



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd September 2018



Happy
Father's
Day

Welcome SMJ School as they lead us in our Ministries at 10.30 Father's Day Mass

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We welcome Fr Robert McCulloch, as Celebrant at SMJ Masses and Murtoa this weekend.

Robert is a Columban Priest, who worked 34 yrs in Pakistan.

Financial support for the Mission in Pakistan is welcome

DEFIBULATOR Training in SMJ Church Foyer on Monday Sept 10th at 8pm
Garry Heinrich has names of people interested. Any more interested please contact Garry Heinrich 0409523182 or Patrick Ellis 0418847455



Faithful, to God and family.
Able, to discern God's will in trying times.
Thankful, for all the joys and trials of life.
Happy, no matter what the circumstances.
Enthusiastic, about a life lived with purpose.
Righteous, rock solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

For these things and so many more we praise God for our Fathers, this Father's Day and always.

Happy Fathers Day

to all our fathers, spiritual fathers and those who stand in the place of a father. We pray for young fathers, may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their

sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. We pray for families hurt by separation, violence.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests.

A LEAVING COLLECTION will be at all Masses NEXT weekend September 8/9

15 retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised \$1.8 million since it started in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 in 2017. Active Priests' give \$37,000 per year. This annual collection allows the Fund to support to our sick / retired priests

ENVELOPES ARE IN THE FOYERS TODAY

A credit card facility is available for your convenience. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Thank you.

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 hope in 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 PRAYER GROUP 7pm to 8pm.

All welcome every Monday at

16 George St.

Eileen McManus 5382 4745

CWL Meeting this Tuesday 4th September at 1.30pm. Have your say: will we continue as a branch or not?

Rupanyup Mass at 6.30 this Wednesday Sept 5th at Will & Magda's.

SMJ Yr 3 attend 9.30 Mass this Wednesday Sept 5th

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 4th Septem	5.30pm	Helen Brennan anniv.
Wednesday 5th Sept	9.30am	St Teresa of Calcutta. Enid Matheson, Paddy Purcell
Thursday 6th Sept	9.30am	
Friday 7th Septem	9.30am	Silvio Marchesini anniv.
Saturday 8th Sept	10.00	Our Lady's Birthday

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: Fr Peter Woods MSC, Matthew Blake, John Keane (brother of Josie Phelan)

ANNIVERSARIES: Silvio Marchesini, Fr Bob Markey, Les Jones, Helen Brennan, Ann Reinsma, Ivan Keenan, Terry Keenan, Mary Ryan, Enid Matheson, Paddy Purcell, Rocco Carbone

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen, Peter Kelly, Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Cathy Mintern, Fleur Armstrong, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Rosetta Cafarella, Betty Fitzgerald, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Carmel Hemon, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Rachel O'Connor

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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Sunday of the Month 9th September 2018**

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: Mondays in the Meeting Room. Mornings 9.30 - 11.30 Evening - *Contact the Parish Office* - BYO Craft - Gold Coin .

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. Contact Parish Office 53821155.

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets in Winter at Eileen's home, 16 George St, every Monday from 7pm- 8pm

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Salesian Missions Australia has established an Appeal to assist the people of KERALA.

Donations are tax deductible. Send to Salesians Mission Office, PO Box 264, Ascot Vale, 3032; Phone 9377 6060 or place in an envelope marked **Kerala** on the Collection Plate.



We pray for the success of the 2nd JOY + Festival in West Warrnambool today Sunday

Bishop Paul Bird expresses his appreciation to all in our Parish for the welcome he received and the chats he had with you. The Reports prepared for Finance, Protocols, OH&S, and Ministries were all very favourable to our Parish life. Thank you for your support

ROSTERS

1/2 September	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Jacinta Rice Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anthony Amor	Kingsley Dagleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Tess Hayes	SMJ Children
8/9 September	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Kevin Dunn	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Tess Hayes	Eileen McManus
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Hermans Peter Gutteridge Maree Plazzer Sr Tirsia Bale Bob Hayes Bernadette Trounce	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Zita Cannane
Projector	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Fillipino Choir	Choir
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar Gavin Hynam	Helene Bush Marina Manserra
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	9th September Pauline Barber Pat Williams Louise Guest Kate Hernon-Spasic	16th September Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk:	\$ 30.00	Murtoa	\$ 145.00
Horsham	\$ 915.00	Dimboola	\$ 65.00
Total			\$ 1155.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1559.00	Loose	\$ 52.95
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 720.00
Total			\$ 2331.95

Making Connections: What assists you to become more 'pure of heart' and to strengthen your commitment of Christ? It may be the Rosary, volunteering, attending Mass. Think about what helps you grow in faith and keeps you focussed on following Jesus.

Exploring the Word: Becoming obsessed with external practices and rituals is not what God asks of us. The Prophet Micah famously put it this way: This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8) Truly loving others and living for them is an act from the heart.

Daily Prayer: Lord God, as we welcome your saving word, help us speak it in the generous service of those most in need, for this alone is religion pure and undefiled. Let the praise on our lips resound in the depths of our hearts, the word you have sown, the word that has taken root within us to sanctify and renew our entire lives.

Marriage Tip: Is life overwhelming right now? Take a deep breath, and remind yourself of your blessings, especially your faith and your marriage. This too shall pass!

Vocational View: Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

A Prayer For Fathers: Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gift of our fathers and those who have been father-figures to us. We thank you for the life and love they have brought to our world. Strengthen them in virtue and faith so that they give glory to you through lives of love and service.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Sept 9: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.
Sunday Sep 16: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
Sunday Sep 23: Natimuk 8.30. Nhill 10. **Dimboola 11.30**
Murtoa 8.30.
Sunday Sep 30: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30am
Fr John will be back with us on September 22/23.

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

Plenary Council 2020

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



**Australian
Christian
Meditation
Community**

Introduction to Christian Meditation

This day is open to all people with a practical introduction to the steps of Meditation in the tradition of the teachings of Jesus, and guidance to how meditation can be helpful in one's personal life.

Saturday, 13 October 2018 10.45 a.m. to 12.45pm
1.15 p.m. - 3 p.m. BYO lunch. Tea, coffee provided.

Ss Michael and John's Parish Centre

Presenters: Ruth Fowler and Mirella Pace

who are experienced meditators and members of the Australian Christian Meditation Community, who have taught and lead Christian meditation groups.

Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

It is becoming more important for Christians to know that Christian meditation is part of our faith heritage. Many people follow the media and footy think that meditation is only Mindfulness, which is good but limited to a healthy psychological process, with n awareness of God's presence.

Lana Turvey Collins, the Australian Bishops' Plenary Council Facilitator, will be in Horsham on Thursday October 11th for a Parish Meeting, and will stay here for Friday morning to meet with us.

When Fr Damien is here next weekend

September 8/9 he will speak 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, and give us the process as to the most beneficial way for us to understand what the Plenary Council means, how our input is welcomed and vital to its outcomes, and how to express our input to know that we are being heard.

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have 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?

Submit your responses to these questions via an online questionnaire. You can send **now** personal or group responses to the website:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

All responses are read and compiled by the Plenary team.

Copies of the Plenary Council Brochure to guide us in our reflection and response, are in our Foyers.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 9th

The Australian Catholic Church dedicates this Sunday at the end of Child Protection Week. This year it follows on the formal response of the Australian Catholic Church to recommendations of the Royal Commission, and release of the advice to Church Leaders by the Truth Justice and Healing Council, with factual information on how individual church entities are active participants in the protection/safeguarding of minors and vulnerable adults.

When the Prime Minister offers the response of the Commonwealth Government in Parliament on 22nd October, we pray it will show how we, Church and Nation, have faced the terrible truth that both failed our children, but how both have now embarked on a new path.

SS. MICHAEL AND JOHN'S PRESENT:

FAITH ON TAP

This Monday September 3rd
at the Vic Hotel Beer Garden
Tea at 7pm. Speaker at 7.45.

*Fr John Corrigan will lead the Topic:
"Among the many counterfeits: a case of demonic possession"* with testimony and discussion. For all over 18 yo.

Contact Ema-Lee & James Rowe

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 Parish 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



OLHC School Murtoa is seeking an experienced permanent full time Teacher.

The successful applicant needs to show a demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and well being of children.

*Please forward a cover letter and updated resume to
Mrs Catherine Grace, Principal, OLHC School, 15
Munro St, Murtoa 3390. or email to
principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au*

Applications close Friday Sept 7th 2018 by 4pm.

This advertisement is posted on SMJ & OLHC Church noticeboards.

Feast of Mary Mackillop. Bishop Paul Bird has given permission for our Diocese to donate to the ongoing work of our first Australian saint. **Envelopes will be available for this.**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8
 Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5
 The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come

Gospel Reflection. 22nd Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

After a lengthy detour over the past six weeks into the gospel of John with its focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life and the Bread of Wisdom, we return to Mark's gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity. The parties to the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes or teachers of the law. [It is worth noting that Mark's non-Jewish readers, at a later time and in another place, need to be given detailed information about certain Jewish traditions]. At issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the failure of Jesus' disciples to respect their oral tradition, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples are not "walking" according to the tradition of the elders. For the Markan Jesus, "the command of God" is paramount, not some distorted interpretation of it. He

what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18. 21-22.
 It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Acclamation: James 1:18
 Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23
 The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some

offers a hard-hitting counter-critique of their attitude to law. He calls them "hypocrites" and informs them that the condemnation of the prophet Isaiah was intended for them. They have so distorted God's law, substituting their own observances for the "commandment of God" that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service, their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless! For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared the leper clean (Mk 1:41-45). For Jesus, the "heart" is the locus of purity and impurity. For him as for all his people, the heart was the seat of the intellect and of morality as well as of the emotions. In the kin-dom of God, therefore, one's thoughts, desires, and intentions render one clean or unclean, not one's attention to hygiene. The latter is important of course, but is peripheral

of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

in the grand scheme of things. It is worth applying the criteria provided at the end of the passage to discover whether or not our "hearts" are near or distant from our God. The real-life Pharisees of the first century were the respected teachers of God's law. It is imperative that stories such as we find in today's gospel are not used to denigrate the Jews or to pit Christianity over against Judaism. We have to keep reminding ourselves that time and again we are dealing with in-house debates between Jewish groups. This episode, with its attention to ritual washing, raises the issue of the right use of water, that precious earth element without which there would be no life at all. Plastic free July this year alerted many of us to the problem that the plastic bottling of water has brought to the future of life on our planet. It may be time to buy a "Keep Cup" and reaffirm our commitment to protecting God's creation.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
 Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up

to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.'



**Season of Creation
 September 1st to Oct 4th
 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi)**
Earthcare Ballarat Diocese joins the global Christian celebration of prayer and action to protect the environment
The theme for 2018 is "Walking Together," ways for our community to show we are on a journey toward better care of our common home.