



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd September 2018



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We welcome Fr John back with us this weekend, and pray for him and his family and our Keralan families as they recover from devastating floods.

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.

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?

The hope is that Catholics, active and disaffected, will take the opportunity to help plan the future of our Australian Church. More information and register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Submit your responses to these questions **now** either personal or group responses

EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE

Plenary Council 2020

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.

National Police Memorial Service

THIS 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.



Srs Tirsa and Manuella celebrate the **Foundation Day of their Congregation - CSSJB -**

Congregation of the Sisters of St John the Baptist
this 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



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
7pm to 8pm.

All welcome every
Monday at 16 George St.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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| Tuesday 25th Sept | 9am | Police and Emergency Services |
| Wednesday 26 Sept | 5.30pm | Baptistine Sisters Foundation Day |
| Thursday 27th Sept | 9.30am | St Vincent de Paul |
| Friday 28th Sept | 10.30am | Anointing Mass Lutheran Home |
| Saturday 29th Sept | 10.00am | Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels |

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: John Molony (Canberra), Errol Pigeon (Minyip)

ANNIVERSARIES: Gavin Frew, Getrude Brennan, Ivy Menz, Leo O'Connor, David Lewis,

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, Maree Frew

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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th Sunday of the Month 30th September 2018**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 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: 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

Jeparit Church Closure

Fr Peter will celebrate the Closure Mass in Jeparit on Sunday October 28th at 1.30pm.

There will be Afternoon Tea in the School Hall after Mass.

Please inform any former Parishioners of this day.

Child Safety:

Michael Myers spoke to a few Parishioners who attended his Meetings, and to the Coughlin Park Board of Management, about how all adults have a duty of care for the safety of children under the age of 16. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our priority, and we do not and will not tolerate child abuse.

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

| 22/23 Sept | Vigil 6.30pm | Sunday 10.30am |
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| 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 Dalglish Sr Tirsia Bale |
| Commentator | Emelia Sudholz | Bob Pritchett |
| 29/30 Sept | Vigil 6.30pm | Sunday 10.30am |
| Readers | Micky Robarts | Bob Pritchett |
| Commentator | Betty Heinrich | Shayne Keenan |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz | Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby |
| Projector | Gerard Natividad | Shayne Keenan |
| Musicians | | Combined Choir |
| Welcomers | Bill & Josie Phelan | Mary Dalglish Alistair Castle |
| Prayers | Darryl & Maree Wren | |
| Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging | 30th September Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan | 7th October Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi |

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

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| Natimuk: | \$ | Murtoa | \$ 66.00 |
| Horsham | \$ 840.00 | Dimboola | \$ 63.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 969.00 |

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

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| Envelopes | \$ 1355.00 | Loose | \$ 91.05 |
| Credit Card | \$ | Direct Debit | \$ 480.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 1926.05 |

Making Connections: How have you welcomed Jesus into your life so far? Try to empty yourself this week of the desire to be in control. Look for ways of being of service to others. Perhaps spend time with and learn from a child. What can we learn of faith from their example?

Sharing the Tradition: St Mary MacKillop, Catherine McAuley, Frédéric Ozanam were responsible for beginning ministries of service which still exist today. What are the most urgent issues requiring a response of solidarity in our own nation at this time?

Daily Prayer. O God, whose hand shelters the just and righteous, and whose favour rests on the lowly, banish hypocrisy from our hearts and purify us of all selfish ambition. Let your word sown among us bring a harvest of peace.

Marriage Tip: If one of you is sad, sick, or depressed, how can you tell? What do you usually do to comfort each other? Does talking about it help? Or would you rather have time alone? What does your spouse want you to do? Ask.

Vocational View: When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must be last one of all and the servant of all," are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

24 September -Our Lady of Mercy Day We celebrate Mary's knowledge of God's mercy - She knows its price; she knows how great it is. We extend blessings and prayers to the Sisters of Mercy.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

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
 Sunday Oct 21:Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am
 Sunday Oct 28:Murtoa 8.30.Dimboola 10.30.
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**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

The Defibulator and a Medical Kit have been set up in the Foyer of SMJ Church. We pray these will be respected and used only in emergencies. Please do not touch.

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

after devastating floods there.
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.

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 next
 Sunday Sept 30th

**Copies of the Statement will
 be on sale \$1 ea**

The Bishops consider the extent of our housing crisis and Australia's falling rates of home ownership. They focus especially on those in our society who are most vulnerable to housing insecurity and homelessness. The latest Census figures show that more than 116,000 Australians are homeless—something unacceptable for a rich and well-resourced nation like ours. We are reminded that safe and secure housing is a human right, asserted both by the Church's social teaching and international rights organisations.



Congratulations to the CEMFC on 20 years of faithful and dedicated service.

The Mission Statement of this Horsham Christian Ministers Association project is:

We exist to provide emergency relief in the Name of Jesus Christ with compassion and understanding, upholding dignity.

To all volunteers from our Church thank you and bless you.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus confronting his reality and trying to explain this to his obtuse disciples. Jesus did not need a crystal ball to realise that if he travelled to Jerusalem and continued to teach about God's reign as he had been doing, then his teaching would put him in conflict with the authorities. He had the examples of prophets in the Old Testament who were persecuted and killed because their message was unacceptable. In our own time the leader for democracy in Burma, Ang San Suu Kyi would surely have known that her decision to return to Burma and enter into its political struggle would place her freedom and life at risk. Knowing the likely consequences, she, like Jesus, chose to be faithful to her vision. Oscar Romero, Benazir Bhutto, Martin Luther King provide further examples of men and women who faced the reality that the likely consequences of their choices would be death. If Jesus looked to his disciples for support, he was sadly let down. While he walked towards his death, the disciples had plans of their own – who would be the greatest in the coming Kingdom! Are we like them???



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests.

Last year our parish contributed \$ 2158.00, which raised \$48,000 throughout the Diocese.

Our parish this year has raised \$2216.55 to date.

The 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.

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Justin Shea and Leanne Tang on their Wedding in SMJ Church last Saturday Sept 15th.

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: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 53:3-6. 8

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise

your name for it is good.
The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Acclamation: 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

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.'

Gospel Reflection. 25th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

Most of us have to admit to being like the disciples whom Jesus was trying to bring from blindness and ignorance to insight and understanding. Like them, we are often afraid to ask for explanations when we fear that we may not be able to deal with the responses we receive. We so often choose to live in denial. No matter how strongly Jesus insists that the way of the gospel will lead to his violent death, his closest followers persist in their refusal to accept the inevitability of suffering in the life of one who so openly challenges abuses of power. More focussed on personal recognition and status, the "twelve" engage in a childish argument about who is the greatest among them. They are inside "the house" in Capernaum, the home of Jesus. They are understandably silent when Jesus questions them about the discussion

they had "on the way". They have much to learn and he needs their attention if they are to understand who he is and what it means to be his disciple. They need to learn that being first has nothing to do with seeking the limelight, with hierarchy or status, with power or adulation. It has everything to do with engaging in ministry without distinction or discrimination, with being "servant of all". Like us, they may also have much to learn from "the way" itself, the path they tread through the land. An engaging scene follows this discussion. They are "inside the house", an open house where all are welcome. Jesus places a child in their midst. The child is unnamed. We might give this child a name so that she or he is a real person for us. Jesus seemingly gathers the twelve in a circle around him. Taking the child in his arms, he tries to show them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege, but in the welcome offered to

those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs are frequently ignored. Jesus, the suffering Messiah, actually identifies with a defenceless child, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me". His identification with the defenceless is as intimate as his identification with God, "the one who sent me". As a church, we might well hear today's gospel story as a call to respond with compassion and justice to those who have suffered the indignity and injustice of abuse in their childhood. We might hear it as an invitation to listen to the cry of our sisters and brothers who continue to seek the dignity and justice that belong to all of God's people. We might learn from the five high profile Australians, the "filthy rich and homeless", who lived for a time with the nation's most vulnerable and called us all to commit to ways of being that might enable all to live in dignity and hope.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 9:38-43-

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bringing down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great

millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Season of Creation. God, our Creator, as we look into the skies we celebrate the wonders of the world. Help us to see your presence in the evening sky, your spirit in the wind, your mercy in the falling rain. Teach us to hear the good news from the sky celebrating the glory of God in Earth. Rejoice with us as we behold the dawn revealing the mysteries of the skies above and Earth below.

