



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN



### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 27th October 2019



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

#### Feast of ALL SAINTS

Friday November 1st  
Mass at 9.30am

#### Feast of ALL SOULS

Saturday November 2nd.

Mass at the Horsham Cemetery at 10.30am  
Please bring a chair.

*Fr Peter will bless the graves of loved ones after Mass.*

**No 10am Mass on Saturday**

**Seniors Afternoon Tea**  
We will honour our Senior Parishioners with an Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre this 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



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

You are welcome to these Listening and Discernment Sessions

**Humble, Healing & Merciful TODAY Sunday October 27th at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room.**  
*Led by Sr Jacinta Rice*

This session will be repeated in the Parish Meeting Room this Monday 28th October at 7.30pm  
*Materials for our participation will be given to you.*

**The theme of Missionary & Evangelising** will be next Sunday Nov 3rd at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price.  
and repeated on Wednesday Nov 13th in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.30pm

#### 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 elderly, sick, in Homes or in Hospital



We welcome into the family of God in Baptism today  
Atticus Noah Wills  
son of Brendan and Brianna

#### WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 29 Oct	5.30pm	Joel Cabigas Delima death.
Wednesday 30th	9.30am	Mass also 5.30pm for School Principals. VCE exams
Thursday 31 Oc	9.30am	Holy Souls intentions
Friday 1 Nov	9.30am	<b>All Saints Day</b> Roy Villafuerte anniv
Saturday 2 Nov	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Souls Day.</b> Ray Bush. <b>10.30 Mass at the Cemetery</b>

#### 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:** Joel Cabigas Delima (Philippines, Sr Manuela's nephew)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jean Ivess, Pat Irwin, Eileen Arnott, Graham Taylor, Maurice Fay, Ray Bush, Robert Vincent, Sandra Murray

**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 4th Sunday of the Month  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd November 2019**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 5.00pm**

**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 **this Saturday November 2nd at 10.30am**, byo chair. Following the Mass Fr Peter will bless the graves of deceased family members.

**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

26/27 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	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
<b>Commentator</b>	Maree Plazzer	Bob Pritchett
2/3 November	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Frank O'Connor	Anna Robertson
<b>Commentator</b>	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Geoff Simpson Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Micky Robarts	Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Gary Coutts Pat Strachan	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>3rd November</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	<b>10th November</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

### FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 67.00
Horsham	\$ 898.00	Dimboola	\$ 52.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1017.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 743.00	Loose	\$ 103.05
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 846.05</b>

**Making Connections:** Notice occasions this week when it may be easy to judge someone badly. Do something positive for someone we may feel in some way superior to.  
**Marriage Tip:** Communication in your family is key. Don't let wounds fester. Instead, calmly address hurts and ask for the grace to forgive.

**Daily Prayer:** Silence our prayer when the words praise ourselves. Turn your ears from our cry when our hearts judge our neighbour. Place always on our lips the prayer of the publican: "O God, be merciful to us who are sinners!"

**Vocation View:** If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do.

**Pope Francis' Prayer for the Extraordinary Month of Mission** Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations' and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church. Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world. Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

### Country Mass Times:

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: Natimuk 8.30. Murtoa 8.30am.  
Dimboola 11.30am. 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 next Sunday November 3rd 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:

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.*

Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Ordination of Rev Shane Mackinlay as Bishop at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13th at 7pm, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome to attend. The Priests will meet with our Bishop that day for our Council of Priests Meeting.

We welcome the Principals of our Diocesan Schools to Horsham this Wednesday for a Meeting and Dinner. **They will gather for Mass in SMJ Church on Wednesday at 5.30pm.**  
**All welcome to Mass.**

Fr Damian Heath 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.**

### 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.**

**November Masses.** During November the Church traditionally remembers all those who have died. You are invited you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the memorial book in the Church Foyer (if you have done it in previous years you do not need to include them again).

**Holy Souls Mass Envelopes are in the Foyer.**

Fr Peter will offer Mass for your intentions.

### **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](http://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: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19**

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:2-3, 17-19,**

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me,

and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corin 5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**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.'

**Gospel Reflection – 30th Sunday.**

*Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated "virtuous") and justified (translated "at rights with God"). It is addressed to "certain people" who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people's lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus' harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel. The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in

this. That is what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays "to himself" or "by himself" or "about himself": any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God's mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who "have confidence in themselves that they are righteous", this portrait of the tax agent in right relationship with God is confronting. The language of the toll collector's prayer,

"God be merciful (hilasthēti) to me a sinner", evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in a gospel way of life. We need to admit our failings with humility, turn to God for forgiveness, change our ways, and respect the integrity of the natural world and has exploited it for our own selfish ends. We can learn from the tax collector.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 19:1-10**

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at

a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount! And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

**Monday Morning Craft Group**

The Craft group will go out for lunch following their craft morning this Monday 28th October to Ginger Chilli. Contact Pauline on 0429 811 240

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS**

Collection to date \$518.10

There will be information on next weekend's Bulletin from the Finance Committee bringing us up to date with Parish Finances

**Choir End of Year Fellowship**

(Snags and Wine) Meal. Wednesday November 13th 6.45pm - 7pm at White Hart Hotel Bistro immediately after monthly practice.