



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time—30th June 2019



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Principal: Cathy Grace
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We welcome Fr John who will be with us, living in the Presbytery, whilst Fr Peter is on holidays.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2019 Sunday 7 July. Theme is "Peace to this house and all who dwell within"

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE THIS 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



Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul Bird's 70th birthday.

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul's 70th birthday will be held on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 12.05pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. All are welcome to attend.

We wish all students and staffs from all our schools a relaxing and refreshing holiday.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 2 July	5.30pm	
Wednesday 3 July	9.30am	St Thomas
Thursday 4 July	9.30am	
Friday 5 July	9.30am	
Saturday 6 July	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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Kennett, Fred Webb, Elsa McGennisken, Bill Hickey

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 1st Sunday of the Month
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th July 2019**

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
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.

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

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS, CHANGED ADDRESS, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS FORM

Please fill in and place on the collection plate or drop in to the Parish office.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE

(HOME).....

(MOBILE).....

I wish to join the Planned Giving Program.

Yes **No** (Please circle)

ROSTERS

29/30 June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	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 Dalglish Andrea Cox
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
6/7 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Micky Roberts Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Mary Dalglish Alistair Castle
Prayers	Darryl and Maree Wrenn	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	7th July Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	14th July Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 15.00	Murtoa	\$ 74.00
Horsham	\$ 1095.00	Dimboola	\$ 36.00
Total			\$ 1220.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1783.00	Loose	\$ 80.00
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1863.00

PRAYER

You call us, O God, to follow
 where Jesus has gone before,
 without compromise or condition
 and without counting the cost.

Make us strong to fulfil this commitment,
 but keep us gentle and patient
 toward those who chose other ways.

Balance in our discipleship the conviction of
 faith and the compassion of charity.

Through our Lord Jesus.

Amen.

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

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

SBC, SMJ, OLHC welcome 2020 enrolments now.

Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Law

The following documents are available on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria re Voluntary Assisted Dying - "We Care - How those who conscientiously object to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act can accompany those who suffer."



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/>

Loreto College Ballarat Enrolment Information

Enjoy a guided tour of the College grounds and facilities with current students who will also share valuable insight into being a student at Loreto College on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from 9.00am-12.00pm and Tuesday, February 4, 2020 from 9.00am-12.00pm.

Monthly Tours for prospective families are held on the first Thursday of every month during school terms. Please register online via our website. Personal Tours can also be arranged by contacting registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au or by calling the College Registrar on (03) 5329 6184 or (03) 5329 6100. For further information please visit our website www.loreto.vic.edu.au.

Year 7 2021 Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7.00pm at the Mary's Mount Centre. Applications for Year 7, 2021 enrolments close on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 4.00pm. Registrations online for Academic Scholarships close Friday, January 31, 2020 at 4.00pm.

St Patrick's College Ballarat Enrolment Information

College Open Mornings: Tours for prospective students and their families are held each Friday morning at 9.00am. To book a place on a tour go to <https://www.trybooking.com/XIVK>

2021 College Information Evening will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the OCA Pavilion. To register your attendance please go to www.trybooking.com/BDEBO
Enrolment for Year 7, 2021: Applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2021 are now available. For further information and to obtain a prospectus, please contact Registrar Caitlin Bennett at cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or from the website <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>. The application closing date is Friday, December 6, 2019 at 4.00pm.

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: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came to Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul

among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is

listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

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.'

Gospel Reflection – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Gary Cohen's film, *Judah & Mohammad*, depicts the separate lives of two teenage school boys, one a Jewish Israeli and the other a Palestinian Arab. Judah and Mohammad have never met and are unlikely ever to do so. They are near neighbours, but their lives are separated by a "security wall" that keeps them and their people effectively separated and suspicious of each other, despite the desire for peace of many on both sides of the wall. Sandy Tolan's heart-wrenching novel, *The Lemon Tree*, tells a similar story of women on either side of the same divide. Both film and novel reflect a contemporary story of hostility between Israelis and Palestinians that more or less replicates the relationship between Jews and Samaritans in the first

century. Jesus and his Galilean Jewish friends could hardly have expected a gracious welcome, though they may have been welcomed had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is Jesus' decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the heart of Jewish life and worship. The Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem", centre of Jewish life and worship. James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless

those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (Luke 6:27-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the villagers who failed to receive him. He simply turns and rebukes his two disciples and moves on to another village. There is a sense of relentlessness in this passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. In the company of his disciples, Jesus now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news and establishing God's reign of peace on our planetary home is the purpose of the journey. We are invited to enter into that journey with all its demands.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of

peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you.

Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'