



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

### The Body and Blood of Christ – 23rd June 2019



**Today June 22/23 we celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion**

**We congratulate and pray for the children and their families.**

The children's photos are on the wall in the Church.

**We welcome these children today:**

**Saturday:**

Eamon Kelly, Cody Stewart

**Sunday:**

Rhian Mackley, Bailey Dridan, Ty Jones, Makaira O'Connell, Flynn Scimone.

The children will celebrate their Sacraments with a Feast on Tuesday in the Hall at 2.30pm.

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Fr Peter will be on holidays from this Wednesday June 26. He will be in Rome, England and Hungary, and at the end of July will do a Safari in Kenya.

Fr John returns from his holidays this weekend and will live in the Presbytery while Fr Peter is away.

The following Priests will help Fr John on these dates  
June 30: Fr John on his own  
July 6/7: Fr Bill Melican  
July 13/14: Fr Damian  
July 20/21: Fr Bill Melican  
July 27/28: Fr John on his own  
Aug 3/4: Fr John on his own  
Aug 10/11: Fr Damian

This Monday June 24th we celebrate with Srs Tirsa and Manuela their Congregational Feastday, the Feast of St John the Baptist. **You are invited to join the Sisters at Mass on Monday June 24th at 5.30pm and to come to the Parish Centre after Mass to share a Meal with them.** Filipino food.

You are welcome to bring a salad or a slice. Thank you.



#### 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 in pain, their source of hope in times 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 with courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and 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.

#### ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE WILL BE NEXT WEEKEND

**JUNE 29-30**

**at Masses and AWC**

Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

**Our Collection will be LEAVING COLLECTION**

#### WEEKDAY MASSES: + Funeral Prayers for Bruno Bruni Tuesday 10am

Tuesday 25 June	5.30pm	Vic Tan and family intentions. William & Asilda Guazon annivs, Francisco See Yung Hui anniv.
Wednesday 26 June	<b>9am</b>	Special Intentions.
Thursday 27 June	9.30am	
Friday 28 June	9.30am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 29 June	10am	Ss Peter & Paul

#### 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:** Bruno Bruni

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Betty Walsh, Laurie Chunging, Lucy O'Neill, Harry Perrett, Molly Whiley, Richard Omant, Edward Omant, Francisco See Yung Hui, William Guanzon, Asilda Guanzon

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Shilpa Joe Sr Geraldine Stapleton, John McNamara, Owen Duncan.

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Next Sunday 5th Sunday of the Month**  
**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th June 2019**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

**Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**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.

**Reflection.** Today's Feast combines the previous feasts of Corpus Christi and the Precious Blood of Christ. It reminds us that the body and blood of Christ were offered as a sacrifice for us, and every time we re-enact this sacrifice, we renew his sacrifice. The Body and Blood of Jesus is the meal for the Christian community. We feed on it until the Lord returns. We see again the already-but-not-yet character of Christian eschatology, for the Lord has already returned. That means that the Eucharist meal is a re-enactment of Christ's death, an anticipatory celebration of his coming, and a thanksgiving banquet with him present.

**Planned Giving.** The end of financial year is June 30th. Can you please bring your pledges up to date, as best you can, over these coming weeks. Thank you. We realise there can many pressures on family finances so we do appreciate your support of Parish financial responsibilities

Let us think our experiences of community: family, parish, workplace, sporting club, prayer group, volunteering, friendship. When we do prayerfully we become aware how these communal experiences are **Pentecost** moments, where we are uplifted and consoled. Let us give thanks for these graced and Spirit filled times.

## ROSTERS

22/23 June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
<b>Commentator</b>	Betty Heinrich	Angela Murphy
29/30 June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	John Parker	Michael Connellan
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maree Plazzer Peter Gutteridge Tess Hayes Micky Roberts Cathy Taylor John Parker Geoff Simpson	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Shayne Keenan
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Roberts	Filipino Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Connie Besselaar Gavin Hynam	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
<b>Prayers</b>	Lesley Price	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>30th June</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	<b>7th July</b> Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty

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

Rupanyup	\$	Murtoa	\$ 95.00
Horsham	\$ 1153.00	Dimboola	\$ 67.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1315.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 3002.00	Loose	\$ 192.90
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 380.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 3574.90</b>

**Making Connections:** Spend a little time each day reflecting on your needs and how your journey towards Christ is helping you. Help someone find a way out of a 'lonely place'

**Daily Prayer:** We glorify you, O God, and ponder the mystery of the wisdom by which you created the world in wondrous beauty and order. We, your church, your new creation, reconciled in your Son and sanctified by your Spirit, ask you to lead us through endurance into hope, and from hope to full knowledge of you, who are love itself, fullness of truth and undying life.

**Vocational View:** Food usually becomes more when it is given than when it is taken - the more Jesus is given, the more we share Him, the more He increases.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

St Joseph, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

If communities are motivated by respect they will also be communities of justice. The conversations in which they engage will seek a better way in which people receive the respect due to them as fellow human beings. Conversations reach out to people who have different starting points, including politicians, focusing first on the human reality of people's lives and also on the attitudes within society. They can then turn to the differences about what proper respect entails. Respect in conversation assumes that truth will vindicate itself

### Country Mass Times:

June 30: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am  
July 7: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
July 14: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
July 21: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
July 28: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30.  
Murtoa AWC 9am  
Aug 4: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30  
Aug 11: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
Aug 18: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am

### Announcement of National Themes for Discernment for the next phase for Plenary Council

The six National Themes for Discernment flow from that primary goal of being a Christ-centred community of people, and we are invited to reflect, to pray and to consider what God is calling our Church in Australia to be

#### The 6 themes are:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

The discernment process will involve establishing working groups for each National Theme for Discernment. People in faith communities across Australia will also be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters. The outcomes of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda for the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020. For information go to [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

A comprehensive report on what people said in their submissions in March, will be released on 28 July.

We pray for a safe and blessed School holidays beginning this Friday June 28th. We pray for VCE students to use some of this time in study. We pray for safe travelling for those who go away from here for the Winter months

**2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival** will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019. All-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals will be available. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. More information is on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the Diocesan Website or contact Patrick 5337 7160.



**SBC Students are asking you to save the BREAD TAGS from your plastic bread bags, please.** You can leave these in the box in the Church marked "Bread Tags". These tags are recycled and made into seeding trays, the proceeds will help to provide wheelchairs for people in need in South Africa.



### The St Vincent de Paul WINTER APPEAL is held in the Winter months



This appeal coincides with the time of year that many of our least fortunate in society need assistance the most. Funds raised will be dedicated to rebuilding lives – to providing blankets for warmth, assistance in paying utility bills and rent and the provision of food for people in chronic need this winter. Please give generously (**envelopes can be found at the Piety Stall counter**). More information about the appeal can be found at <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au/>

#### From the Parish Council:

- The Parish has to keep a registry of keys issued for Parish buildings. As we do not know how many people have keys to the Church, there will be new locking system installed in the Church, using a 'fob' disc for the side door near the Presbytery. The other doors will be locked from inside the Church with no external locks. When installed, those who need a 'fob' disc to enter the Church are asked to register with Anita in the Office.
- Our Parish is due to amalgamate with Nhill, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun by 2021. In September we will begin discussions with these Parishes for this process. We will keep you clearly informed as the process unfolds.
- DOBCEL is a company set up by the Bishop for the governance of our Schools. DOBCEL is the Diocese of Ballarat Education Limited. With changes in State Government funding for all organizations to take place in July 2020, our Schools - SBC SMJ, OLHC, St Patrick's Nhill - will join DOBCEL by July 2021. Again, we will keep you fully informed of the process that unfolds for this to happen.
- *With these significant changes that affect us all, we pray for our Bishop, Diocese, Parishes and Schools over these coming months.*

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

**SBC, SMJ, OLHC welcome 2020 enrolments now.**

#### 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: Genesis 14:18-20**

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 109:1-4**

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.'

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-**

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51-52**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 9:11-17**

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of

God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

**Gospel Reflection – Body & Blood of Christ—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

The gospel for today brings together elements that have traditionally formed part of Christian worship. In the first part of the story, Jesus welcomes those who follow him. He then speaks to them of God's kin-dom and heals those in need of healing. In the second part, he takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them and puts them before the disciples who distribute the bread to the assembled people. All eat and are satisfied. The second part of the story is full of eucharistic symbolism. The setting is a "desert" place, recalling the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai. The hunger of the people recalls God's care of Israel in the wilderness. God feeds God's people in the deserts of life, but only if those called to be disciples recognise their responsibility to be the hands of God. "Send them away" is one solution, clearly not the one preferred by Je-

sus. Rather, he says, "You give them something to eat". When the people sit down in circles and share their food, they find there is more than enough for everyone. They gather up the broken pieces, just as we must remember to gather up the pieces that so often go to waste. Jesus' actions and words over the bread [and the fish] are echoed in the account of his final meal with the disciples: the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. In the celebration of Eucharist, bread broken and wine poured out change their meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by thinking of the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread, but it is no longer simply the sum of its material parts, precious as they are. The restored flag is housed in a special place and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what that stands for in Australian

history, it has taken on a meaning other than the goodness of the materiality of fabric and thread. In the celebration of Eucharist, the God-given gifts of bread and wine likewise become more than their material parts. They are life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. Eucharistic life is covenanted life. Recognition of another level of meaning does not discount the integrity and goodness of the underlying material reality, but rather affirms it. Sharing in Eucharist means giving life for the sake of the many, sometimes to the point of heroism, sometimes simply by sharing our resources or our left-over pieces with others in need. Finally, it is important to remember that the healing is the prelude to the sharing of the bread. We are called to ensure there is a place at the table for those so often excluded from community by disability, ill-health or any kind of prejudice.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let

me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury the dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

We welcome grandparents, family members, Sponsors and friends to our Sacrament Masses this weekend. Have a wonderful celebration with your families.

Next Sunday June 30th is the 13th Sunday of the Year, Year C. We are back to Ordinary Time now. Weekdays Yr 1 Readings.

**ENCOUNTER TIMOR LESTE**  
Palms Australia invite people to join in an immersive encounter with Timorese culture, faith and communities. Experienced Palms participants will guide your journey from 1st September and deepen understanding of how sustainable development makes a real difference for our neighbours. For more information visit [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters) or call Palms on 02 9560 5333.