



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—1st September 2019



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We welcome Fr John here for Masses this weekend.

Lana Turvey-Collins, the Australian Bishops' Co-Ordinator for the Plenary Council, will be in Horsham on Tuesday September 10th, 11am to 1pm, in the Meeting Room to meet with people who wish to learn more about the Plenary Council and to form Groups to discuss the six themes that form the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020.

All welcome to meet with Lana on Tuesday 10th, 11 to 1pm, in the MeetingRoom



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

There will be a LEAVING Collection at all Masses THIS WEEKEND August 31st / Sept 1st for Sick and Retired Priests. Envelopes are in the Foyer today for you to use and to gain a tax deduction.

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.9 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$47,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.
CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US - THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

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, of hope in times of despair, woundedness, sorrow, 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 carers and helpers 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.



A happy and blessed Father's Day to Fathers, Grandfathers, Special Friends. Blessings and good wishes are extended to all the fathers, grandfathers and special men who care for family, friends and others this Sunday on Fathers' Day.

SMJ School are not leading our Ministries at 10.30 Mass today due to so many commitments families have to family day, sport

We welcome Springtime today September 1st and pray for a successful season for our farmers.

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 3 Sept	5.30pm	St Gregory the Great. Enid Matheson anniv.
Wednesday 4 Sept	9.30am	Fiona Hausler's Yrs 3/4 attend. Neville Schulz anniv
Thursday 5 Sept	1.30pm	Funeral Mass Jewel Hooper (O'Connor)
Friday 6 Sept	9.30am	Helen Brennan anniv.
Saturday 7 Sept	10.00am	Silvio Marchesini anniv.

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: Margaret Cotter (sister of Eileen Keenan) Sr Barbara Lemke RSM, Jewel Hooper - Melb (100yo, sister of Dawn Arnould-Jones)

ANNIVERSARIES: Silvio Marchesini, Enid Matheson, Rocco Carbone, Fr Bob Markey, Helen Brennan, Ann Reinsma, Ivan Keenan, Charles Rowe, Paul Connors

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,

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 5382 1155

**Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2019**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10am**

**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.

SMJ Grandparents and Special Friends Mass is on Friday September 13th at 9.30am Mass.

SBC Mission Day is on Friday September 20th, the last day of Term3. Mass in the College Gym at 11am and Mission Day activities from 12.30 - 1.30

We congratulate and pray for Stephanie Taylor and Matthew Staple who celebrated their Marriage at Laharum on Friday August 23rd.

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

31 Aug / 1 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy	Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Andrea Cox
7/8 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Angela Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Micky Roberts Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Faye Willis Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Filipino Choir	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Pat Williams Gary Coutts	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	8th September Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	15th September Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 33.00	Murtoa	\$ 80.00
Horsham	\$ 668.00 !!!	Dimboola	\$ 74.00
Total		\$ 855.00	

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1570.00	Loose	\$ 82.45
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 390.00
Total		\$ 2042.45	

Making Connections: Offer table fellowship and share a meal with someone who would appreciate company this week

Marriage Tip: If an issue arises in your marriage, communicate directly with your spouse. Talking with others about the problem will not solve it. Keep personal issues between you and your spouse.

Daily Prayer: Not for a place of honor did your Son come among us, O God of the lowly, but to invite to the wedding feast the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame. Let such humility grace our table and lead us to renounce the quest for power and privilege. Taking our place with other sinners, we may share the banquet your Son has prepared for those who place their trust in your grace alone.

A Vocation View: Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way.

September 1st in UN World Day to praise Creation

"All created things give us glimpses of the beauty of God our Creator."

"As our body cannot live without nourishment, so our soul cannot spiritually be kept alive without prayer." *St Augustine.* "Bringing People together in an atmosphere that is welcoming, nurturing and challenges all to share in the Mystery of God's Love." "

I feel angry when I see waste, when I see people throwing away things we could use." *St Teresa of Calcutta*

Country Mass Times:

Sept 8: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Sept 15: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Sept 22: Natimuk 8.30. Murtoa 8.30am. Nhill 10am.
Dimboola 11.30am.
Sept 29: Murtoa Mass 8.30am. Dimboola AWC 8.30.
Oct 6th: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Oct 13th: Murtoa 10.30 Mass. Dimboola 8.30 Mass.
Oct 20th: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am

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. **This Wednesday, September 4, at 1.30pm in the Mary Glowrey Room** St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Enquiries to Carmel, ph. 0401175045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com

CWL 90th BIRTHDAY Sunday Oct 20th

The CWL 90th Birthday Celebration and Reunion is on **Sunday 20th October** at 10.30am Mass, and a Lunch in the Parish Centre after Mass. All current and former members are invited to Mass and lunch to celebrate the 90th birthday and to rekindle old friendships.

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

CWL AGM Tuesday October 1st 1.30pm.

CWL Monthly Meeting this Tuesday 3rd September at 1:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome



Season of Creation 2019

From September 1 to October 4, The Feast of St Francis of Assisi Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. through prayer, changes in lifestyle, advocacy. During the Season of Creation, we live out our faith to care for creation.

We heed the call of Pope Francis who has asked us to celebrate 1st September each year as the World Day of Prayer for Creation and to mark this day as the beginning of a six week period when we pay particular attention to the need to care for our common home.

Prayer

Creator of Life, the Earth is full of Your creatures, and by Your wisdom you made them all. At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit, the waters teemed with swarms of living creatures of every kind, and the world was filled with every kind of winged bird, walking animal, and creatures that creep upon the ground. Mountains, plains, rocks, and rivers shelter diverse communities, and through the changing seasons Your Spirit renews cycles of life. During this season of Creation, open our eyes to see the precious diversity that is all around us. Enlighten our minds to appreciate the delicate balance maintained by each creature. Inspire us to conserve the precious habitats that nurture this web of life. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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.

Catering Meeting Wednesday 11th September at 11am in the Parish Meeting Room.

This is to follow up with all ladies who help with catering at funerals.

Due to health and personal reasons Betty Heinrich is not continuing as Co-Ordinator. We are very grateful to Betty for her 5 years of commitment, care and support to all who have helped with catering and her support to families at funerals. Betty and Garry did so much to improve the facilities in our kitchen. We thank them and pray for God's blessings on Betty's health.

For the time being Anita in the Parish Office will work with the catering teams.

The Parish Council has contacted Betty and thanked her for her dedication to this important Parish ministry.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday September 19th at 5.30pm.

Mark Bromley from the Diocesan Finance Office will meet with our Parish Finance Committee on Wednesday September 18th at 12 noon. There are a number of issues Mark will bring to us, including falling giving in the Planned Giving Program and how we can use our Parish Accounts for our betterment. Members of the PPC are invited to attend. We will need to have a renewal of our PGP sometime in the new year.

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on 29th September.

The Social Justice Statement entitled ***Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world.*** In this year's Statement, the Bishops reassert Pope Francis' call to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. The statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements online that can be harmful. Information overload, social isolation, marginalisation of the vulnerable, consumerism and fake news are just some of the challenges. As individual users and as people and communities of faith, we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but to be active citizens shaping it for the good of all.

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

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7, 10-

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading

Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Gospel Reflection – 22nd Sunday.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

For the past three years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the Season of Creation. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and joined progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi Oct 4th. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, "care of our common home". As a spiritual work, care of our common home calls us to "grateful contemplation of God's world". As a corporal work, it calls us to "simple daily gestures" that create a more sustainable and equitable world. Today's gospel calls us to redress imbalances in the human community,

imbalances that have ultimately affected the earth itself. Jesus is under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke's gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus' ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also

reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God's kingdom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first. Jesus' advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kin-dom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the

foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the

same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'