



# St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



## BULLETIN

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—28th January 2018



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We welcome Fr John

#### FR PETER'S RETURN

Fr Peter has seen his specialist and received the all clear. The Doctor just wants him to complete the rehab he started in Ballarat before coming back to Horsham. This will mean that his expected return will be on February 1st.



We pray for God's blessings on our Schools as they begin the 2018 School Year this week



#### St Brigid's College

Year 12 Retreat  
Wednesday 31st  
January to February  
2nd  
Yrs 7—11 begin  
classes on Friday  
February 2.  
Yr 12 classes begin on  
Monday February 5.



#### Ss Michael & Johns School

Teachers will return on  
January 29th with  
students returning on  
Wednesday January  
31st.



#### Our Lady Help of Christians School Murtoa

Staff will return January  
29th with students  
returning on Wednesday  
31st January.

#### Opening of the School Year

Dear God,  
The holidays are over and we return to school for a new year. May it be for us all a new start: a chance to surprise ourselves at what we can achieve, a new opportunity to make friends and to make this school a community where everyone can feel at home.



#### 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.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptisms today:

Sadie Belle Cole  
daughter Marcus and Jenna

&

Scout Hartigan  
daughter Bradley and Lucy

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 29th Jan	5.30pm	Primo Da Ros
Wed 30th Jan	9.30am	
Thursday 31st Jan	9.30am	
Friday 1st Feb	10.00am	
Saturday 2nd Feb	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:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Primo Da Ros, Brian Miatke, Op Jose,

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

**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  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th February 2018**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Saturday Mass 6.30pm**

**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. **Please Note:**  
**there will be no preparation during the month of March**

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

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

**Exploring the Word:** This is the first of the miracles of Jesus recounted in Mark's Gospel and is a significant introduction to the person of Jesus and the power he possesses. Only a few verses earlier, at his baptism, Jesus had been revealed as the beloved Son of God. In this short text, Mark contrasts Jesus and the authority of his teaching with that of the scribes. Jesus teaches in such a way that he makes a deep impression on his hearers. Clearly, this is because his authority and his wisdom come from God. Whilst his human audience may still be unclear as to the true identity of Jesus, this is not the case with his 'other-worldly' audience: the unclean spirits know exactly who Jesus is —the Holy One of God —and they recognise his authority and obey his command. They know that the power of the Almighty is greater than the power of the evil one.

## ROSTERS

27/28 Jan 2018	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sr Tirsia Joan Parker Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Geoff Simpson	Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett
<b>Commentator</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Bob Pritchett
3/4 Feb 2018	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Shayne Keenan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Ann Hermans Lorraine Clancy Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Micky Roberts Cathy Taylor	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson
<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Alison McKinnon
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Roberts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pat Williams Joan Whiley	Mary Uebergang Beth Johnson
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>26th November</b> Lynda Hutchinson Silvanna Foster Helene Bush	<b>3rd December</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler, Margo Hogan Mary Dowsley

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

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 66.00
Horsham	\$ 813.00	Dimboola	\$ 69.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 948.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1,700.00	Loose	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$</b>

**Making Connections:** Illness is frequently used in the gospels as a symbol of the state in which all human beings find themselves. Spiritually, all of us are somehow afflicted. The healing of the sick and afflicted is a sign of how Jesus can liberate people from all that burdens them. This is not to suggest that suffering will magically disappear, but that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus challenged the evil which oppressed people in his time. This week, speak out, publicly or privately, against oppression or an evil in our world. Confront evil at all levels this week, wherever you may encounter it. Become part of lifting the burden from others.

**Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore.** In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is often presented in confrontational situations with evil spirits, with the Jewish authorities and even with his own disciples when they fail to understand who he is and what his mission entails.

**Marriage Tip:** After you are blessed with a child (or children), you may think you don't have time or money for a regular date night. Do it anyway. Think of it as an investment in your marriage.

**Daily Prayer:** In Christ your Son, O God, you impart to us a new teaching from one who speaks with authority, for Jesus in the unique master of wisdom, and our only liberator from the forces of evil. Make us convinced and courageous in professing our faith, so that by word and deed we may proclaim the truth and bear witness to the happiness enjoyed by those who centre their lives and put all their trust in you. A

**Vocation View:** People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The Church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

## Country Mass Times:

Feb 4th— Saturday Murtoa Mass 6.30pm  
Dimboola Mass 8.30am  
Feb 11th—Murtoa AWC—9.00am  
Dimboola Mass 8.30am,  
Nhill Mass—10.00am

**\*subject to change**

## LITURGY DAY 25th FEBRUARY 2018

### *Program for the day:*

10.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

12.00noon Welcome

12.05pm Introduction by Bishop Paul

Introduction of Diocesan Sacramental Program,

“Let the Children Come”

1.00pm Lunch – will be supplied by parish

1.45pm – 2.45pm Workshop

2.45pm – 3.45pm Workshop

3.45pm – 4.30pm Plenary & Prayer of the Church

***Funeral Ministry Workshop will be presented over the two workshop sessions:***

• **Funeral Ministry:** *This workshop will consist of a detailed presentation of resources for use*

*for those involved in funeral ministry, and for those wishing to learn more about it. Website*

*links and some hard copy material will be available to participants.*

***Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program and Formation for Lectors workshops are offered twice so participants can attend both:***

• **Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, “Let the Children Come”:** *In this session we*

*will look at the key features of the recently revised booklets in the “Let the Children Come” collection, to help us in preparing children for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.*

• **Formation for Lectors:** *The ministry of Lector (often called reader) is that of proclaiming the Word of God. The quality of the proclamation determines whether the assembly is helped or hindered in its listening to the Word. This workshop will explore the practicalities of proclaiming the Word.*

## REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER

**Registrations are required for materials and catering purposes.**

**They can also be handed into the Office.**

## Final Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Blampied

The Parish of St Peter's Daylesford, together with the community of St Joseph's Blampied, extend a warm invitation to all current and past parishioners to join with us for the celebration of Final Sunday Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 11.00am. Mass will be followed by a BBQ luncheon in the Church grounds. For catering purposes please RSVP to Leah - [daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au) by Friday, February 23.

## Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## Lent begins on with Ash Wednesday on 14th February.

There will be a group during the day run by Eileen McManus starting on Thursday 15th February after Mass (10am—11.30am).

An evening group will be run by Lesley Green starting Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in being a part of either group.

*Lenten Books are \$10 each if you wish to do it alone at home.*

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moses told the people, “The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen.” God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

## Missionary Call to Evangelize

We are called to be evangelizers. In baptism and confirmation, we are anointed, as was Jesus in his baptism. We are commissioned to be prophets who announce the Good News of the Gospel. Therefore, the call to bring others to Jesus is not limited to missionaries or those with an outgoing personality. The Second Vatican Council is unequivocal about it—in both deed and word, each of us is called to be a witness. We are to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. We are to make clear that he is the one who fulfils all the hopes and aspirations of every person on the face of the planet. It is not enough to preoccupy ourselves with getting to heaven. No, we are also called to do all we can to bring others along with us.  
*(Dr. M. D'Ambrosio)*

## Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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

**Child Safety Standards.** St 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

## Resp Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God

who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

## 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

## Acclamation Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

## Gospel Reflection – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Dianne Bergent CSSR

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape. The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can

count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it? When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are

freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

## Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they

brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a

lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.