



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –27th January 2019



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We welcome Fr John



January 26th celebrates Australia Day and Indian Independence Day. *We rejoice with our Indian community and all the cultures that make us a Nation.*



Prayerful best wishes to Bob Hayes on his 80th birthday on January 26th



The 2019 School Year begins this week.

The Offices of each School will be open on Tuesday 29th. The Staffs of each School return on Tuesday 29th.

SBC, SMJ, OLHC Staffs will attend 9.30 Mass on Wednesday as we pray for God's blessing on their work in our Schools.

SBC, SMJ, OLHC begin classes for all year levels on Thursday January 31st.

SBC Liturgy for the Feast of St Brigid Friday February 1st 9am in the Gym.

School Staffs Commissioning Mass Sunday Feb 10th at 10.30 Mass, and a Cuppa after.

SBC Yr 12 Retreat February 6 to 8.
SBC Yr 7 Camp at Robe Feb 13 - 15.

SMJ School Opening Mass Friday Feb 8th at 9.30am in SMJ Church.

SMJ Family Night and Tea Friday February 8th from 5.30 in School yard

SBC Opening Mass Monday Feb 18 in SMJ Church at 9.30am.

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 6th.

Dear God, the holidays are over and we return to school for a new year. May it be for us all a new start: to grow, to achieve, to grow in our faith, care and respect for each other, to live justly and honestly as your people.

PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick brothers and sisters to your loving care.

We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain, their source of hope in moments of despair, sorrow, woundedness, their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them all 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 and value to You.

Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful 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, as they walk the path of pain and sadness with the sick.

Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.



Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Margaret and Alan Fisher on

their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 26th.

The Funeral of Marjorie McLennan will be this Thursday Jan 31st at 1.30pm in SMJ Church

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 29th Jan 5.30pm Primo Da Ros anniversary
Wed 30th Jan 9.30am Silvino Sartori anniv.
Thursday 31st Jan 9.30am St John Bosco
Friday 1st Feb 9.30am St Bridget
Saturday 2nd Feb 10am Presentation of the Lord

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: Marj McLennan

ANNIVERSARIES: Primo Da Ros, Betty O'Connor, Silvino Sartori, Jim Mooring, Simon Butler, O.P. Jose,

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, Brian O'Loughlin, John McNamara, Zander Fergusson, Alisa Swalwell

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass (10.25)

Each Saturday Morning:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20
Rosary 9.30. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am**

**Next Sunday 1st Sunday of the Month
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd February 2018**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

**Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
HORSHAM Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.**

Regular Activities in the Parish

Craft Group Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room Mornings - 9.30am to 11.30am. Evening - 7pm to 9pm. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation. Contact Anita at Parish Office

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. 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Affordable Counselling from Centacare Ballarat, for families, individuals. **Free Call** 1300 303 988 for appointment

More Jesus
Less Drama
Less Selfishness
Less Complaining
Less Bitterness
Less Gossip
Less Pride
Less Anger
Less Me

ROSTERS

26/27 Jan 2019	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Plazzer Micky Robarts Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Andrea Cox
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
2/3 Feb 2019	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Tess Hayes	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Geoff Simpson Sr Tirsia Bale Anthony Amor	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Alistair Castle Sharon Creasey
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	3rd February Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	10th February Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 65.00
Horsham	\$ 850.00	Dimboola	\$ 65.00
Total			\$ 980.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1013.00	Loose	\$ 31.15
Total			\$ 1044.15

Making Connections: Offer the gift of yourself to someone who is downtrodden or be good news to someone in need.

Marriage Tip: Courtesy goes a long way in marriage. Pope Francis calls "May I?" one of the three "magic words" of family life. Being polite and kind to family members is always good.

Daily Prayer: O God, you have sent Jesus among us as prophet of your covenant and king of your anointing, the Messiah who proclaims to the poor the good news of your kingdom. Build us into one body, make us instruments of freedom and salvation.

A Vocation View: The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be another Christ.

Land of the "fair go"? Mary McKillop. It is an Australian who writes this (1873) Mary was one of those pioneers who helped to build our traditions and our heritage in this Great Southern Land. She wrote these words to help Roman authorities understand the needs of the poor in outback Australia. As Mary explained, *The good of Australian children is alone what we seek* (1873). Today in this country of our hopes and dreams, she says. *Let us, one and all, try to remember why God called us here* (1878) Isn't it so that we, too, can respond by building a bridge to our fellow Aussies who need a helping hand — especially the young and the battlers? What is mateship unless it's based on true justice and equality for all? *Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace* (Eph 4:3)

Country Mass Times:

Feb 3rd: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Feb 10th: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Feb 17th: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Feb 24th: Natimuk 8.30 Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 10.30

Plenary Council 2020 -

Listening and Dialogue Encounters

Everyone is invited to participate in the Listening and Dialogue process to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda.

Information Cards are available in the Foyer, and more information on the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

All of us are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Questions for individuals or groups:

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?

Our Parish will spend the time from February 17th to March 3rd to make our response

Responses need to be submitted by Ash Wednesday, March 6th, at www.plenarycouncil.org.au



At 6.30pm Mass tonight Saturday we welcome **Jasmine Smith** into the fullness of the Church with Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

There is a cuppa after Mass tonight to welcome her. Jasmine is in Year 10 at St Brigid's College.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS MUST BE FREE TO TEACH THEIR DOCTRINE.

A Christian school must be guaranteed the freedom to teach what Jesus taught – respectfully, reasonably and counter culturally – writes Fr Frank Brennan SJ in Eureka Street. When Parliament resumes next month, one outstanding item of business will be Senator Penny Wong's private member's bill dealing with the ability of religious schools to "discriminate" against students on sexuality on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. I support Wong's bill subject to one proviso. I agree with her that religious schools should not be able to discriminate against students on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender. Religious schools should remain free to teach their doctrine respectfully and reasonably. The law should make that perfectly clear. Some religious teachings can be confronting and upsetting. But it is not for the state to rewrite the Bible or Koran. Church schools have to remain free to teach their doctrine to all children who attend. A Christian school must be guaranteed the freedom to teach what Jesus taught, respectfully, reasonably and counter-culturally – respectfully because the dignity of all persons must be affirmed, reasonably because a school has a fundamental educational purpose, and counter-culturally because many of the things Jesus taught will never appear in the manifestos of political Parties.

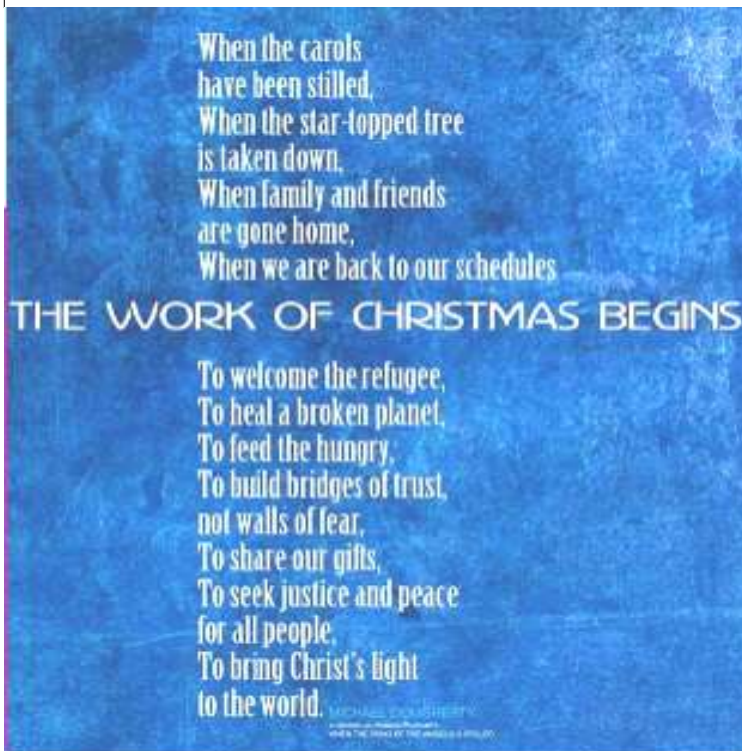


VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The St Vinnies Retail Shop in David Street, Horsham desperately require volunteers to sort and price in the store. The shop is open 7 days a week. Interested people must be over the age of 15 years.

If interested please contact the store on 53824003. You will be required to fill out

an application form, have a Working with Children's Check and a Police Check.



World Youth Day:

Young Catholics from around the world are gathering in Panama City with Pope Francis this weekend. There is

an opportunity to connect online with the Pope's Mass today Sunday from 10.30 to 12.30 at <http://worldyouthday.com/panama-2019/>

At 10.30 Mass on Sunday February 10th, Sr Maureen Bourke, a Loreto, and a former Youth Leader in the Ballarat Diocese, will speak on her ministry of teaching Maths to children in South Sudan. *We commission our Staffs that day*

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Marg Kingham, Cathy Grace, Joan Lane-Storey, Anita Masiero (Sec)

Child Safety Standards. St Michael & John Parish has Bob Pritchett as our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the

joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-10, 15

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation: cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to

bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**Gospel Reflection – 3rd Sunday Yr C
Veronica M. Lawson**

The liturgy for today juxtaposes the introductory verses of Luke's gospel and a passage from the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry that sets the tone for the whole gospel. If we had no other part of Luke's gospel than these twelve verses, we would know a great deal about the gospel, its author's intentions. From the first four verses, we know that Luke is not an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus but is providing an orderly account on the basis of reliable eyewitness accounts handed down to the community by "servants" or ministers of the word. We learn that the gospel is carefully researched and addressed to a person of influence called Theophilus, a name that means "lover of God" or "beloved of God". Theophilus is Luke's patron, someone who provides the

necessary funds to produce this work. He is possibly the early equivalent of an RCIA candidate, one seeking to become a full member of the worshipping community. Most importantly, we know that Luke sets out to place on a firm foundation the teaching that Theophilus has received about Jesus. The word translated as truth" (asphaleia) in our lectionary can also mean "certainty" or "assurance". Our English word "asphalt" is derived from the Greek asphaleia. Luke wants the gospel message to be well grounded. When we turn to Luke 4:14-21, we find a dramatic scene set in the Nazareth synagogue that sets the tone for the whole gospel. Luke's gospel story is about the release that comes from the gracious and expansive love of God mediated through God's anointed and Spirit-filled prophet. Every significant event in Luke is powered by the Spirit of

God. The Spirit-filled Jesus searches out and proclaims a passage from the prophet Isaiah, a combination of Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:9. He then points to his own mission as a fulfilment of the Isaian prophecy. Jesus thus presents himself as the Spirit-filled anointed one of God who brings good news to the destitute or homeless poor, release to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. The Greek word translated as "oppressed" means "shattered". It evokes images of asylum seekers in detention centres and of the hundreds of thousands displaced by war or persecution. It evokes the pain of the Earth itself and the other-than human inhabitants of our planet suffering the effects of climate change and ecological destruction. If the gospel message is to be well-grounded in our times, the "destitute" and "shattered" of our Earth

Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.'" And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they

took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

