

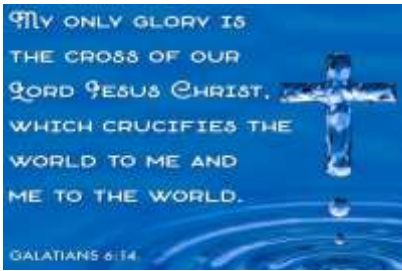


Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th September 2018



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Salesian Missions and Caritas Asia Appeals to assist the people of KERALA

recovering from devastating floods

Donations are tax deductible.

Send to Salesians Mission Office, PO Box 264, Ascot Vale, 3032; Phone 9377 6060 or to the **Caritas website**

www.caritas.org.au.

Place in an envelope marked **Kerala** on the Collection.

SMJ School Years 1 & 2 attend 9.30 Mass this Thursday Sept 20th

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests.



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Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$ 2158.00 to this collection, which raised nearly \$48,000 throughout the Diocese. **The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1721.55 to date.**

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or mark an envelope "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund"

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.

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Michael Myers, Diocesan Protocols and Child Protection Officer, will hold two Meetings in our Parish Centre this Wednesday September 19th, at 4pm and at 7pm.

He will explain the purpose of filling in Code of Conduct forms etc, and the Protocols that are Government enforced. **Whether you are in a Ministry or not, these Protocols affect us all.** All are welcome to come to either Meeting to hear and to ask any questions.

MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday September 20th, 7.30am to 8.30am in the Parish Centre. All men, their sons, single men welcome.

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



We welcome to the family of God in Baptism
Selynn Grace Natividad Crocker
daughter of Leslie & Monette

SBC Mission Day and Fete this Friday Sept 21st. Mass at 11 in College Gym, Fete after. All welcome

We pray for a safe and blessed School holidays beginning this Friday. We pray for VCE students in these weeks of final preps for their Exams. All the best to those in winter sports finals, or to winners so far.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 18th Sept	5.30pm	Sr Barbara May. Jack Ivess. Fr Claridge
Wednesday 19 Sep	AWC 9.30	
Thursday 20th Sept	9.30am	Sts Andrew Kim & Companions
Friday 21st Sept	9.30am	St Matthew. Fr Paul Mercovich 1st ann
Saturday 22 Sept	No 10am Mass	

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: MaureenCox, Bunyip (David's mother)

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Peter Claridge, Fr Paul Mercovich, Sr Barbara May, Jack Ives, Lyn Couper, Jennifer Coutts, Jean Grigg

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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th Sunday of the Month 23rd September 2018**

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

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 11.30am**

**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: 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



Srs Tirsa and Manuella celebrate the **Foundation Day of their Congregation - CSSJB - Congregation of the Sisters of St John the Baptist**

on Wednesday September 26th. Parishioners are invited to Mass in the Church at 5.30pm and to share a Meal with the Sisters in the Parish Centre after Mass. Please bring a salad or a slice, meat supplied

Jeparit Church Closure Mass October 28th at 1.30 Please inform former Jeparit people of this day & time

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.**

ROSTERS

15/16 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor	Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Eileen McManus
22/23 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Garry Heinrich	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anthony amor Ann Hermans Peter Gutteridge Maree Plazzer	Anna Robertson Faye Wills Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Sr Tirsa
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Filippino Choir	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Beth Johnson Zita Cannane
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalgleish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	23rd September Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	30th September Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk:	\$	Murtoa	\$ 107.00
Horsham	\$ 1080.00	Dimboola	\$ 91.00
Total			\$ 1278.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 839.00	Loose	\$ 84.20
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 923.20

Making Connections: 'Who do people say I am?' How would you answer this question of Jesus? What 'crosses' have you had to bear in your life? Where did you find the strength to carry your burden? Who are the people who have helped you to bear your load? What positive consequences came from the suffering you bore?

Exploring the Word: The question as to who Jesus is leads to one of the great acclamations of faith in the gospels: 'You are the Christ'. Peter knows that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who is to come. What he fails to understand is the type of Messiah that Jesus is. Peter refuses to accept that Jesus will suffer rejection and be put to death. He is an obstacle in the path that Jesus knows he must follow. There is no triumph apart from the cross.

Daily Prayer: Not in easy words, O God, but in selfless deeds is the faith we profess made real and the love our Master commanded made present. Give us the strength to take up the cross and wisdom to follow where Christ leads, losing our lives for the sake of the gospel.

Marriage Tip: Does your spouse need to hear words of love or apology from you? Don't put it off – do it today.

Vocational View: No life worth living is an easy life. Jesus said: "If you wish to come after me, you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow in my steps." Pray for the gift of being able to accept your vocation

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Sep 23: Natimuk 8.30. Nhill 10. **Dimboola 11.30**
Murtoa 8.30.

Sunday Sep 30: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30am

Sunday Oct 7: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am

Sunday Oct 14: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

Fr John will be back with us next weekend Septem 22/23.



**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.

**Ss Michael and John's Parish Centre
Saturday 13th October**

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

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 an awareness of God's presence.

National Police Memorial Service 2018 is on Tuesday September 25th at 11am in SMJ Church.

The Police and Dignitaries
march from the Police Station at 10.30am.
Lunch will be served in the Parish Centre.
All are welcome to attend.

The 2018 Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is entitled

*A Place to Call Home: Making a home for
everyone in our land.*

Social Justice Sunday is September 30th



Friday 21st September - UN International Day of Peace

a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and people. The UN adopted Sustainable Development Goals because they understood that it would not be possible to build a peaceful world if steps were not taken to achieve economic and social development for all people everywhere, and ensure that their rights were protected: poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, water, sanitation, energy, gender, environment and social justice.

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

Plenary Council 2020
"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."



Lana Turvey-Collins,

the Australian Bishops' Plenary Council Facilitator, will be in **Horsham on Thursday October 11th** for a Parish Meeting at 7pm in the Parish Centre, and on Friday morning October 12th at 10am in the Parish Centre to meet with us.

You can attend either Meeting.

She will give insights into the process of Listening and Dialogue that is now open to hear the voices of all. Lana will also talk about the overall three year process of preparing for the Plenary Council 2020 and answer any questions.

Please fill in the Plenary Council sheet given out last weekend and return to the Collection or the Parish Office

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 **now** either personal or group responses to the website:
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

We Belong to the Lord

"We belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God."

Research into Parish renewal highlights three components:

**Good Community
Good Teaching and Preaching
Good Music.**

Church and renewal is about love, truth and beauty. Parishes have been in existence since the 4th Century. They have given voice to the "we" of faith. We strongly desire to be loved, to love and our desires are realised in our communities. So, what can we do to renew our parishes in this time of challenge, Plenary Council?
"A community that cherishes love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelising environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan." (Pope Francis)

Michael Myers, Diocesan Protocols and Child Protection Officer, will attend the Coughlin Park Board Meeting on Wednesday Sept 19th at 5pm.

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 114:1-6. 8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord

protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me!

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Acclamation: Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and

me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Gospel Reflection. 24th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

Today's gospel leads us into a section of Mark's gospel that challenges and confronts all disciples on their journey of faith. The first challenge is to clarify the nature of our commitment as disciples of Jesus. If we fail to understand who Jesus is, then we have little chance of understanding the nature of our own call to follow him. Two questions ("Who do people say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?") are addressed to our forbears in faith communities of the latter part of the first century and to all Christians. We are invited to hear these questions anew. Do we simply share what "the people" say about Jesus? Are we like Peter who has the right language but only partial insight? Or do we have the wisdom to seek a deeper understanding of the identity of Jesus? In response to Jesus' second question ("Who do you say that I am?"), Peter

gets the words right: Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, God's anointed messenger. It becomes clear that Peter has a very different notion from Jesus of what it means to be the Messiah or the Christ. This is understandable since there were diverse messianic expectations within first century Judaism. Many expected a royal militaristic figure who would drive out the Roman occupiers and restore Israel's status as an independent nation. Jesus, as God's Messiah, refuses the way of violent action. His way is to be true to his mission of bringing God's empire, even if it brings the most intense personal suffering. Peter refuses to accept a suffering Messiah. He is severely reprimanded for his refusal and instructed to get out of the way, to get back to where a disciple should be, namely behind Jesus, following him, and not in front obstructing the path to wisdom and life. Our bitter experience of

global conflicts in recent decades should make us wary of accepting militaristic messiahs. In our times, to know and follow Jesus as the Christos or Messiah is to seek and support more moderate and lasting responses to injustice. It is to listen to the wisdom of those with insight and experience, to calculate with the utmost care the consequences of violent reactions to the problems in our world, in contemporary society, and in our homes. That may well involve hard work, personal misunderstanding, physical and emotional trauma or, in other words, it may mean "losing one's life" for the sake of the gospel. It certainly calls for profound trust in the saving power of God. Over the next few weeks, the Sunday gospels will call us into the ways of respect, of commitment, and of peaceful negotiation, to ever deeper insight into the ways of Jesus the Christ, the anointed One of God.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you

arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Give the world the best you have, it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see in the end it is between you and God. Mother Teresa

Our Parish CWL is not closing. In 2019 we celebrate 90years of the CWL here in our Parish

