



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 17th November 2019



PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Hudson

Parish Secretary: Anita Masiero

10 Roberts Avenue, Horsham 3400

PO Box 212, Horsham Vic 3402

Phone: 5382 1155. Fax: 5382 3016

horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

SCHOOLS

Ss Michael & John Primary

Principal: Andrea Cox

Phone: 5382 3000

St Brigid's College

Principal: Peter Gutteridge

Phone: 5382 3545

Our Lady Help of Christians

Principal: Cathy Grace

Phone: 5385 2526

Fr Richard Leonard SJ
will lead our Parish in a Mission from
next weekend November 23rd to
Wednesday 27th.

Fr Richard will lead our Masses next
weekend at Horsham and Murtoa.

On Monday November 25th,
Tuesday November 26th,
Wednesday November 27th,
Fr Richard will have two sessions:
Mass at 9am with a talk in the
Church after Mass.

Each night Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday there will be a talk in the
Parish Centre at 7pm.

On Monday November 25th
Fr Richard will have a day with the
Staff of our Schools at Parish Centre
from 10.30am.

*There will be a Collection at these
talks.*

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 Fr John and we
thank him for his ministry.



You are welcome
to these
Listening and
Discernment Sessions

**The theme of
Open to Conversation,
Renewal and Reform**

this Wednesday Nov 20th in the
Parish Meeting Room at 7.30pm
Led by Fr Peter

Planned Giving Envelopes
are now in the foyer.

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

We pray for those suffering
from the bushfires in NSW, Qld

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.**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
this Thursday November 21st at 5.30**
Please have your Reports to
Anita by Wednesday, thank you.

**Finance Meeting Wednesday 20th
at 12 noon.**

**St Vincent de Paul Mass for
Deceased Members on
Thursday at 9.30am.**
Cuppa after Mass in the Foyer.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST this
Thursday November 21st in the
Parish Centre from 7.30 to 8.30**
Fathers, sons, single men are
welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 19 Nov	5.30pm	Holy Souls intentions Mary Lawson
Wednesday 20 Nov	9.30am	Holy Souls intentions
Thursday 21 Nov	9.30am	Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary. St V de P Mass
Friday 22 Nov	9.30am	St Cecilia. Holy Souls intentions Lucille Pekin
Saturday 23 Nov	10 am	Jack Nevill, Tony Panozzo annivs.

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: Joan Lynch (Nhill), Tony Arundell (brother of Frs Dan and Kevin Arundell).

ANNIVERSARIES: Gavan Merrett, Barbara Pfeiffer, Kath Byrne, Diosma Chandler, David Marshall

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 4th Sunday of the Month
Feast of Christ the King 24th November 2019**

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

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 2.00pm**

**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.

CHOIR PRACTICE Second Wednesday in the Church 6pm.

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

Candle of Remembrance given at Masses on Saturday November 30th/Sunday December 1st 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 and vulnerable adults 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

16/17 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
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
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Angela Murphy
23/24 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Angela Murphy
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Plazzer Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton	Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Andrea Cox
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowley
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	24th November Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	1st December Pauline Barber Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Kate Hernon-Spasic

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 40.00	Murtoa	\$ 68.00
Horsham	\$ 926.00	Dimboola	\$ 71.00
Total			\$ 1105.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1347.00	Loose	\$ 334.55
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1681.55

Making Connections: This week, accept those things that you cannot change and change for the better those things that you can.

Daily Prayer: God of eternity, not in terror do we face an uncertain future, nor do we wait in idleness for your purpose to unfold, for your unfailing care embraces all time. Let each new day be for us a time to testify to the gospel. Let the day on which the sun of righteousness dawns find us bearing witness to your all-embracing love. Jesus Christ who was, who is and who is to come: your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Marriage Tip: Do you sometimes "beat around the bush" with your spouse rather than ask a direct question? Practice using tact and gentleness to ask a difficult question.

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
Dec 15th: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Dec 22: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30am
Nhill 5pm.
Dec 29: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 12.15pm. Nhill 1.30pm

Plenary Council

♦ **Theme : Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform** this Wednesday November 20th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Fr Peter

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

CWL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

at the Royal Hotel, on Tuesday December 3rd at 12pm. Cost \$20.00 per head. All Welcome. For bookings please contact Marina 5382 1047 or Frances 5382 1546 by 27th November.



SBC Year 12 Graduation Mass this Friday 22nd at 1pm in SMJ Church.

The whole School will attend Mass to farewell, pray for and congratulate the Year 12s. The Year 12s and their Families and SBC Staff will gather at Coughlin Park at 5.30 for a Graduation Meal.

Joan Lynch Funeral Mass Nhill Thursday 1pm.

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 Tirsia and Manuela if you are interested. We will have Training for you.

SBC SAC Meeting this Wednesday 20th at 7pm

Fr Damian is very grateful for the cards, best wishes and expressions of gratitude given to him last weekend and by the 60 people at the Dinner.

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 www.catholic.org.au/drought

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 254yrs old.

The Display will be in Nhill on Tuesday 3rd, and in the Horsham Parish Centre from Thursday 5th to Sunday December 8th. There is a Poster in the Foyer on the Display with times for viewing. These times will be on the Bulletin next weekend

At our Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday an Agenda item will be on Governance of our Schools and how it affects us as a Parish. From January 2021 the Victorian Government will only finance those institutions who are incorporated. For our Schools Bishop Paul Bird has set up DOBCEL - Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited - to run our Schools, to cover us in this law. There will be a Parish Meeting in early February 2020 with the Catholic Education Office, DOBCEL, our Parish Council and Finance Committee, to inform us of the process and format the new Governance of our Schools will take.

DIALDIALOGUE BEGINS WITH EMPATHY NOT CONTEMPT SAYS POPE FRANCIS. The Gospel must see people who do not know Christ as children of God and not as nonbelievers worthy of hostility and contempt. The example of St. Paul's mission in Greece and his encounter with the pagan culture there serves as a reminder that Christians should "create a bridge to dialogue" with other cultures. "Paul does not look at the city of Athens and the pagan world with hostility but with the eyes of faith," he said. "And this makes us question our way of looking at our cities: Do we observe them with indifference? With contempt? Or with the faith that recognizes children of God in the midst of the anonymous crowds?" "Paul observes the culture and environment of Athens that sees God dwelling in their homes, in their streets and squares." Ask the Holy Spirit to "teach us to build bridges with culture, with those who do not believe or with those who have a different creed from ours." "Let us ask him for the capacity to inculturate the message of faith, placing a contemplative gaze on those who are ignorant of Christ, moved by a love that warms even the most hardened hearts,"

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

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.

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord..

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalon 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to

imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

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.'

Gospel Reflection – 33rd Sunday.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Fifty years ago there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago there was no Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. Twenty years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments. In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. It functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship. It was also an

important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final advent. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict and persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time, the kairós, of God's visitation. Like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus commissioning

the disciples to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They don't have to worry about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own times, when the life of our planetary home is at stake, when the political systems we have trusted are so often manipulated by the greed of the few and when families are torn apart, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said,

'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he rtoday you will be with me in paradise.'

Kingsley Dalglish, currently at SBC, will be the new Principal at St Patrick's School, Nhill, in 2020. We congratulate Kingsley and thank him for accepting this position.



Congratulation and prayerful best wishes to

Cara McRae and Bill Hardy

on their Wedding at St Patrick's Church Stawell, on Saturday November 16th

No Natimuk Nursing Home Mass this Thursday 21st. It will be Thursday Nov 28th at 4pm