

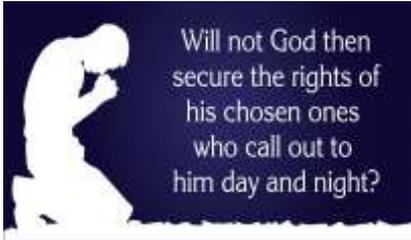


Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 20th October 2019



Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?

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We welcome Fr John and we thank him for his ministry.

Fr Peter is having a colonoscopy at St John of God Hospital Ballarat this Wednesday. No Mass on Wednesday and no Mass on Thursday



Annual General Meeting this Thursday 24th at 2pm at the Lutheran Church Centre



We welcome our local CWL Members, visitors and CWL Executive to our Parish CWL 90th BIRTHDAY and Reunion

today Sunday Oct 20th and to Lunch in the Parish Centre after Mass.

We thank the CWL for their wonderful witness to God and Our Lady in our Parish over these 90 years, for their prayer and charitable work, and support to Parish. We thank those who have served in Executive positions. Our CWL will continue in our Parish with four Meetings a year. Thank you to Marina Mansera and Frances Plazzer for being President and Secretary in 2019-2020.



You are welcome to a Listening and Discernment Session on the theme Prayerful & Eucharistic: this Wednesday October 23rd 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. *Led by Lesley Price.* Materials for our participation will be given to 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, 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 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.



Mission Sunday today October 20th. The Appeal supports the work of Catholic Mission in Ghana through programs to rescue vulnerable babies and children and foster their personal development for a brighter future.

LEAVING COLLECTION at all Masses today.

Appeal envelopes with credit card/tax deduction in the Foyers

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 22 Oct	9.30am	St Pope John Paul 11. Dan Landrigan anniv.
Wednesday 23 Oct	No Mass	
Thursday 24 Oct	No Mass	
Friday 25 Oct	9.30am	Maurice Fay, Monica Breen
Saturday 26 Oct	10.00am	Troy for Healing

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: Kamala Britobabapule (formerly of Murtoa where her husband was a Doctor), Ivan Klaric.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Fernee, Dan Landrigan, Graham Taylor, Fr Dan Boylan, Gordon Matheson

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, John McNamara,

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 5382 1155

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th October 2019**

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

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

**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.

Coughlin Park Bowls Social Committee

MENTAL HEALTH NIGHT

Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm

Coughlin Park Community Centre

Guest Speakers: John Sudholz and Gavin Morrow from Healthy Minds.

Light refreshments served. Donations go to Healthy Minds.

For further information: Judy Bryan 0408 824 870

All Souls Day Cemetery Mass will be celebrated at the Horsham Cemetery on Saturday November 2nd at 11am, byo chair. Following the Mass Fr Peter will bless the graves of deceased family members. All welcome.

Dimboola Cemetery Mass Tuesday Nov 12 at 5pm then tea and Plenary Council discussion at the Church.

Rupanyup Mass Monday Nov 11th at 6.30pm

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

19/20 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Peter Gutteridge Micky Roberts Cathy Taylor	Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Shayne Keenan
26/27 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	Michael Connellan
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice	Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	27th October Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	3rd November Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 284.00
Horsham	\$ 974.00	Dimboola	\$ 97.00
Total			\$ 1355.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1495.00	Loose	\$ 83.60
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1588.60

Making Connections: Spend time contemplating what 'fear of God' and 'respect for people' means today. Practice 'fear of God' and 'respect for people' this week in as many ways as you can. Take up a new hobby or skill together! Learning at any age can be fun and beneficial.

Daily Prayer: With hands uplifted, O God, like Moses at prayer, we long to intercede. With hands outstretched, like your crucified Son, we long to embrace the whole world. Give us grace never to lose heart, and thus may faith be found abundant on the earth.

A Vocation View: Even as a child you knew the importance of asking often for something you really wanted. Now again, in an adult way, ask God to show you His will. But, be ready to do it!

Pope's Prayer Intentions for October. A Missionary "Spring" in the Church That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

Marriage Tip: Share the love of God with someone who may feel forgotten. Call an elderly family member or make arrangements to visit a lonely member of your parish today.

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, Vision Statement 2019

We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist to follow the example of Jesus' humble service, so that all may find welcome, hope and joy. "Let everyone who is thirsty, come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift." (Revelation 22:17)

Country Mass Times:

Oct 27th: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
 Nov 3rd: Murtoa 10.30. Dimboola 8.30. **Nhill 5pm.**
 Nov 10: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
 Nov 17: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30am
 Nov 24: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am

175th Anniversary of the first Mass in Portland –

November 1844. All are welcome to celebrate this anniversary Mass with Bishop Paul CSsR and Fr Greg Tait on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 10.30am at All Saints Church, Portland, followed by a light luncheon at Bayview College. RSVP to Di Kierce, ph. 0427 946 053.

Plenary Council

Below are the Themes for the Listening & Discernment sessions, the dates and times for Gathering:

Prayerful & Eucharistic: Wednesday October 23rd 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price

Humble, Healing & Merciful - Sunday Oct 27th at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Sr Jacinta.

- Monday Oct 28th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Sr Jacinta

Missionary & Evangelising - Sunday Nov 3rd at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price

- Wednesday Nov 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price

Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform -

Sunday November 17th at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price.

Wednesday November 20th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Fr Peter.

We will do the Themes : Missionary and Evangelising, and A Joyful, Hope-filled Servant Community in February and March.

Seniors Afternoon Tea

We will honour our Senior Parishioners with an Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre on Wednesday Oct 30th at 2pm.

Afternoon Tea will be supplied.

Please indicate on the sheet in the foyer if you are coming or contact Anita at the Office 53821155

90 Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Alfonso Baviello** on his 90th birthday next Saturday October 26th.

SMJ PARISH SECRETARY.

Anita Masiero will retire as Parish Secretary at the end of November 2019.

Anita has been Secretary for 13 years.

Information and details of the position are available at the Parish Office.

I invite your application and curriculum vitae for the position of SMJ Parish Secretary from our Parishioners.

Applications close on November 1st.

Please leave your application at the Parish Office or post it to SMJ Parish, PO Box 212, Horsham 3402.

Fr Damian Heath told me at the weekend that, due to age and health, he will not be able to continue his Ministry to our Parish in 2020. He will come on the second Sundays of November and December.

We are deeply grateful to Fr Damian for his ministry to our Parish since 2010, for his wisdom, scholarship and inspiration in his sermons and other contributions to our Parish .

Fr Damian is happy for us to have Lunch with him after 10.30 Mass on Sunday November 10th.

Lunch is in the Parish Centre at 12nn.

Please indicate on the sheet in the Foyers if you are able to come, and if you can bring a salad, dessert or a slice. Thank you.

Catholic Theological College Open Day Wednesday 6th Nov · Study options, Library and Building tour, refreshments · Two programs: 4.30pm–6.30pm or 6.00pm–8.00pm · Bookings RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by 1 November Phone: 9412 3314 Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

St Mary's School Swan Hill Centenary celebrations

Parish Mass on Sunday November 10 at 10.30 a.m. and a school Mass on Monday 11 November at 9:15 a.m. Tours of the school and St Mary Mackillop College held on both days. For more information go to www.smswanhill100years.com

Christmas Crib Display. From Tuesday December 3 to Sunday December 8th, Fr Andrew Hayes, Fiona Tonkin and Kevin Linard will bring to our Parish more than 300 nativity scenes in a stunning exhibition. There are figurines, cribs and mangers of all shapes, sizes, ages and histories, and many of the nativity scenes have fascinating stories behind them. One of the oldest items dates back to 1750, a sheep from Germany 254 yrs old. **The Display will be in Nhill on Tuesday 3rd, and in the Parish Centre from Wednesday 4th to Sunday 8. Schools will attend the Display. If you have a Crib scene you may wish to display for this time, you are welcome to bring it. Please see Fr Peter beforehand.**

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

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he

sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or

unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation: Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Gospel Reflection – 29th Sunday.**Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Today's gospel begins with a reference to prayer, a favourite theme in Luke, and ends with a question about faith. If the parable were also about prayer, as the narrator suggests, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for anyone and is slow to hear the cry of the poor! There are clearly problems with this, and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has made three key additions to the story: the introductory statement that Jesus told them a parable "about the need to pray always"; the final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words; and the three questions at the end. The original parable was almost certainly told in another context and probably ended with the words of the judge. What difference might this make for us as 21st century readers? The parable has acquired different meanings as it shifted

from an oral to a written context. The Lukan author fits the parable rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities. The scene for the verses representing the original parable is "a certain city", possibly suggesting that it is a story for any and every city. There are two main human characters, the judge and the widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? Is it because he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary? What sort of judge would admit to having no respect for anyone, even to himself? A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. It literally reads: "so that she won't

finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Is Jesus drawing attention to the plight of widows in that society who can only get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. A system that provides no other recourse for the vulnerable of the human community and for those endeavouring to save our endangered planet simply has to change. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not at all clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that those who seem to have little power can win out in the end if they have the courage to persist in their struggles for justice.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector

stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



We pray for Year 12 VCE students as they complete their formal Schooling this week with SBC Yr 12 final Assembly on Wednesday at 12.20 English exam is on October 30th.

We pray for and congratulate SBC Year 10's in their Presentation Ball this Friday Oct 25th at the Events Centre. They are presented at 8.30pm.