excluded and vulnerable must have a voice in decision-making. God is calling us to use his bounty wisely, for the good of all and of our planet.

### Country Mass Times:

Sunday Oct 1: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa 8.30.  
 Sunday Oct 8: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. **Nhill 10.**  
 Sunday Oct 15: Dimboola 8.30. **Murtoa 10.30.**  
 Sunday Oct 22: Natimuk Mass 8.30.  
 Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 10.30  
 Sunday Oct 29: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. **Nhill 10.**

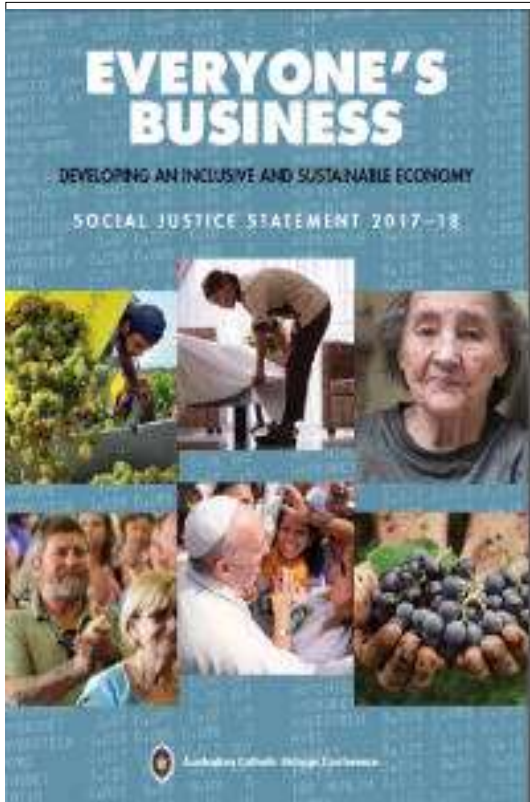
### Season of Creation

On September 1st Christian Churches around the world - Major Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, Uniting, Protestant - came together to celebrate World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and to start of the Season of Creation from Sept. 1st to Oct. 4th feast of St Francis of Assisi.

- **Year of Youth 2018** A Year of Youth for Australia has been declared for 2018 by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference with the theme *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. . The Year commences at the start of the new liturgical year on December 3, 2017 (the first Sunday of Advent) and concludes at the end of Ordinary Time in 2018 (November 25, Christ the King). Resources in support of the Year of Youth will be available, convened by both the Ballarat Diocese & Catholic Education

**CARITAS APPEAL for African Famine, Mexico Earthquake, Cyclone Damage in the Carribbean**  
 Today is Social Justice Sunday 2017. In solidarity with more than 20 million people in Africa who are facing starvation and famine, and these natural Disasters, Caritas Australia seeks donations. **Please place donations in an envelope marked "Caritas", and place on the Collection or leave at the Office.**

**"When Life is Ending"** a Church based response to the proposed changes to Victorian law regarding assisted suicide and euthanasia is available in the foyer.



*Safe and blessed School holidays, welcome home to family members, congratulations on winners of sports finals.*  
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**Happy 90th birthday to Peter Kelly**



**SMJ School Community 4 Spring Festival on Sunday 12th November in the School Grounds from 11am to 2pm.**

The Fundraising committee ask for your donations of cakes and slices (with a list of ingredients on them for people with allergies) - drop off on the day of the Fete. Plants and cuttings can be left at the school the week before the Festival

### Operation Christmas Child Boxes

This project helps bring a little joy and hope to children in need in the Asia-Pacific Area, with a gift-filled shoebox around Christmas each year. Shoebox items include something to wear, to love, something for school, something to play with and something for personal hygiene. **If you are able to help, boxes are available from the Piety Stall for 50c, along with a brochure containing the information you need.**

### Pastoral Letter from Bishop Paul Bird

*"Marriage according to Pope Francis"*. Bishop Paul offers some reflections on marriage, drawing on the writings of Pope Francis, Copies of the letter available in the church foyer.

**SENIORS WEEK October 8 to 14.** Horsham launch Monday Oct 8, at 10am at Town Hall. Scones, cuppa.



**Reflection Day for Women Thursday October 5th Led by Sr Jacinta Rice**  
*"Finding God in Everyday Living"*  
**Parish Centre at 10am.**

*Mass 9.30 in the Church. BYO lunch, cuppa supplied. Reflection ends 1.30pm. CWL Meeting 1.30*



**BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND ANNUAL APPEAL SICK/ RETIRED PRIESTS Envelopes in the Foyers.**

**A credit card facility is available. contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible**  
 You can leave your envelope on the Collection or at the Office. Thank you. Given to date: \$1283.00

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (Chair), 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 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 8-9.**

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

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**2nd Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

**Acclamation: cf Acts 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again

at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

**Gospel Reflection – 25th Sunday  
Veronica Lawson rsm.**

From 1973 to 1975, I was a student in East Jerusalem. Early each morning, I crossed the road from my home at the Chaldean Patriarchate to the grounds of the Ecole Biblique. I would see the Palestinian day labourers lined up beside their vehicles, waiting for employment. In the wake of the Yom Kippur War, they were living through hard times. In the morning, they were chatty and cheerful. Those who found work no doubt remained cheerful: they had the means to support their families and could find some meaning in their lives. Those still waiting for work at midday or later were dejected and shamed, not least by the prospect of returning home without their daily bread. Those who were hired found honour in the society and the means to sustain themselves and their families. Those who missed out on work suffered hunger, indignity and a sense of

powerlessness. Confronted by this spectacle day after day, I began to understand the parable of the labourers in the vineyard. In Matthew's parable, those who have worked all day grumble because the underemployed are made "equal" to them. They are in fact equal as persons. Jesus makes it clear that people's worth is not to be measured in terms of their capacity for economic production. Pope Leo XIII, writing about the condition of the working class back in 1891, echoes this aspect of the parable. It is worth revisiting Pope Leo's encyclical and recent commentaries on its relevance for the shaping of social policy in our times. Those who cannot find work and those who cannot work because of sickness or disability or visa restrictions know something of the experience of the Palestinian workers. Their needs are no less urgent than the needs of those who have productive and well paid employment. Even minimal

social security benefits might address their basic material needs but are less than effective in addressing the underlying issues of human dignity. Parables yield meaning differently in different contexts. Faced with the growing disparity between rich and poor in our world, some may want to raise questions about the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the landowner. Others, conscious of the plight of asylum seekers and refugees, may come with questions about "generosity" offered from a base of power over against equal access to the world's resources. In the face of climate change, many of those who used to be "first" in economic terms now find themselves with huge debts. They nonetheless find themselves waiting in line as never before. There's an invitation in today's story for us all to live in ways that promote quality of life for every one of Earth's inhabitants.

**Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said

to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

**Daylight Savings begins next  
Sunday morning October 1st !!**

Sunday September 24th celebrates 190 years since the first Opening of a Mercy Sisters House in Dublin by Catherine McCauley.

**SPECIAL PRACTICE FOR  
CHOIR MEMBERS**

Wednesday 27th September at 6pm in the Church to prepare for the Police Service Day on 29th Septem.