

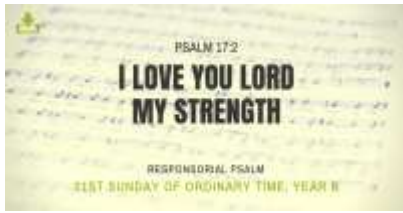


# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th November 2018



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Principal: Cathy Grace  
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### November is Holy Souls Month

#### Holy Souls Envelopes are in the Church Foyers.

If you wish to have a Mass offered for your loved ones, please write their names on the Envelope, and leave on the Collection or at the Parish Office.

#### Book of Remembrance:

The Book will be available throughout the month of November to record the names of deceased family members and friends you wish to remember.

#### 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.

### CALCUTTA GALA NIGHT for SMJ School and St Brigid's College this Monday night November 5th Coughlin Park Community Centre starting at 7.30pm.

\$15 covers Calcutta, Sweep  
and entry

\$10 for Calcutta only  
Tickets at the door.

For further information and tickets  
contact Kingsley Dalglish on  
0417 548 198

Come along and support this great  
night, raffles, Calcutta, races.

We welcome Fr John.  
*Fr John will live in the  
Presbytery until November  
28th for Masses and  
Funerals, whilst Fr Peter is  
away . We thank John for  
his Ministry.  
Fr Damien will be here with  
John next weekend*

**CWL Advent  
Reflection Day with  
Sr Jacinta  
Tuesday November  
13th at 1pm in the  
Meeting Room.  
All welcome.**

There will be a short CWL  
Meeting after the Reflection

The Advent Reflection Booklet "Saviour"  
will arrive this week. Those who ordered  
copies can pick them up from the Parish  
Office at \$3 each. Others who wish to  
purchase a Saviour booklet please see  
Anita in the Office.



We welcome to the  
Family of God in  
Baptism.  
Hugo Luke Byrne  
son of Luke and Kate

### Faith On Tap will be next Monday November 12th at the Vic Hotel Beer Garden

7pm Meal. 7.45 speaker  
Contact Ema-Lee & James  
Rowe 0431053345



### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP 7pm to 8pm.

All welcome every Monday at  
16 George St. Eileen McManus

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 6th Nov	5.30pm	Mollie McCallum Anniversary
Wednesday 7th Nov	9.30am	
Thursday 8th Nov	9.30am	
Friday 9th Nov	9.30am	
Saturday 10th Nov	10.00am	

#### 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:** Jean Ivess

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kevin Walsh, Mario Panozzo, Jack Nevill, Mollie McCallum, Antonio Chincarini jnr., Tony Panozzo

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Cathy Mintern, Fleur Armstrong, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Rosetta Cafarella, Betty Fitzgerald, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, 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 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2nd Sunday of the Month 11th November 2018**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

**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.

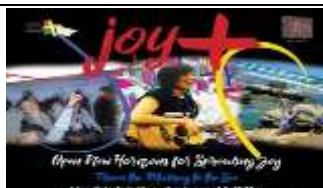
**CWL Meetings** 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. Meeting Room.

**Men's Group Breakfast** 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre, 7.30 to 8.30am 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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church



We pray for the success of the final JOY + Festival in Ballarat on Sunday November 25th.

Our Horsham Youth will attend this Festival.

**Les Butler at SBC will organize numbers going and transport for the youth going.**

For young people aged from 15-30, in the Cathedral Hall 2.00pm - 8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, with special guests.

## ROSTERS

3/4 November	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge	Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane
<b>Commentator</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice	Louise Kemp
10/11 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Louise Kemp
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Ann Hermans Geoff Simpson Sr Tirsa Bale	Mary Dalgleish Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bill & Josie Phelan	Mary Dalgleish Alister Castle
<b>Prayers</b>	John and Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>11th November</b> Pauline Barber Kate Hemon-Spasic	<b>18th November</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):</b>		
Natimuk:	\$ 33.00	Murtoa \$ 115.00
Horsham	\$ 787.00	Dimboola \$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 935.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection (Parish Account)</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 1375.00	Loose \$ 376.50
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$ 480.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2241.50</b>

**Making Connections:** Take on the challenge this week to love God more fully and your neighbour as yourself!

**Exploring the Word:** It is in the actions of loving God and neighbour in our daily lives that we really respond properly to God's call.

**Sharing the Tradition:** The kingdom of God is in the world and in us like a seed in the ground or leaven in dough, growing and rising, moving towards the goal of history when the reign of God will be complete. What signs of the kingdom of God do you detect in the world?

**Living the Word:** In what ways does your parish community act as a sign of the kingdom of God? How are you leaven in your local community?

**Daily Prayer:** You are one God, O Lord, and beside you there is no other. You alone are we to love with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and our neighbour as ourselves. Sharpen our ears to hear this great commandment. Arouse our hearts to offer this twofold love.

**Marriage Tip:** "Rejoice always." (1 Th 5:16) St. Paul's advice may seem unrealistic, at least on some days, but surely you can find one thing to be grateful for today or to rejoice over.

**Vocational View:** The year is quickly ending. Years, like our lives, go by too quickly. Do you know yet that the purpose of life is to love God above all, and love of your neighbour as yourself. Tell others before it is too late.

### COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Nov 11: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10  
Sunday Nov 18: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9a  
Sunday Nov 25: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am  
Dimboola AWC 8.30  
Sunday Dec 2: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am

## **Christmas Mass Times 2018**

Horsham Monday December 24th:

7pm: Children's Christmas Story

**Carols 9.45pm with the Choir**

Christmas Mass 10.15pm.

### **Tuesday December 25th Christmas Day:**

Horsham Mass 9am

### **Monday December 24th Christmas Eve:**

Christmas Mass Murtoa 5pm.

Christmas Mass Nhill 6pm

Christmas Mass Dimboola 7.30pm

### **Advent Anointing Mass**

**Thursday December 6th at 2pm in SMJ Church.** Cuppa in the Hall after Mass.

### **Advent Reconciliation Service**

Monday December 17th at 7pm in SMJ Church. *Hymns, Prayers, Scripture, Examination of Conscience, individual absolution by Fr Peter and Fr John.*

### **End of the Year School Masses**

**SBC End of Year Mass and Yr 12 Graduation** on Wednesday 12th December 6pm in SMJ Church.

**SMJ End of Year Mass and Yr 6 Graduation** Tuesday 18th December 12noon in SMJ Church

**OLHC End of Year Mass and Yr 6 Graduation** Tuesday December 18th at 6.30 in the Church

**St Patrick's Nhill End of Year Mass and Yr 6 Graduation** Wednesday December 19th at 6pm

### **Caritas Asia Appeals**

Flooding in Kerala, India Typhoon Mangkhut, Philippine, Sulawesi Earthquake and Tsunami,  
**Donations are tax deductible**  
**the Caritas website** [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au).  
Place in an envelope marked **CARITAS** on the Collection or leave at the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

*Everything is on the table*



**Plenary Council 2020**

*"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."*

### **Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020 – Listening and Encountering Have your say – respond online**

The Listening and Dialogue Encounter happens in many ways. Invite your friends and family to have a conversation about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Ask everyone – “What do you think God is asking of us at this time?” And have them send in their responses online.

Go to [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**To promote our own prayerful thinking about our responses in our Parish to the question – what is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in Australia? - opportunities to gather together will be offered in November by the Adult Faith Group and Men's Group. Lesley Price and Garry Heinrich will prepare a short video and speak to this and the Plenary Council, at a weekend in November.**

### **Catholic Theological College - Open Day**

Wednesday 7 November.

Two programs: 4.30pm-6.30pm or 6.00pm-8.00pm.

RSVP [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

**Palms** are looking for fresh volunteers to send out in 2019! At Palms, we are looking for some fresh volunteers to send out to various missions and places here and overseas in 2019. If you are looking for a change of routine, or know someone who is, check out our current opportunities at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

**“The Catholic Weekly” - Archdiocese of Sydney**  
The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a new website for “The Catholic Weekly”. The new site offers a better user experience and much faster loading times of stories, images, videos and podcasts and it is also mobilefriendly [www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)

### **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: Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51**

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

**Acclamation: John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 12:28-34**

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

**Gospel Reflection. 31st Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson**

In today's gospel reading we encounter a good scribe, while in next week's we find some not so good scribes. This seems to fit the pattern of the Markan gospel. There are faithful disciples and not so faithful disciples. There are honest Jewish leaders like Joseph of Arimathea and not so honest leaders like those who try to entrap Jesus. There are principled Romans like the centurion who witnesses the death of Jesus, and not so principled Romans like Pilate who condemns him to death. Goodness and fitness for the 'kin-dom' or 'empire of God' are never guaranteed, according to the Markan schema, by status or position or call or ethnicity or gender or by any other contingency of existence. Everyone has choices, as Andrea is constantly reminded by her boyfriend Nate in "The Devil Wears Prada." For a Jew, the first and best choice is to love the God of

Israel with one's whole being and then to love one's neighbour as oneself. Jesus and his questioner are agreed on that. Jesus is presented in today's gospel as a Jew who knows and observes the Law of Moses. He wins the respect of the scribe, a specialist in the Law, who has overheard him debating with the Sadducees.

Jesus recognises the sincerity of the scribe and takes seriously the question that this teacher of the Law puts to him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" He responds in the words of the "Shema Israel" from Deuteronomy 6, today's first reading. Love of God comes first. It is a love that derives from gratitude for God's liberating action in the lives of God's people. Israel has known the unconditional love of God. Those who know anything about human behaviour would probably agree that the experience of unconditional love engenders an increased capacity for love. For the Jews, including those who

throw in their lot with Jesus the Jewish Galilean, to love one's neighbour is to keep the second commandment of Leviticus 19:18, "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself".

In first-century Judaism, love of God was expressed in worship and in the prayers and rituals of daily life. Love of others likewise found expression in action, not only in care of family and close friends, but also in support of "the poor and the needy and the stranger." To seek peace was also a feature of neighbourly love. To accept and follow such a program is to be, with the scribe, "not far from" God's kin-dom or empire. Contemporary sensibilities might lead us to include the other-than-human among the neighbours or "kin" we are called to love. If we learn to love the earth and all that inhabits it, the birds and the beasts, the plants and the soil, the sky and the sea, then we are more likely to tread lightly upon it.

**Next Week's Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then

he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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*Fr Peter will pray for you and your loved ones at the Shrines he visits in Chennai and Connecticut*