



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—4th August 2019



MORE NEWS ON FR PETER'S TRAVELS

Fr Peter is continuing to enjoy his travels. He has paid a visit to Gloria Bale, youngest sister of Sr Tirsia,. Attended Mass at Dowrath Mass Rock. Visited the mother and niece of Elaine Uebergang and also Mary and Kitty Britt, former housekeeper to the priests.



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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.

Episcopal Ordination of the Bishop of Sandhurst

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Shane Mackinlay will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 12.00noon in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

We welcome Fr John.

CWL MEETING

The next meeting of the CWL will be held on Tuesday 6th August at 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
 90th Birthday Discussions
 All Welcome.

COUGHLIN PARK BOARD OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Management will be held on **Tuesday 6th August at 5pm** in the Coughlin Park Board Room.
 Agenda: Update of Activities



We welcome into the family of God in Baptism today

Chelsea & Lincoln Smith
 children of Bryn and Erin

Mass with Japanese Students from St Brigid's College on Tuesday 6th August at 11.15pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 6 August	11.15am	Transfiguration of the Lord Mass with Japanese Students from SBC
Wednesday 7 August	9.30am	Jack & Michael Hogan Anniversaries
Thursday 8 August	9.30am	Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop
Friday 9 August	9.30am	
Saturday 10 August	10am	St Lawrence

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: Ann Downs, Fr Brendan Davey, Jack Hogan, Michael Hogan, Kath Byrne, Veronica Butler, James and Mary Hynes.

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, Margaret Cotter

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

**Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th August 2019**

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
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. For enrolment and appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

SBC, SMJ, OLHC welcome 2020 enrolments now.

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

 **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.

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

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, Srs Manuela & Tirsa, Anita Masiero (Sec)

ROSTERS

3/4 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Peter Gutteridge Micky Robarts	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Anna Robertson
10/11 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Kevin Dunn	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Taylor John Parker Geoff Simpson Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale	Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Joan Whiley Connie Besselaar	Mary Dalgleish Alistair Castle
Prayers	Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	11th August Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan	18th August Pauline Barber Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Kate Hernon-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 26.00	Murtoa	\$ 102.00
Horsham	\$ 785.00	Dimboola	\$ 55.00
Total			\$ 968.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 929.00	Loose	\$ 119.75
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1048.75

Mother Mary MacKillop

It is noted here that another woman known for her great works of Christian charity, Mother Mary MacKillop (St Mary MacKillop), visited the Warrnambool district in June 1899. She and another Sister of St Joseph, Sister Gertrude, came by train to Warrnambool. They were met at the station by Harriet (Henrieta) O'Brien and her two daughters, Irene and Mona, aged about 11 and 6 respectively. Mother Mary recorded in her diary that there was 'great joy over our coming'. She also recorded that the day before she came to Warrnambool she had purchased boots at Foy's Store in Melbourne at a cost of ten shillings so she was obviously expecting to be doing a lot of walking. Mother Mary was on one of her many tours into the country to visit the homes of those who had fostered out children from the Melbourne children's homes of the Sisters of St Joseph (the order of nuns Mother Mary had founded). She always made personal visits as often as possible to ensure the children were well cared for. (An extract from "Silent Lives" Women of Warrnambool and District 1840-1910.)
 Written by Elizabeth O'Callaghan 2018 winner Victorian Community History Award.

Country Mass Times:

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



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/>

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #6

How is God calling us to be a Christ- centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal.

Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Plenary Council Final Report of the Listening and Dialogue stage

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process.

Access the report at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

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.

ACBC National Office for the Participation for Women

Audrey Brown, Director of Catholic Education Ballarat, liaises with and participates in gatherings sponsored by the National Office for the Participation of Women. You can connect with the office too by subscribing to their bi-monthly newsletter, *Women Matter* (go to <https://www.opw.catholic.org.au> and scroll to the bottom of the page to subscribe). You can also send Audrey information about or reports on any special events you are holding for women in your parish/community and we can celebrate these in the national newsletter, email director@ceob.edu.au

Damascus College Ballarat Enrolment Information

Information Evenings: Wednesday, September 4, 5.00pm and Tuesday, October 22 at 6.30pm.

Open Mornings: Thursday, September 12, 9.00am – 10.30am and Tuesday October 29, 9.00am – 10.30am.

Register attendance for both events at: <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us>

Damascus College Bright Futures Scholarship Fundraising Breakfast

Damascus College is excited to launch the Bright Futures Scholarship which supports students and families who are experiencing financial or personal disadvantage and who demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice and their community, but may not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education - further information regarding the scholarship can be found at <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-scholarships>.

A fundraising breakfast for this scholarship will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Ballarat Golf Club from 7.00am - 8.45am. Guest speaker is Mary Darcy, Counselling & Consulting Psychologist. \$25.00 per ticket, available from <https://www.trybooking.com/BDIUX>

Plenary Council Parish Coordinators:

We are seeking parish coordinators for the next stage of the process, "Listening and Discernment." These parish coordinators will lead the Listening and Discerning encounters in your parish/community. The role of these coordinators will be to facilitate the Listening and Discernment encounters associated with the six themes. Each parish will need at least two coordinators who would be willing to become leaders/facilitators for the Listening and Discernment encounters. Larger parishes will probably need more facilitators depending on the number of communities. **Could you please advise Jane Collins at jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au**

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)

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian

and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:3
Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Gospel Reflection – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Our tradition tells us that "the earth and all that is in it belongs to God" (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. The Iraq war should have been a lesson to the world. There were no weapons of mass destruction. There was much coveted oil and that seems to have been the covert justification for an unconscionable invasion that cost countless lives. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be "rich toward God" or "rich in God" find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life's end, with a question: "To whom will this hoard belong?" The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: "the earth and all that is in it

belongs to God". Jesus is addressed as "teacher", and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is "teacher" rather than "divider". He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the landowner inwards rather than out towards others and so "toward God". First person singular pronouns predominate: "What am I to do? I have no place....I will do this....I will I will I will" The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second

person singular, "You fool...", and by the divine judgment on the landowner's self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today's reading from the letter to the community at Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god (Col 3:5). In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God's people, not just to the privileged few. In refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God". This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to "be on your guard, be ever vigilant" in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third,

but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beat-

ing the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'