

# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

1st Sunday of Lent – 10th March 2019



### Project Compassion Sets of Envelopes and Boxes in the Foyers this weekend



- We have 62 people studying and praying the Lenten Program

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**We rejoice in welcoming Sr Florentina from the Philippines as she comes to be with Srs Tirsa and Manuela on a 3 month visa, and will live with them.**



Sr Florentina's visa was issued on Thursday and she arrives in Melbourne tonight Saturday.

**Lenten Prayer** God of all peoples and nations, you accompany us on our Lenten journey. May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion, as we keep in mind all who are most vulnerable to poverty and injustice, as we work and pray in the building of a better world, where justice and equality live.

### 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 solace and inspiration 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 and courage as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care, 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.

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Acting Principal: Cathy Grace  
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We welcome Fr Damian

### PROJECT COMPASSION

**As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope."**

**Zimbabwe Week:** 12 year old Thandolwayo. Thandolwayo lives with her grandparents and attends the local school which has just 35 students. Every morning Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres and risked being attacked by crocodiles as she collected contaminated water for her family. She'd then go to school feeling exhausted. Thandolwayo's grandparents sell pearl millet bran to fishermen and farmers for animal feed. They also sell chickens - but the income it brings isn't enough to support the family. Thandolwayo's hope to be a nurse seemed almost impossible to realise, until Caritas Hwange helped the village to install two solar powered pumps and two 10,000 litre water storage tanks. The pumps draw the water up from the river to the storage tanks. Thanks to Caritas' support, water is now on tap. Thandolwayo can concentrate now on her. The people can bathe each day, drink fresh water. Water is being used to mould bricks for building houses



Welcome to visitors here for the long weekend and to family members home with you. Enjoy and travel safely on your return

**Rupanyup Home Mass at 6.30pm** this Wednesday 13th at Sue Tylers

**Natimuk Nursing Home Mass** this Thursday 14th at 4.15pm.

Fr Peter has doctors' appointments in Ballarat this Tuesday and Wednesday.

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 12th March	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday 13th Mar	<b>5.30pm</b>	Dan Carey anniv
Thursday 14th Mar	<b>9.30</b>	Chris Velthuis anniv
Friday 15th March	<b>9.30</b>	Holy Souls.
Saturday 16th March	10am	

### 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:** Maria-Camilla Cericola (sister of Ida Lattanzio and Maria Cericola), Fr Denis Edwards (Adelaide)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dick Walsh, Chris Velthuis, Charles Moore, Dan Carey, Jose Alipar, Rosa Dombi, Ron Window, Michael Michaelides, Frank Corbani.

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Rosetta Cafarella, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Betty Fitzgerald, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, 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 2nd Sunday of the Month**  
**1st Sunday in Lent 10th March 2018**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **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

**Fr Mick McKinnon on his Bulletin in Mildura last Sunday:** I write firstly to thank people who have offered their support during these recent days. The sentencing of Cardinal George Pell has been an enormous shock to us all, and something that will continue to cause pain, disappointment and incredulity. We know that he has declared himself to be innocent of the charges, and so we must simply wait for the law to take its course. Whilst personally I find it extremely difficult to accept that he would be guilty of the charges, particularly in the light of the circumstances in which they are said to have occurred, we must not simply dismiss the victim's claims as outright lies. To do so would be damaging and particularly detrimental toward the victims of clergy sexual abuse, many of whom were never believed in the past. I am particularly conscious of all the good people who continue to participate in our Parish Communities and who work so hard in our Schools and other Parish bodies. Be assured that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I invite us also to be mindful of our Pope who deserves our prayers at this time. He has committed himself bravely to the promotion of a genuine openness to the Spirit in these times of change and transformation, even in the face of opposition from people within the Church who I believe are fearful of his vision and his quest for transparency.

## ROSTERS

9/10 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Peter Gutteridge Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsia Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Betty Heinrich	Anna Robertson
16/17 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson
<b>Commentator</b>	John Parker	Anthony Dowling
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Peter Gutteridge Maree Plazzer Micky Robarts Tess Hayes	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
<b>Projector</b>	Robert Sartori	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicians</b>	Filipino Choir	Full Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bob Hayes Tess Hayes	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl and Maree Wren	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>17h March</b> Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	<b>24h March</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

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

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 100.00
Horsham	\$ 850.00	Dimboola	\$ 56.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1006.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 966.00	Loose	\$ 45.10
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1011.10</b>

**Daily Prayer:** Through all their desert wanderings, O Lord our God, you led our ancestors from toil and oppression to a land of milk and honey. Through forty days in the wilderness, the Spirit led your Son from the devil's testing to victory as your Servant. Lead us through these forty days of Lent and make that victory of Christ's our own, till at the font of living water the elect find new birth, the penitent find pardon, and all rejoice to serve you alone.

**Marriage Tip:** Humour is often the best medicine. Learning to laugh and not taking ourselves too seriously can make life more enjoyable for us and our family.

**Vocational View:** The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

**Compassion has many faces:** kindness, tenderness, mercy, forgiveness and gentleness.

**The Season of Lent** is a time of prayer, self-denial and for helping others. In this way the whole Church prepares for Easter. On Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any of the following  
**Prayer:** Mass attendance; family prayer, visit to the church read the Bible, make the Stations of the Cross, pray the rosary.  
**Self-denial:** not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.  
**Helping others:** take the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visit the sick, the lonely.

### Country Mass Times:

March 17th: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am.  
March 24: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.  
March 31: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am.  
April 7: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am.  
April 14: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 8.30

### Plenary Council 2020 -

#### Listening and Dialogue Encounters

We had 55 people participate in our Gatherings, plus Nhill, Dimboola, Murtoa; very healthy and vibrant discussions. All have been submitted.



### Ss Michael and John Parish FAITH ON TAP

resumes on Monday March 18th  
in the Beer Garden at the Vic Hotel.

Come for a meal at 7pm, Fr John Corrigan will talk to us from 7.45pm.

*We talk all things faith and theology, living as a Christian in our society.*

Contact James & Ema-Lee Rowe 0431053345

*All over 18yo are welcome*

### SMJ Catholic Church Family Catch-up Sunday 24th March 11:45am onwards

All Parish Families are invited to the Botanical Gardens for a BYO lunch catch-up after Mass. Come along to catch up, share a meal, and the kids play in the park.

### Pope Francis' Lenten Fast Guide

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

### Horsham CWL celebrates 90 years in 2019.

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

### LENTEN GROUPS

Eileen McManus is holding two Lenten Groups starting on a Monday. Group 1 will be at 10am to 11.30am Group 2 will be at 7pm to 8.30pm. Groups will be held at 16 George Street. Contact Eileen on 5382 4745

### Fr Peter's Homily from last weekend.

Pope Francis' Lenten message says: *the future does have a name... and its name is hope.* The conviction of Cardinal Pell this week has brought many feelings and reactions across our Church and community. We can only imagine in a fraction of a way the pain victims and families who have suffered the abuse have carried for decades. Our prayers will always remain for and with them. When things in our world go wrong, and the decline in trust and respect is damaged, destroyed, within church, banks, insurance, politics, sport, law, unions, police, and we find ourselves unable to deal with these, our need to turn to God is greater than ever. In Jewish history, the Psalms spoke of things that can go wrong, and they encourage us to name times and ways God has helped us against all odds. We believe only Jesus can bring hope to situations that would otherwise be hopeless. We are steered towards asking God for help in most dreadful situations. Perhaps, only then we are praying with, rather than simply for, those most deeply affected. Last week's Gospel dealt with actions towards others, today we go to the source of all human actions, found in the heart. Get the heart right—the fundamental attitude - right, Jesus says, and all else will follow. Luke's Gospel call to us not to judge and not to condemn, raises the issue of just how difficult it is for people to have the kind of understanding that would really allow them to make judgements of others. It is hard to know what is in our own heart, to see the 'plank' that may be there, inhibiting right judgement and vision. If God, who really does see our heart, acts with such generosity, mercy and compassion, then these - not judgement and condemnation - should be the model for all our human interaction. This should be the case in our Church at this time and always. Get the heart right. St Paul says: 'Keep on working at the Lord's work, knowing that in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.' Though so often we may seem to be getting nowhere and are tempted to give up on the Church (its institution), the hope of the resurrection means nothing - even failure and seeming defeat - is wasted. The power of the Risen Lord and his Spirit within us remains ever at work, overcoming the forces of death and negativity, with the promise of victory that is ours who now await the joy of Easter. Not 'fake news' but news of hope and courage.

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Cathy Grace, Margaret Lingham, Joan Lane-Storey, Srs Manuela & Tirsa, 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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15**

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.  
He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!  
Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague

approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.  
His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on

bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

**Gospel Reflection – 8th Sunday Yr C  
Veronica Lawson rsm**

Lent is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into the "wilderness" or "desert place" and grappling with the mysteries of life. While deserts are often depicted as desolate regions, anyone who has spent time in such places knows that the desert supports a rich diversity of life. Human retreat to the wilderness can be an opportunity to encounter God in the unfamiliar and self. It can reveal to us our capacities for right relationship with God, with each other, and with the Earth. Right relationship resides in "power-with" rather than "power-over". In Israel's story, the wilderness is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you

these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deut 8:2). Jesus is "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many human beings before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the Greek *peirazein*]. The three-fold testing of Jesus is about the proper exercise of power and about trust in a loving God. In refusing to turn the stones of the wilderness into bread in order to satisfy his own hunger, Jesus demonstrates that he is not prepared to exercise power over the Earth. By refusing to accept the "glory of all the kingdoms of the world", he shows that power over the human communities of the Earth is not "of God" and that worship belongs to God alone. Finally, in

refusing to cast himself from the parapet of Israel's holiest shrine, the Jerusalem Temple, he makes it clear that he is not prepared to test the power of God to rescue him from a self-inflicted death or to use God's holy place to such ends. The Lukan Jesus passes the tests that the people Israel failed in the wilderness of Sinai. Luke's gospel today detects these ecological ethical principles: Earth is to be cared for and treated respectfully not ravaged through greed; All ecology and environment is grounded in and enhanced by one's communion with God; Earth's resources are respected by all and not usurped as a means of power and control by one over another These principles derive from the story with its three-fold testing and Jesus' three-fold response to these tests.

**Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept

awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to

him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**Stations of the Cross:  
Fridays in Lent at 4.00pm  
in SMJ Church.**