



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th August 2018



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We welcome Fr Damien this weekend. Fr Damien will go to Dimboola & Nhill.

Refugee & Migrant Week

20th to 26th August.
Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees.
More information to follow

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday August 16th at 5.30 to make final arrangements for the Bishop's Visitation

No reports needed



Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist

Year 3 students' photos are on display in the Church. Please pray for the children

We welcome the children, their families, Sponsors, for the first weekend of our Sacraments:

Saturday 6.30pm:

Nate Curran, Zahra Ellis, Archie Sostheim, Charlotte Treiving.

Sunday 10.30:

Xavier Hayden, Charley Ward, Thomas Penny, Jessie Luciani, Sienna Manserra Jett Martin, Indianna Robertson, Finn Arnel, Jackson Tuohey.

Bishop Paul Bird will make an Official Visit to Horsham Parish

Friday August 24 to Monday August 27
Program for Bishop Paul's visit:

Friday 24th: Visit SBC in the morning.
Lunch with the Finance Committee 12n
Anointing Mass SMJ Church: 2pm
PPC Meeting and Tea: 5.30pm

Saturday 25th: Morning Devotions and Mass at 10am. Visit the sick and elderly.
SMJ Mass 6.30pm and cuppa after

Sunday 26th: Mass Murtoa 8.30,
SMJ Mass 10.30

Lunch with Parishioners in Parish Centre 11.30. Please bring a slice for dessert. Soup, meat, salad supplied

Visit Nhill: Mass and Tea at 5pm.

Monday 27th:

Men's Breakfast 7.30-8.30, Parish Centre
Visit SMJ School, OLHC Murtoa.
Lunch and Meetings.

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 do care in their own homes, those who work in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. O God be the source of comfort to those in pain, be 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 at 16 George St.
Eileen McManus 5382 4745

Feast of the Assumption this Wednesday Aug 15th. Masses:

SMJ 11.30 (with SBC & SMJ Schools), and at 5.30pm
OLHC Murtoa 2pm.
St Patrick's Nhill 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 14th August	1.00pm	Memorial Mass for Lou Sartori
Wednesday 15th August	11.30am	Schools. The Assumption. 5.30pm
Thursday 16th August	9.30am	St Stephen of Hungary
Friday 17th August	9.30am	
Saturday 18th August	10.00am	Special Intentions

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: Sr Maureen (Lucia) O'Reilly csb

ANNIVERSARIES: Raymond Schaefer, Margaret Niehus, Moira Coates, Hugh Byrne, Marilyn Moore

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Felicity Taylor, Peter Kelly, Fleur Armstrong, Una Bartlett, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Kobe Davidson, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Ruby Spasic, Carmel Hernon, Cathy Mintern, Rosetta Cafarella, 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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd Sunday of the Month 19th August**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 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 in the 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. 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 5382 4745

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Feast of Mary Mackillop. Bishop Paul Bird has given permission for our Diocese to donate to the on-going work of our first Australian saint. **Envelopes will be available for this, later in August**
More information: marymackilloptoday.org.au.

- ◆ Michael Myers will visit us on Thursday to discuss our Parish approach to Professional Standards and Child Safe Parish Protocols.
- ◆ Mark Bromley will visit to follow up on OH & S.
- ◆ The next Men's Breakfast is with the Bishop on Monday August 27th at 7.30. (Not this Thursday)
- ◆ Next Saturday at Coughlin Park the Blue Ribbon Foundation Marquee game will be played between Horsham Saints and Warracknabeal. The Victoria Police Memorial Service will begin at 2.10pm. All welcome

ROSTERS

11/12 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Maree Plazzer Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Anna Robertson Andrea Cox Cate Rigby Faye Wills Bob Pritchett
Commentator		Louise Kemp
18/19 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Emelia Sudholz	Eileen McManus
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Kingsley Dalglish
Eucharistic Ministers	Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anthony Amor Ann Hermans Geoff Simpson Maree Plazzer	Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon Faye Wills
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Gary & Betty Heinrich	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	19th August Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	26th August Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Rupanyup:	\$ 65.00	Murtoa	\$
Horsham	\$ 979.00	Dimboola	\$ 56.00
Total			\$ 1100.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1193.00	Loose	\$ 73.50
Credit Card	\$ 2281.66	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 3548.16

Making Connections: 'To hear the teaching of the Father and learn from it is to come to me'. Are you coming closer to Jesus?

Exploring the Word: 'The Jews' are trapped in their earthly reality and cannot move beyond it into the mystery of God present among them. For 'the Jews' the gift which God gave is the Law. They cannot move into the new reality that Jesus has surpassed this and offers something greater—his flesh for the life of the world. It is through his death and resurrection that salvation will be won.

Daily Prayer: Guide your church, O God, on the paths of its earthly pilgrimage, and sustain with the food that does not perish so that, persevering in the faith to which Christ has called us, we may come at last to your holy mountain and gaze on the beauty of your face.

Marriage Tip: "Your life is more than your work and your work is more than your job." (From the song by the same name by Charlie King.) Is your 'job' getting in the way of your family relationships? Both are important, but as another song puts it, "Time is love."

Vocational View: To taste and see the goodness of the Lord means to be drawn closer to God. "Try, then, to imitate God as children of His that He loves, and follow Christ by loving as He loved you." Be a presence of God's love in the world today. Do what you can to bring to life God's love

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Aug 19: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
Sunday Aug 26: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
Dimboola Mass 10.30. Nhill Mass 5pm
Sunday Sept 2: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
Sunday Sept 9: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.
Sunday Sep 16: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30

Fr John is on holidays from July 20th to September 20th, including supplying for Fr Eric in Stawell.
Fr Damian coming on the 2nd weekend of the month
Fr John will be back with us on September 22/23.

The eConference last Wednesday was attended by 16 parishioners. We will make the Speaker's talks available when they are on line.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge talked about 'what is a synodal church?' It is the church on a journey, a teaching and learning church, listening to all the voices of people, and to listen to the Holy Spirit in the messiness of our journey together. Synodality is a word not much heard till Pope Francis started using it, and some people struggle to understand it. How new is it and how does it relate to Vatican II and Scripture? In a truly synodal Church who listens to whom? What have been your own experiences of faith, and of the Church which has shaped you? Who can you/your community encourage to join in a Listening and Dialogue Encounter to ensure their story is contributes to shaping the future of the Church in Australia? What needs to be done to make our church truly synodal?

Are bishops, clergy, laity, religious orders, youth acting on Francis' synodal call, in different ways?

Do you feel you are listened to?

"**Tradition**" reminds us that we live our faith in history, which we receive from those who have passed on their faith to us. Have you experienced "tradition" as a positive force in the life of the Church? What might it contribute to the life and mission of the Church?

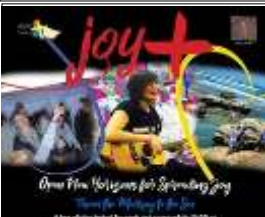
The Holy Spirit at the centre of the Church calls the Church to move to the future, to the fullness of life in Christ, without abandoning the faith we have received through history. What challenges do you face in being open to change and the "eternal newness" of God, while remaining connected to the past, to the history of faith?

The Holy Spirit "blows where it wills" (Jn 3:8). Where might the Spirit be blowing today?

What might the Spirit be asking of us as a Church?

What skills/attitudes/practices enable us to listen for the Spirit in different points of view while also remaining united in our faith?

May these points and questions guide us in our reflections and personal responses.



Joy+ Youth Festivals!

The Ballarat Diocese
2 remaining Sunday Festivals
for youth, young adults 15 - 30

Sunday 2nd Sept :

Warrnambool West

Sunday 25th November: Ballarat
Mass, Genevieve Bryant and band, workshop,
food and friends.

Our Horsham Youth will go to Ballarat

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 27

Diocesan wide Regional Gatherings to prepare leaders and interested people for dialogue sessions in Parishes will be held in mid-October and will be facilitated by Lana Turvey Collins, Plenary Council Facilitator. The Horsham Session will be either October 9th or 10th

Plenary Council questions for contemplation:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What are your questions about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you would like to share?

Fr Damien spoke the last time he was here about "the signs of the times" approach to the Plenary Council so that we can respond as a Parish in an organised and systematic fashion.

Fr Damien has been here a few days and has worked with a group of parishioners to prepare the most beneficial way for us to understand what the Plenary Council means, and how our input is welcomed and vital to its outcomes.

When Fr Damien is here on September 8/9 he will introduce the process to help us to express our input and to know that we are being heard.



Corpus Christi College Seminary Raffle 2018

6,000 tickets. **Each ticket is \$10**

The Raffle supports vocations to the priesthood

Prizes: 1st. \$15,000 Travel, plus 4
other prizes (Prizes valid until August 2019)

Ticket Order Forms in Church Foyers

Raffle drawn on Friday August 31st



We welcome to the family of God in
Baptism today Charile Paul Curran
son of Troy and Bridie

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: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

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2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Acclamation: John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Gospel Reflection. 19th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

We sometimes forget that Jesus was a Jew, as was John, the author of the gospel. It may seem strange, therefore, that John has the "Jews" complaining about Jesus. It is indeed strange, and it has caused many a reader to wonder. John seems to use the designation "Jew" as a code word for the opponents of Jesus. These opponents are almost exclusively Jewish leaders rather than the ordinary people who followed Jesus. The designation does not include all the Jewish leaders of course: Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea stand out as leaders who came to believe in Jesus as the Christ and to take risks on account of their faith. The complaint of the "Jews" relates to Jesus' claim, "I am the bread that came down from heaven". Jesus shares the world view: God is in the heavens above, so that anything or

anyone coming from God in that view comes down from heaven. The problem for his adversaries is that Jesus is one of them: they know his father Joseph and his forebears, so how can he be making such a claim? They make the mistake of thinking that this is all there is to know about his origins. "Don't complain" is Jesus' response to them. He proceeds to tell them that there are dimensions of his being of which they know nothing. Yet they need to know, as do we. It is God who draws us to Jesus. Like the opponents of Jesus, we need to listen and to learn, to be taught by God. We need bread in order to live and we also need the bread of God's teaching. Jesus makes a future promise: the bread he offers is different from the bread the Israelites ate in the desert, in that those who eat of it will live forever. Furthermore, the bread that he will give for the life of the world is his flesh. This

leads to further misunderstanding and the opportunity for Jesus to teach at another level. The eucharistic overtones in today's reading are subtle but nonetheless present, as they were in the feeding story. John is writing some seventy years after the death of Jesus for communities that gathered every week for the breaking of the bread-in remembrance of him and of all that he enacted. Like the early Christians, we reflect on the meaning of eucharist. We recognise and honour the materiality of the bread and of the flesh that Jesus shares with all living creatures. At the same time we are invited to reflect on the symbolic or metaphorical resonances of both bread and flesh in the context of the claims of the Johannine Jesus. The question for us then becomes: "How do we live into this extraordinary mystery as we face the demands of our endangered planet?"

Next Week's Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my

flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

"There is always a moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in."

