

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th February 2019



From now on  
You will be  
Catching  
People

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We welcome Fr Damien

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday Feb 21st at 5.30pm**

### LENTEN GROUPS

This year's theme is *Trust*. Anyone interested in being part of a group, or holding a home group meeting, please sign the Sheet in the Foyer today with your phone number and time. These meetings will commence from Ash Wednesday and go to Palm Sunday. For further information please see Fr. Peter or Anita in the Office.



**We welcome today at 10.30 Mass our Schools' Staff for their Commissioning There will be a Cuppa after Mass**

**SBC Yr 7 Camp at Robe Feb 13 - 15.** Fr Peter will attend this, and be here for Stan Kerr's Funeral Mass on Friday.

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

**OLHC Murtoa Opening Mass at 12nn on Tuesday February 26th** in St Mary's Church.

**St Patrick's Nhill Opening Mass on Sunday February 17th at 10am.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY is March 6th.**

**We have Parish Gatherings to help you to put forward your thoughts on the way forward for the Church in Australia with the Plenary Council.**

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**Rupanyup Home Mass this Monday at Sue Tyler's at 6.30pm**

### PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick 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 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, on 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.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** for Children in Grade 3 and above will be prepared for in Term 1. Parent Information Night will be on Tuesday February 26th at 7pm in the Parish Centre. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Wednesday March 27th from 5 to 6pm, and on Thursday 28th from 5 to 6pm, and 7 to 8pm.

**Eucharist and Confirmation Masses** June 15 & 16, 22 & 23.

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 12 Feb	5.30pm	Jim & Nell Mullins, Rose White annivs.
Wed 13 Feb	<b>AWC 9.30</b>	
Thursday 14 Feb	<b>AWC 9.30</b>	Sts Cyril & Methodius
Friday 15th Feb	<b>11am</b>	<b>Stan Kerr Funeral Mass</b>
Saturday 16 Feb	10am	Marie McIntyre anniv.

### 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:** Stan Kerr, Margaret Reid

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack Delahunty, Pat Oakley, Agnese Masiero, Jessie Garwood, Rose White, Jim & Nell Mullins, Kevin O'Dwyer, Clarrie Keenan, Marie McIntyre, William Pollard Snr, Evelyn Schaefer

**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, Ailsa Swalwell, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Rachel O'Connor, Maree Frew, Brian O'Loughlin, John McNamara,

**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 3rd Sunday of the Month**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th February 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

**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



## Monday 11th February World Day of the Sick Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

People around the world pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick every day. Faith organisations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food and spiritual guidance. Pope

John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. We pray for doctors, surgeons, nurses, treatment givers, for all who suffer chronic or terminal pain, for our ministry to the sick.

## ROSTERS

9/10 Feb 2019	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Maree Plazzer Micky Robarts Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Andrea Cox
16/17 Feb	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Micky Robarts	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Commentator</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Angela Murphy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Tess Hayes Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
<b>Projector</b>	Robert Sartori	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bill & Josie Phelan	Lyn Starr Denise Vallance
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl & Maree Wren	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>17th February</b> Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	<b>24th February</b> Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan

### FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 130.00
Horsham	\$ 757.00	Dimboola	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 942.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1343.10	Loose	\$ 61.90
Credit Card	\$ 2100.83	Direct Debit	\$ 1479.67
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 4985.50</b>

**Making Connections:** Spend time each day reflecting on being 'caught up' in the net of Christ and what that means for you. Repeat these words of the prophet Isaiah from the first reading: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?' 'Here I am. Lord. Send me!'

**Did You Know?** The huge haul of fish is symbolic of the abundance of the messianic banquet that Jesus brings.

**Exploring the Word:** The large crowd pressed on Jesus. When asked to 'put into the deep', Simon, despite misgivings, complies. Simon, now with his Christian name, Peter, addressed Jesus as 'Lord'. Peter, James and John leave everything and follow him.

**Daily Prayer:** Lord God, all holy One, you came among us in Jesus. He would not depart from us sinners but invited us to follow him and become his disciples, his friends. Place on our lips this good news of salvation, and in our hearts a welcome from which no one is excluded, a love that delights in befriending all.

**Marriage Tip:** Have you gone on a date with your spouse recently? It doesn't have to be fancy, but scheduling dates affirms your desire to keep your relationship strong.

**Vocational View:** God does not ask you to be successful: God asks you to be faithful. May your vocation be your career *The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope.* -St Leo the Great  
*If then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because he himself is the way* Thomas Aquinas

### Country Mass Times:

Feb 17th: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
Feb 24th: Natimuk 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola **11.30**  
Nhill 10am  
March 3: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am.  
**Kaniva 11.30am**

### 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](http://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?

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Lesley Price will lead these Gatherings.**

Responses need to be submitted by Ash Wednesday, March 6th, at [www.plenarycouncil.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.org.au)

### CATERING MEETING

A meeting of all involved in Funeral Catering on **Wednesday February 27 in the Church Meeting Room at 2pm.**

Re: Changes already made to roster. Please try to attend, there are no positions to be filled.

Thank you. Betty Heinrich

### Ash Wednesday Masses.

Tuesday 5th: Horsham 5.30. Dimboola 6pm.  
Wednesday 6th: Horsham 9.30. Murtoa 11am.  
SBC Liturgy 12.20 in Gym. Nhill 2pm. Horsham 5.30  
*Ashes blessed and given at each Mass, Liturgy*

**Fr Richard Leonard SJ** will lead our Parish in a Mission from November 23rd to 27th this year.

**World Day of Prayer Friday March 1st.** Fr Peter will be at Murtoa.

**We welcome Sr Maureen Bourke, a Loreto Sister, who will speak on her teaching in South Sudan.**  
Sr Josephine Bakhita came from Sudan.



### 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.

### Our Horsham CWL celebrates 90 years this year.

CWL meets on Tuesday 5th March at 10.30am in the Church Meeting Room.

### SMJ Catholic Church Family Catch-up Next Sunday 17th February 11:45am onwards

All Parish Families are invited to the Botanical Gardens for a BYO lunch catch-up in the park after Mass. Come along for a chance to catch up, share a meal, and let the kids hang out in the park. Feel free to invite your friends. For any questions, please contact Rebekah Rowe 0434 913 189

### Peace which the world cannot give is calling you!

Our parish Christian Meditation meeting has restarted for 2019 in the Church Meeting Room from 2 to 3pm every Tuesday. All welcome. Sr Jacinta csb

### Pope says UAE trip was 'new page' in dialogue between Christians, Muslims

The visit to the UAE, and second meeting with the Muslim Grand Imam of al-Azhar, "wrote a new page in the history of dialogue between Christianity and Islam and in the commitment to promote peace in the world on the basis of human brotherhood." Pope Francis first met the Grand Imam of al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb, during a 2017 apostolic visit to Egypt. The two signed a joint document on human fraternity on February 4th. "We condemn all forms of violence, especially those with religious motivation, and we commit ourselves to spreading authentic values and peace throughout the world. In this era, when there is strong a temptation to discord between Christian and Islamic cultures, and considering religions as sources of conflict, we want to give a further, clear and decisive sign, that instead it is possible to meet, it is possible to respect and dialogue. Despite the diversity of cultures and traditions, the Christian and Islamic world appreciate and protect common values: life, family, religious sense, honor for the elderly, the education of young people, and other things," The Mass he celebrated in the stadium in Abu Dhabi Feb. 5, attended by 150,000 people prayed for peace and justice, for the Middle East and Yemen.

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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

**Child Safety Standards.** Ss 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: Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-5, 7-8**

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**  
Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of

God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:19**  
Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' When they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**Gospel Reflection – 5th Sunday Yr C Veronica Lawson rsm**

The gospel opens with Jesus by the lake shore looking for a little space from the people who are pressing around him to hear "the word of God". The listener/reader has been prepared, in the baptism scene and in the episode in the Nazareth synagogue to receive this truth. Jesus is the anointed of God who brings good news/God's word to the destitute,. The gospel assumes that the crowd by the lake receives his teaching as God's word. Jesus sees two empty boats and gets into the one that belongs to Simon Peter. The implication is that Jesus knows Peter since he feels free to get into Peter's boat and ask him to move the boat out from the shore. Having gained the distance he needs, Jesus sits

down and teaches the crowd from the boat. God's word thus comes to the people from the potentially regenerative waters of the lake. Simon no doubt has one ear on Jesus' teaching as he and his despondent business partners clean the nets and pack up ready to go home without any fish. They have fished all night without a single catch. Evoking the creation story of Genesis where God's spirit moves over the face of the deep, Jesus invites Simon and his companions to put out into deep water and lower the nets for a catch, even though there is little likelihood of a catch. Simon Peter hesitates, noting that they have laboured without success all night. He nonetheless follows Jesus' instructions. The dramatic result of his attending to Jesus' word brings Simon to his knees:

he acknowledges his limitations, his "sinfulness" in gospel terms. Jesus then commissions him to engage fearlessly in a new mission of reaching out beyond his present business enterprise in order to "catch people". As the gospel story unfolds we discover it is a mission to bring the vulnerable safely to shore where they can know the compassion justice and the "hospitality" of God. While Peter and his companions are said to "leave everything" and "follow" Jesus, they do not abandon their fishing activities. They re-centre their lives on the following of Jesus. They undertake to live out in their lives the pattern of Jesus' life amid the ordinary concerns of daily life: bring good news to the destitute, healing to the sick and the broken, release to the "shattered" earth, and its polluted waters

**Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he

said: 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven.

This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'