



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 10th November 2019



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We are deeply grateful to Fr Damian Heath 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 will not be able to continue his Ministry to our Parish in 2020. His last weekend will be the second Sunday in December.

We welcome you to our Farewell and Thank You Lunch with Fr Damian after 10.30 Mass TODAY in the Parish Centre at 12noon.

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


You are welcome to these Listening and Discernment Sessions

The theme of Missionary & Evangelising scheduled for this Wednesday Nov 13th **HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE**

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

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new Planned Giving envelopes are now available in the foyer.

Those who give fortnightly, monthly and yearly will find them in the white envelopes

November Masses.

You are invited you to write the names of deceased loved ones in the **Memorial Book in the Church Foyer** (if you have written names in previous years you do not need to include them again).

Holy Souls Mass Envelopes are in the Foyer.

Coughlin Park Bowls Social Committee MENTAL HEALTH NIGHT

this Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm

Coughlin Park Community Centre.
Guest Speakers: John Sudholz and Gavin Morrow

Light refreshments served.
Donations to Healthy Minds.

For further information: Judy Bryan
0408 824 870

CWL MEETING this Tuesday 12th November in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm. Subs and Horizon fees are now due. All welcome.



Remembrance Day Monday 11th November

Fr Richard Leonard SJ will lead our Parish in a Mission from November 23rd to 28th this year.

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 12 Nov	9.30am	St Josaphat
Wednesday 13 Nov	9 am	Anthony Bissinella, Vin Mugavin annivs.
Thursday 14 Nov	10am	Jack Foley anniv.
Friday 15 Nov	No Mass	
Saturday 16 Nov	10 am	

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: Antonio Chincarini jnr, Wayne Mills, Dave Marshall, Anthony Bisinella, Nell Perrett, Jack Foley, Vin Mugavin

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

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 5382 1155

Saturday Morning Devotions:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20. Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.35. Mass 10. CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning 10.25am.

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th November 2019**

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

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

**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.

CHOIR PRACTICE Second Wednesday in the Church 6pm.

Dimboola Cemetery Mass this Tuesday Nov 12 at 5pm, tea and Plenary Council discussion at the Church
Rupanyup Mass Monday Nov 11th 6.30pm at Sue's

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday November 21st at 5.30pm.**

FINANCE Meeting Wednesday Nov 20th, 12nn.

**Candle of Remembrance given at Masses on
Nov 23/24 in remembrance of our deceased.**

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

9/10 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale	Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Louise Kemp
16/17 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Angela Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Joan Whiley Connie Besselaar	Mary Dalgleish Alistair Castle
Prayers	Lesley Price	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	17th November Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	24th November Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 150.30
Horsham	\$ 910.00	Dimboola \$ 55.00
Total		\$ 1115.30
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 963.00	Loose \$ 114.50
Credit Card	\$ 2064.17	Direct Debit \$ 1184.67
Total		\$ 4326.34

Making Connections: Visit the graves of your loved ones at some stage during the month of November. Pray especially for friends and relatives who have passed away.

Marriage Tip: Pope Francis: "If love is real, then peace is made quickly." Reflect on how you argue with your spouse. How can you be more patient and understanding?

Daily Prayer: O God, author of life and resurrection, before whom even the dead are alive, grant that the word of your Son, sown in our hearts, may blossom and bear fruit in every good work, so that both in life and in death our hearts may be strengthened by eternal comfort and good hope. A

Vocation View: As the Church year comes to a close, may the Lord Jesus strengthen your heart for every good work and word. May you live your vocation.

New Parishioners, Changed Address, PGP Form, Changed Phone Numbers FORM

Please fill in and place on the collection plate or drop in to the Parish office. *Thank you.*

Name.....
Address.....

Telephone Home..... **Mobile**.....

I wish to join the Planned Giving Program.

Yes **No** (Please circle)

Country Mass Times:

Nov 17: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30am
Nov 24: Natimuk 8.30. Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 10am
Nhill 2pm.
Dec 1st: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Dec 8th: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am

Plenary Council

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

Missionary & Evangelising - Wednesday Nov 13th **Cancelled and will be rescheduled.**

Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform-

- ◆ Sunday November 17th **Cancelled**
- ◆ **Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform-** 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 this Wednesday, November 13th at 7pm, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome to attend.

- ◆ The Priests will meet with Bishop Paul on Wednesday for the Council of Priests Meeting.

Cleaning SMJ Church Saturday December 14th from 10.30am. Please bring cleaning materials, buckets etc All welcome.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

With the age and retirement of a number of Ministers, we are inviting more Parishioners to become Special Ministers. If you attend Mass and over 14, you are eligible. Please inform the Office or see Fr Peter or Srs Tirsa and Manuela if you are interested. We will have Training for you.

- ◆ **RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences** "It takes a village" The Diocesan Conference on Friday, November 15th from 5.30pm-9.00pm and the State Conference on Saturday, November 16th from 8.30am-4.30pm. Both will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. **Sr Manuela and Lesley Price will attend from our Parish.**

- ◆ **The Feast of Christ the King is November 24.**
- ◆ **Raffle Tickets for SMJ Yr 6 RACV Challenge at the School. Tickets on sale at our SMJ Masses this weekend**

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought in November. We are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. More details at www.catholic.org.au/drought

Parish Finances

Regardless of whether one is a regular or irregular attender, we all need the church at some time in our lives.

The financial situation of our Parish is currently unsustainable; therefore we require assistance from our parishioners.

Planned giving is running approximately **\$18,500 behind**, to what has been pledged.

As well as this fact, there are a number of parishioners who do not support our Planned Giving Program. Many give to the loose plate and we thank you for this. Since the sale land at Coughlin Park, our Parish's operating finances (ex-interest and bequests) have been running at significant losses every year.

The 'Interest and Bequest' income cannot be counted as regular and continual income, however, this income can assist with non-urgent expenses that may arise.

We have to also budget for the future of our Parish when taking into account our aging population, and unfortunately the few that drift away from religion.

Our current year without any extraordinary expenses, predicts a loss of **\$15,000.**

We have to review all income avenues, as well, our operating expenses have to be thoroughly examined and trimmed where necessary.

We thank all who have supported the Planned Giving. Unless anyone is experiencing unforeseen difficulties, we ask you to please bring your pledge up to date.

If you are new to our parish and may not be part of our Planned Giving program, we encourage you, please, to contact our Parish office or any of the Finance Committee.

If some 'cannot contribute money' towards the 'Planned Giving' program, then maybe they could donate their time for nothing. For example; helping out in the Parish office, gardening or one of our Ministries etc. This will assist with Salaries and associated costs of operation.

We are all part of our church; we are all responsible for the viability and sustainability of our church so that it will have a presence for the generations to come.

If anyone requires any clarification on the above, or has any disagreement with any issue, please contact any person on the Parish Finance Committee.

Parish Finance Committee:

Fr Peter Hudson, Jill Coutts, Kath Robertson, Rodney Clarke, David Cox.

Sunday November 24th is the Feast of Christ the King, and ends the current Church Liturgical Year. On this day we will celebrate these:

Appreciation Sunday at 10.30am Mass, to show the parish's appreciation for your Liturgical Ministries and involvement in Parish life over the past 12 months. A cuppa and morning tea after.

Let us celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with our **combined Parish nationalities.** We are looking for our many cultural groups to carry a flag of their country of origin, to wear their national dress, and if you can to bring some national food for us to share.

Thank you.

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 1

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Second Reading: 2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not

given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Revelation 1:5, 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 20:27, 34-38

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him. Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Gospel Reflection – 32nd Sunday.**Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These are questions that have preoccupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as "not of the dead, but of the living." As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder this mystery of the bonds of love that persist, even after death, in unimagined and unimaginable way. Some Sadducees "who

say there is no resurrection" put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system. There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God's chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place between God and God's people). At the same time, there was room

for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs. Recently, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. She knew in her heart that her loved ones who have died are "alive to God", as the Lukan Jesus puts it. I also knew in my heart that the life she had generated and the love she had known and brought to others over the best part of a century continues is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that is sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in God, in hope of the resurrection, of the transformation of every being.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be

great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Choir End of Year Fellowship

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

CHURCH GARDEN WORKING BEE next Saturday 16th November at 10.30am. Bring along your gloves and gardening tools. For any information contact Bob on 0438 638 873

CATHOLIC MISSIONS
Collection to date \$608.10