

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th November 2017



### Parish Appreciation Dinner for Sr Jacinta next Sunday November 19th at Coughlin Park at 12nn

Please write your name on the sheet in the Foyer today if you are attending, and please sign if you can bring a salad or slice. Thank you.

#### PARISH CONTACTS

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Acting Principal: Les Butler  
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**Planned Giving Envelopes to begin on November 19** are now available in the Foyer for collection.

#### 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, their source of hope in moments of despair, sorrow, woundedness, 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 the sick, to respect their dignity and value 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.

#### CATERING VOLUNTEERS

**Meeting at 2pm this Wednesday 15th November in the Meeting Room,** to talk about how you feel the changes to the organizing of our volunteers is progressing. All opinions and suggestions will be welcome.

You can contact Betty Heinrich on 0428 328 641

As we are reviewing rosters for funeral catering, would you check your details against the lists in the narthex, confirm or make whatever changes are necessary for next year please. Your participation with the catering for our bereaved families is very important and much appreciated.

### Ss Michael & John's Primary School Horsham

**TODAY SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER**  
10am to 3pm



rides & games - arts & crafts - pony rides -  
plant sale - garage sale - undercover market stalls -  
entertainment stage - international cuisine & all day BBQ  
- licensed bar area - devonshire & high tea - AND MORE!  
A FUN-filled day for EVERYONE!

**FREE ENTRY**

Endless Ride Wristband  
Presented by  
Diocese of Ballarat

SMJ Spring Community Festival SMJ Phone 5382 3000

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 14th Nov **AWC 9.30**  
Wednesday 15 Nov 9.30am Jack Foley anniv  
Thursday 16th Nov 9.30am St Vincent de Paul deceased  
Friday 17th Nov **AWC 9.30**  
Saturday 18th Nov 10am Patrick Brennan 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:** Merryn Terry, Bill Jones- Melb (Alma Moore's Brother), Ann Brown

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Becker, Diosma Chandler, Jack Foley, Patrick Brennan, Gerry Griffiths

**SICK:** Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Joan Glen, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Jean Ivess, Terry Turvey, Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor,

**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 3rd Sunday of the Month  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th November 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** 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.** 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

**Affordable Counselling** from Centacare Ballarat, for families, individuals. **Free Call** 1300 303 988 for appointment

### November is Holy Souls Month

**Holy Souls Mass Envelopes are in the Foyers, if you wish to have a Mass offered for the Holy Souls.**

**Holy Souls Remembrance Book in the Foyer. Please add names of loved ones who have died in the past twelve months, or names you wish remembered in our Holy souls Month Masses**

**Mass at Natimuk Nursing Home this Thursday 16th at 4.15pm. All welcome**

**Columban Calendars \$8 and Christmas Cards** available in Piety Store.

## ROSTERS

| 11/12 Nov                                     | Vigil 6.30pm  | Sunday 9.30am*  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                  | Pat Glaubitz<br>Bernadette Trounce<br>Maree Plazzer<br>Bob Hayes<br>Micky Robarts<br>Tess Hayes<br>Peter Gutteridge | Neville Strachan<br>Lynda Hutchinson<br>Judy Reid<br>Andrea Cox<br>Faye Willis<br>Kingsley Dalglish<br>Cate Rigby |
| <b>Commentator</b>                            | John Parker   | Shayne Keenan   |
| 18/19 Nov                                     | Vigil 6.30pm  | Sunday 10.30am  |
| <b>Readers</b>                                | Sr Jacinta Rice   | Alison McKinnon   |
| <b>Commentator</b>                            | Betty Henrich   | Dianne Noy  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                  | Silvanna Foster<br>Anthony Amor<br>Geoff Simpson<br>Ann Hermans<br>Lorraine Clancy<br>Micky Robarts<br>Rosie Taylor | Tim Lannen<br>Mary Dalglish<br>Russell Reid<br>Zita Cannane<br>Alison McKinnon<br>Anna Robertson<br>Bob Pritchett |
| <b>Projector</b>                              | Anita Masiero   | Gabby Mills   |
| <b>Musicians</b>                              | Chris Robarts   | Combined Choir  |
| <b>Welcomers</b>                              | Connie Besselaar<br>Gavin Hynam   | Mary Dowsley<br>Nanette Freckleton  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                     |   | Emelia  |
| <b>Prayers</b>                                | Darryl & Maree Wren   |   |
| <b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b> | <b>19th November</b><br>Lucille Pekin<br>Pauline Breen<br>Sue Chalkley<br>Judie Delahunty                           | <b>26th November</b><br>Lynda Hutchinson<br>Silvanna Foster<br>Helene Bush  |

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

|              |           |          |                  |
|--------------|-----------|----------|------------------|
| Natimuk      | \$        | Murtoa   | \$ 113.00        |
| Horsham      | \$ 832.00 | Dimboola | \$               |
| <b>Total</b> |           |          | <b>\$ 945.00</b> |

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

|              |            |              |                   |
|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes    | \$ 1298.00 | Loose        | \$ 91.80          |
| Credit Card  | \$ 2440.83 | Direct Debit | \$ 1811.67        |
| <b>Total</b> |            |              | <b>\$ 5642.30</b> |

**Making Connections:** The lamp oil represents those resources we have to meet the challenge of being ready: our actions, our faith, our service to others, our prayer, how much we have loved. It is not that the sensible virgins are being selfish; it is simply that this kind of oil, the way we live our lives, cannot be exchanged. We have to rely on our own resources to be ready. **Did you Know?:** A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return. **Marriage Tip:** When was the last time the two of you laughed so hard you cried? Think of a way to help your honey laugh today – even if it's embarrassing. **Daily Prayer:** Lady Wisdom, O God, bids us keep watch, for she is surely found by those who seek her; and your Son warns us to keep awake for the Bridegroom's return. Because we know not the day nor the hour, keep us ready as history's vigil unfolds. Let the light we were given at baptism shine bright, your church resplendent with justice and love. **A Vocation View:** We prepare for big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare ourselves even more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

### Country Mass Times:

Sunday Nov 19: Dimboola 8.30.  
Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am

Saturday Nov 25: Dimboola 6pm.

Sunday Nov 26: Natimuk 8.30  
Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am

Sunday Dec 3: Dimboola 8.30.  
Murtoa 10.30

**Australian Catholics Summer Edition and Our Diocesan Community Magazine** are available in the Church foyers. Please take your copies



### SMJ School Year 6 RACV Challenge

Students and Staff invite Parishioners to the School on Tuesday Nov 21st from 10.30 to 12.30, to hear about their preparations for the RACV Challenge. Mix FM Radio will do a live broadcast of this day. Morning Tea at 10.30, and the different groups will speak at 11.30, 11.45, 12nn 12.15 and 12.30 on what they are doing for the Challenge.

### PARISH MISSION

Fr Richard Leonard referred to the books he had written on the topics of our Mission.

There is a list in the Foyer and at the Parish Office of these books. Please fill in the forms, indicate the books you wish to buy, and return the Form to the Office. The books must be paid for before we can order them.

**Candle to Remember Deceased Loved Ones.** At our Masses on November 18/19 we will bless and give families a candle to take home and light in remembrance of those who have died.

### Cemetery Masses:

**Dimboola:** Thursday Nov 23rd at 6pm, shared tea at Church after.

**Nhill:** Monday Nov 20 at 6pm.

**Rupanyup:** Tuesday Nov 28 at 6.30.

### ANOINTING MASS at SMJ CHURCH:

Thursday December 7th at 2pm with Cuppa in Hall after

### CWL MEETING AND AGM

This Tuesday 14th November. Meeting at 1.30pm followed by AGM in Parish meeting room. Subs are now due. All welcome

### Leadership for Mission 2018-2019 A Graduate Program for Young Catholic Women aged 25-35.

Combines theological education, faith formation and preparation for mission in a multi-faith world. Applications close Sunday, November 26. For more info and an application form go to <http://www.opw.catholic.org.au/young-women-s-interfaithfellowship/leadership-for-mission-2018-2019>.



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING this Thursday November 16th at 5.30pm in the Meeting Room.**

Please have reports into Anita by this Wednesday.



Fr Richard spoke of the Rosary as a great family and personal prayer



POPE FRANCIS

**BLESSED ARE THE OPEN HANDS THAT EMBRACE THE POOR... THEY ARE HANDS THAT BRING HOPE."**

### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER:

Pope Francis has announced a World Day of the Poor "Love not in word, but in deed" next Sunday to prepare us for the "Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe" who identified with the poor and marginalised.

Pope Francis asks us to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel and that while Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace.

**Prayer Cards will be available next weekend on this Theme.**



**MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday November 16 7.30am to 8.30am in the Parish Centre.**

Father's and sons, single men, widowers are all welcome, free brekky, chat, prayer

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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

**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



**1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8**

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. On you I

muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

**2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44**

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



**Gospel Reflection – 31st Sunday  
Veronica Lawson rsm.**

How many times were you told as a child to be ready for an outing or for the expected arrival of visitors or for dinner or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? Sometimes it matters little whether we are ready or not. Sometimes it really matters and today's gospel parable depicts one of those situations when it is of crucial importance to be prepared. The imminent event is a wedding celebration. The betrothal period is over and the bridegroom has left to bring the bride from the home of her parents to his family home. Ten young women of his household will watch for the arrival of the couple and will light their way into the wedding feast. The young women in their turn can expect to be welcome at the feast. Five are well prepared for the arrival and five are not. The five who

bring (olive) oil for their lamps are designated "wise" while the other five who bring no oil are said to be "foolish". Negotiating the terms of the marriage contract takes longer than expected so that the bridegroom is delayed. The young women wait and wait, then fall asleep. At midnight, the bridegroom's arrival is signalled and the young women rise to trim their lamps in readiness for their role of lighting his way. The bride is invisible in the telling of the story, presumably because the focus must be on the bridegroom alone. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (9:15), Jesus is depicted as "the bridegroom". The attentive reader of the gospel is aware that today's parable is about Jesus and that it forms part of Matthew's end-time discourse (24:1-25:46). The delay of the bridegroom evokes the community's expectation that Jesus who has died and been raised will return at an undisclosed

time. In the interim, the members are to be actively watchful and ready, living in the spirit of Matthew's first discourse (5:1 - 7:29) with its emphasis on right relationship. Matthew 7 concludes with reference to wise and foolish decisions: the foolish one builds on sand while the wise one builds on rock. The behaviour of the "wise" in today's parable is as puzzling as that of the "foolish". The "foolish" fail to prepare: they have no oil and cannot expect to light the way without it. The "wise" have prepared and they receive their reward. Is there wisdom, however, in sending their "foolish" friends to buy olive oil at midnight? There are more unanswered questions than we can address in this little reflection. We can identify with both the wise and the foolish. We need the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God's Earth, represented by the olive oil, is received as gift and used in right

**Next Sundays Gospel: Matt 25:14-15. 19-**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said,

"you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

**Mass for Deceased Members of  
St Vincent de Paul this  
Thursday November 16 at 9.30.  
Cuppa after Mass in the Foyer.**

Fr Peter will join the Priests of our Diocese this Tuesday in Ballarat, for the Council of Priests with Bishop Paul Bird. Fr Peter has doctors appointments in Ballarat on Friday, so two AWC this week.

**FINANCE MEETING  
this Wednesday Nov 15th at  
12 noon in the Meeting Room**