



St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th July 2018



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We welcome and thank
Fr. Damian.

**Natimuk Nursing Home
Mass** this Thursday 12th
at 4.15pm.

We pray for Sisters Tirsa
and Manuela as they
attend a two week
Acculturation Course in
Sydney from today Sun-
day to July 20th.

*We welcome visitors for
the School holidays and
pray for all who are travel-
ling or who are away from
the cold of Winter here.*

ANNUAL COLLECTION for the POPE will be a LEAVING COLLECTION at all Masses TODAY

This Collection is a levy on all Dioceses in
the world, and supports the Pope's
missionary out reach to Countries in need

Amalgamated Parishes

Bishop Paul Bird announced this week the
formation of three new Parishes in our
Diocese.

St Mary MacKillop Parish, Western Border
includes the former parishes of Casterton,
Coleraine, Edenhope, Hamilton and Harrow.
Father Patrick Mugavin is the Parish Priest
and Father John Corrigan, Assistant Priest.

Holy Family Parish, Northeast Mallee
includes the former parishes of Swan Hill and
Sea Lake with the northern part of the old
Quambatook Parish. Father Matthew Thomas
is the Parish Priest.

Mary Glowrey Parish, East Wimmera
covers the old parishes of Birchip, Charlton,
Donald, St Arnaud and Wycheproof with the
southern part of the former Quambatook Par-
ish. Father Eugene McKinnon is the Parish
Priest and Father Peter Jose is Assistant Priest.

These developments offer a suggestion of
things to come in our own district with
Horsham-Nhill-Warracknabeal-Hopetoun, with
consultation and information important aspects
of any proposed reorganisation.

The new Projectors and Screens for SMJ
Church **will be installed this week (!?)**
We will need some time to learn how to
work the new Projectors. We thank our
Computer Operators for their patience and
understanding over this time.

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 care in their own homes, those
who work in hospitals, nursing
homes, hospice care, palliative care.
May You be their source of comfort
when they experience pain, their
source of hope in times of 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.



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

7pm to 8pm.

All welcome
every Monday
Now at 16
George Street,

during the winter months.

Eileen McManus 5382 4745

*A time of prayer for the gifts of the
Holy Spirit and Wisdom to guide
our Church to the Plenary Council*

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 10th July	5.30pm	
Wednesday 11th July	9.30am	St Benedict
Thursday 12th July	9.30am	James Doyle, Jack Fallon, Tommy Finnigan
Friday 13th July	9.30am	
Saturday 14th July	10.00a	St Camillus de Lellis, patron of Doctors

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: Fred Webb, Dorothy Green (Lesley Price's mother), Mary Sadler.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Maher, Kevin Gaylor, James Doyle, Jack Fallon, Tommy Finnigan, Michael Rowe.

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Ken Dowsley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Peter Kelly, Una Bartlett, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Ruby Spasic, Rosetta Cafarella, Carmel Hernon, Betty Fitzgerald, Bill McGrath

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 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd Sunday of the Month 15th July**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10am**

**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 - 9.30 -11.30 Evening - *Contact the Parish Office* - BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation.

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.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group meets in Winter at Eileen's home, 16 George St, every Monday from 7pm - 8pm. For further information contact Eileen McManus on 5382 4745

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



We invite inquiries from those interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic

Faith. The RCIA is the program that guides this journey. If interested or if you know someone who is interested, please see Fr Peter, Leslie Price, or Sr Manuela. The Program will begin in August

Dates for Our Parish:

Term 3 begins Monday July 16, SBC classes begin 17th SMJ School Grandparents Mass: Friday Aug 3rd 9.30. Sacrament Masses: August 11 & 12, 18 & 19. Bishop Paul Bird's Parish Visitation: Friday August 24 to Monday August 27.

ROSTERS

7/8 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes Geoff Simpson Anthony Amor Simon Lynch	Anna Robertson Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Shayne Keenan
14/15 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Kevin Dunn	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes Joan Parker Cathy Taylor Peter Gutteridge Sr Jacinta Rice Sr Tirsia Bale Volunteer	Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox
Projector	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Joan Whiley Connie Besselaar	Lyn Starr Denise Vallance
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	15th July Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	22nd July Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 76.00
Horsham	\$ 784.00	Dimboola	\$ 43.00
Total			\$ 903.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1867.00	Loose	\$ 58.65
Credit Card	\$ 2000.00	Direct Debit	\$ 2166.67
Total			\$ 6092.02

Making Connections: This week, try to become aware of those things which hinder your growth in faith. Work actively in overcoming them

Living the Word: The rejection here of Jesus by the people of his home town foreshadows his later rejection by the people as a whole. The human response of faith is necessary.

Daily Prayer: Is this not the carpenter, O God, the child of Mary, whose wisdom echoes across the centuries to shape our lives to your image? Let no unbelief of ours impede Christ's deeds of power here, but make that power perfect in our weakness by your all-sufficient grace.

Marriage Tip: "In sickness and in health..." Whether it's chronic mental or physical illnesses, seasonal colds and flus, or getting up in years, pain and sickness will happen in married life. In all this, be thankful that you have a spouse to love, even when it hurts.

Vocational View: There is a great need today to stand up for what we believe in. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, He has sent you to bring Good News to the poor.

Sharing the Tradition: Prophets were not people who foretold the future but those who had a clear understanding of what God wanted and called the people back to fidelity to God's plan and covenant when they had strayed. Today, people speak out against the status quo, who refuse to accept that the way things are is the way things should be. Sometimes, the way things are is not the way God intended!

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Jul 15:Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am
Sunday Jul 22:Natimuk Mass 8.30.Dimboola AWC 8.30
Murtoa AWC 9am.

Sunday Jul 29:Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30
Sunday Aug 5:Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am.

Fr John will be on holidays and helping in Stawell from July 20th to September 20th. Fr Peter will be on his own during this time, with Fr Damian coming on the 2nd weekend of each month. Our Country Mass Times and AWC will be printed on the Bulletin each week.

◆ More than 100 Jobs are available at Ballarat's new Mercy Nursing Home Place which is expected to be opened in September. Visit - careers.Mercy.com.au

◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset...Your Marriage!
Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.
17-19 August, starts 7pm on Friday, ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Ph: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website:

A Prayer for Winter. Let us each day make our community a place of warmth in our lives as we share the flame of hope and connection. Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit. We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this day, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm. Let us wrap our prayers around them and each other like scarves, and wish each other safe journeys through the storm. May we be insulated from fear as the earth is insulated by snow, and, like bulbs, may we continue to grow and open inside, despite the cold, ready for the spring, to stretch and grow towards justice. Amen.

The National Redress Scheme The Federal Government's redress scheme commenced on 1 July 2018. The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, through the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference, has committed to participate in the scheme as another avenue of support for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. People wishing to find out more and/or pursue support under the redress scheme can visit the Australian Government's Department of Social Services website www.dss.gov.au/redress or call the National Redress Information Line on 1800 146 713. I would like to confirm that any payments by our Diocese under the redress scheme will be paid from Diocesan resources, and not from the resources of parishes. Parish funds and assets belong to the local parish communities. They are a valuable resource for local communities and assist in fulfilling the mission of the Church at a local level.
Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager.

The Australian Bishops say to us **EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE** as we discern and pray for the needs of our Church, what we keep, what we need to change or adapt



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' Mt 22

The role of the 2020 Plenary Council is to provide for the pastoral needs of our Church in Australia and how we can fulfil our mission of sharing the good news of Christ with all ages, backgrounds etc.

The Plenary Council website for more information: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

BBI eConference: Synodality in Practice Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change. The 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in this country. **On Wednesday, August 8th from 10.00am - 3.00pm in the Meeting Room** All are welcome.



Joy+ Youth Festivals!

The Ballarat Diocese is holding three Sunday Festivals called **Joy+** for youth and young adults 15 to 30: Sunday 5th August in Robinvale, Sunday 2nd Sept in Warramboul West, Sunday 25th November in Ballarat
The days are free and include

Mass. Music by Genevieve Bryant and band, workshop, food and friends This is an initiative for the **Year of Youth - Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy!**
Info and rego on: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

• Students from SBC will join other Secondary Students in Ballarat on July 27 for a Year of Youth Schools Festival at Federation University.



Corpus Christi College Seminary Raffle 2018

There are 6,000 tickets. **Each ticket is \$10**
The Raffle supports vocations to the priesthood

Prizes: 1st. \$15,000 Travel thanks to Ashmore and James Travel Associates.
2nd: \$500 gift voucher from The Good Guys
3rd: \$200 gift voucher from The Good Guys.
4th: \$100 gift voucher from The Good Guys
(Prizes are valid until August 2019)

TICKET ORDER FORMS ARE IN CHURCH FOYERS

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)

Child Safety Standards. Bob Pritchett is our 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.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have

mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

2nd Reading: Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Acclamation: cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Gospel Reflection. 14th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

Most of us have known the experience of feeling powerless in the face of rejection, especially when it is rejection from those who are closest to us, from those who might normally be expected to understand and affirm us. Mark presents such rejection as the experience of Jesus. Earlier in the gospel (3:20-21), we find that Jesus is misunderstood by his family who consider him to be out of his mind. Members of his family try to take responsibility for him, to take hold of him and to save him from himself. When they come to take him away, he leaves them outside and continues to teach those gathered around him about a new sort of kinship, kinship that is based on doing God's will. In today's gospel reading (6:1-6), we find that the neighbours and friends of Jesus' family have trouble coping with him. They admit that his teaching demonstrates

considerable wisdom. They also acknowledge his extraordinary power as a healer. From their perspective, however, something does not add up. After all, he is basically just one of them, "the craftsman". Jesus' hometown people do not simply puzzle over his extraordinary powers. They are actually "scandalised" by him. He experiences their response as rejection and tells them how he feels. In so doing, he identifies himself with the rejected prophets of old. The townspeople's lack of faith renders Jesus, the prophet in their midst, powerless: he is simply unable to perform any mighty deeds among them. There is a hint in the text, however, that some few do have faith: "he cured a few sick people." He cures these people "by laying his hands on them". We have seen, in the request of the man with leprosy (1:41) and the action of the crowds (3:10,) the people's well-founded faith in the healing power of touch, of bodily encounter. Touch is

once more the agent of healing. At times, we may be like Jesus, bringing the wisdom and power of God to our families or local communities, only to meet with rejection. Sometimes, we may be like the few who come in faith and experience a healing touch. At other times, we may replicate the behaviour of the opponents of Jesus and discount the achievements of those who excel or whose message challenges us or our lifestyle. To refuse to listen to a prophetic message because the messenger fails to meet our preconceived ideas about prophets may have something to do with a lack of faith. It may actually stymie the power of God. Finally, the emphasis on healing in this reading invites us to pause and consider the intrinsic value of all, human and other-than-human, so often denigrated and devalued by attitudes that dichotomise the material and the spiritual with dire consequences for the Earth community.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal Envelopes

available at the Piety Store in the Church for donations. We welcome donations of quality clean clothing, clean second-hand fridges, washing machines (in working order). Donations can be left at the Centre or call 5382 4003. *Pat Strachan President.*

CWL Irish Dinner on Tuesday July 24th at the Commercial Hotel at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend. \$15 for a two course meal. For bookings please contact Mary Lawson 53825126 or Frances Plazzer 53821546

"A team is not made up of isolated individuals. Success depends on your whole team being a single unit." Pele (Brazilian Soccer Legend)