



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—18th August 2019



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We welcome back Fr Peter and we also thank Fr John for his excellent work looking after the parish whilst Fr Peter was away.



COLUMBAN MISSION SOCIETY

We will welcome Fr Robert McCulloch to our Parish on **NEXT weekend August 24th/25th**. Fr Robert will celebrate Horsham and Murtoa Masses. There will be a **LEAVING COLLECTION** at these Masses to support his work in Pakistan.

Our Diocese has a long and close link with the Columbans. A number of vocations have come from the Diocese of Ballarat, including Fr Robert and Fr Phil Crosby, the Penciling Priest from the Korean War. Our Diocese has also had a long link with the Columbans through our shared missionary commitment to South America since the late 1960s. Fr Damian Heath, Fr Paddy Mugavin, Fr Peter Murphy and Fr Mick McKinnon, have all had the good fortune to been able to work with the Columban in South America. The Shared Table, has continued to make a significant contribution to projects supported by the Columbans in Peru. Fr Robert invites us to continue this support through a subscription the Columban magazine The Far East, or the yearly purchase of the Columban Calendar. Acknowledging our support for the Columban Missions, I also urge people to consider this invitation as a practical means of both supporting this mission and helping to promote the Columban effort.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 20 August	5.30pm	St Bernard
Wednesday 21 August	9.30am	St Pius X
Thursday 22 August	9.30am	Bill McGrath Anniversary The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 23 August	9.30am	
Saturday 24 August	10.00am	St Bartholomew

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: Monique Wren, Bill McGrath, Fr Rodger Shepherd, Hugh Byrne

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, John McNamara, Margaret Cotter

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

**Next Sunday 4th Sunday of the Month
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th August 2019**

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

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 9.00am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 11.30am**

**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. For enrolment and appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.



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. St 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 & Tirsia, Anita Masiero (Sec)

ROSTERS

17/18 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer	Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Nevile Strachan Lynda Hutchinson
Commentator	John Parker	Alison McKinnon
24/25 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	Michael Connellan
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Gavin Hynam Judy Bryan	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Lesley Price	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	25th August Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	1st September Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 86.00
Horsham	\$ 805.00	Dimboola	\$ 61.00
Total			\$ 952.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1013.00	Loose	\$ 66.40
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1079.40

Blessing for Encouraging Community

With arms that serve and unite,
bless us.

With attitudes that encourage rather than judge,
bless us.

With minds that grow in compassion,
bless us.

With hearts that seek the common good,
bless us.

With souls that reach for communion,
bless us.

Breath of Love.

Country Mass Times:

Aug 18: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Aug 25: Natimuk 8.30am. Murtoa Mass 8.30am.
Nhill 10am. Dimboola 11.30am

Catholic Women's League Social Afternoon

"God never sleeps" - come along to a spring afternoon tea and hear **Nhill's John and Margaret Millington OAM** inspire you with their life story of faith which has enabled them to transform family tragedies into work for the community. Free entry, door prizes and afternoon tea. **Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 1.30pm** in the Mary Glowrey Room St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. Enquiries to Carmel, ph. 0401175045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com

ENTRANCE INTO THE CARMELITE ORDER FOR TRISH GILES

Trish Giles was received into the Carmelite Order on Friday 9th August in Melbourne. Trish is pictured with members of her family after a celebratory Mass and cuppa on Saturday 10th August



CONGRATULATIONS TO ST VINNIES



The Horsham St Vincent de Paul store is the proud winner of the Tier A category in the annual Victorian Vinnies Retail conference awards, held last week in Ballarat. The awards recognise team members, shops and shop Managers for their

achievements in the past financial year. The winning stores are judged on areas such as growth in volunteer numbers with Horsham Manager Heather Gardner putting the call out 4 months ago for more staff and adding half a dozen to her team. Sales are also judged in general as well as Vinnies own brand of products, the VIP loyalty card success, alignment with Vinnies mission and Vision values and leadership and management performance among other criteria. *Pictured is Centre Manager Heather Gardner. Courtesy of Wimmera Mail Times.*

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

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



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 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**

Meetings to be held in the Parish Centre on **Monday 26th August at 6pm and Tuesday 27th August at 10.00am**. You will only be required to attend one of these meetings.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

After several months sabbatical to discern where God is calling him, Fr Peter Sherman of St Alipius' Parish, Ballarat East, has decided to step aside from priestly ministry. Following this, we are bringing forward a closer working relationship between the Ballarat-based parishes that our diocese has been working towards for several years. Bishop Paul Bird has ratified the proposal for greater inter-connectedness of these parishes and has announced the following clergy appointments to begin immediately:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat and St Alipius Parish, Ballarat East:

Fr Justin Driscoll (Administrator) and Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ (Assistant). They will be helped by Fr Vincent Pham Van Long CSsR.

St Aloysius Parish, Redan, St James Parish, Sebastopol and St Peter's, Linton:

Fr Kevin Maloney (Parish Priest) assisted by Fr Lovin Lolo CSsR.

St Columba's, Ballarat North, OLHC, Wendouree and St John the Baptist, Beaufort:

Fr Marcello Colasante (Parish Priest) assisted by Fr Sajan Matthew. Bishop Paul Bird.

World Wide Global Rosary

This World Wide Global Rosary will be prayed for world peace, penance and reparation for the world on October 13, 2019 - the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. There will also be a 54 day Novena commencing on August 15 and concluding on the feast of the Holy Rosary, October 7 - a week before the Global Rosary.

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4, 18
Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!

Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has

taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Gospel Reflection – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

There is a sense of urgency in today's gospel. Jesus feels constrained or under stress until the "fire" he has come to cast on the earth is kindled and the baptism of fire that John the Baptist foreshadowed in 3:16 takes effect. Elsewhere in Luke's writing, fire is associated with judgement (3:9, 17; 9:17; 17:29), and with the presence of the Holy Spirit (3:16), especially in the Lukan story of Pentecost (Acts 2:3) where "tongues as of fire" appear and rest on all those assembled in the upper room. Fire is a sign of the end times when the Spirit of prophecy descends on all God's people (Acts 2:18-19). Those who have experienced the effect of the all too frequent bush fires in Australia or the wild fires of California can appreciate the power of this image. Climate change is undoubtedly increasing the risk of destructive fires. Drier conditions wither

plant life that then becomes fuel for the fires. Fire can take all before it. It can also bring the most astonishing new life in its wake. Linked with the image of fire is that of water: Jesus has a "baptism with which to be baptized". Once more, a sense of urgency is expressed as the power of water is evoked. Like fire, water has power to destroy and power to save. Fire and water become metaphors for the hard won gospel path to peace. Jesus seems to be contradicting so much of what he has stood for to this point. At his birth, he is presented as the bringer of peace (Luke 1:79 and 2:14). He tells the hospitable woman of 7:50 and the faith-filled woman of 8:48 to "go in peace". He instructs his disciples to bring peace to the families they visit (10:5-6). He refuses to be a divider (12:13-14). And now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division. His hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against

another. How can this be? The Lukan Jesus is almost certainly describing the status quo rather than prescribing what ought to prevail. In other words, by the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace and justice and compassion and others within the same families have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah would have involved a monumental shift for Jews on the one hand and for adherents of the diverse philosophies or faiths of the Roman world on the other. Today's families of mixed faith might be able to get inside this experience and to understand the suffering involved when a family member makes a life choice that other members of the family find hard to accept. This is not an easy text to understand or even to accept. We need to struggle with its ambiguity .

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wick-

ed men!" Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

CWL AGM

The next AGM for the CWL will be held on **1st October 2019** in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm

CWL 90TH BIRTHDAY

The CWL will be holding their 90th Birthday Celebration and reunion in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 20th October** after 10.30am Mass. All current and former members are invited to a luncheon to rekindle old friendships.

RSVP: 1/10/19 to Marina 5382 1047, Tess 5381 1785 or Frances 5382 1546