



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

13th Sunday Ordinary Time - 28th June 2020



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

- What was your immediate reaction to hearing or reading this passage?
- How do you imagine Jesus' original audience might have reacted to this teaching?
- When have you had to choose between conflicting priorities in your life?
- How might you 'offer a cup of water' and welcome a disciple who comes in an unlikely form?
- How might you discuss these 'hard teachings' of Jesus with a modern audience?
- How might a person's faith place them in conflict with their family?

20 people can attend any Mass.

For Saturday 6.30pm Mass and Sunday 9am and 10.30am Mass, you must still let us know you are coming. Please phone or leave a message at the Office 53821155, or on my mobile 0419323397.

We are still dispensed from our Sunday Mass Obligation (canon law 1248) if we can't make the 50 who can attend any Sunday Mass.

20 people can attend each Parish Mass.

Saturday 6.30 Mass.

Sunday Mass 9am and 10.30

This allows 60 to attend SMJ.

Dimboola Sunday July 5, 8.30am

Murtoa Saturday July 4, at 5pm.

SMJ Church will be opened each day from 9am - 5pm for private prayer.

Please enter and leave the Church, by the door near the Presbytery.

* You must sign in as you enter the Church: name, address, phone number.

* use hand sanitizer at the door as you enter and use again as you leave the Church.

The "4-square-metre rule" of physical distancing applies - you must remain at least 1.5m from all directions of anyone

When you visit the Church, please use the SPRAY bottle, supplied at the door, to spray the areas you sat in or touched. You need only spray.

Next Sunday is NAIDOC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

Our Parish Bulletin is online

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au select Horsham Parish, click on the yellow magnifying glass symbol, open Horsham below.

Anointing of the Sick and Individual Confession, on request to Fr Peter.

Funerals, 50 people can attend, we work with the Funeral homes

Pope Francis Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never let me be separated from You."

DOBCEL MEETING

The Chairperson, Tracey O'Neill and Ann Pekin will come to

Horsham this Thursday July 2nd at 7pm

in the Parish Centre

to meet with our PPC, Finance, representatives from our Schools' SAC's. This will inform us of what DOBCEL means and also we will know what buildings and land they require and what we as Parish keep. I will send a video etc to all Schools.

Saturday Devotions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am.

Rosary.

Morning Prayer of the Church

Mass 10.

Confessions 10.25

ONLINE MASSES: (Eucharistic Group Facebook page)

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm. Sunday Mass 9am & 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament THURSDAY 10-11

Tuesday 30th	5.30pm	Ellie Mooring, Sharan Keating annivs, Kevin Linane
Wednesday 1st		
Thursday 2nd	9.30am	
Friday 3rd	9.30am	St Thomas, Fred Webb anniv. India Feastday.
Saturday 4th	10am	USA Independence Day



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Recent Deaths: Kevin Linane (Ballarat), John Kennedy

Anniversaries: Fred Webb, Elsa McGennisken, Fr Patrick Dohan, Ellie Mooring, Sharan Keating, Norman Dunn, Nora Dunn, Michael Kennett, Jack Robertson, Gwen Robertson

Sick: Debbie Nolen, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Pat Craig, John McNamara, Elsie Thomas, Sr Tirsa Bale, Laurie Manserra, Doris McDonald, Angela Walsh, Kobe Davison

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 53821155

Livestreaming of Mass at SMJ

Church: For those on Facebook, who would like to watch Mass at SMJ Church online: A group page, set up by Sr Manuela, titled **"Eucharistic Group"**, which Parishioners are free to join. Click on the magnifying glass symbol at the top of your Facebook home page, type in "Eucharistic Group" into the search bar, tap the magnifying glass symbol again to search, and in the results you shall find one with the image above, tap into it and once loaded click 'Join' to receive updates.



Eucharistic Group
EUCHARISTIC GROUP - BIRMINGHAM

Finances: Thank you for those who have dropped in envelopes or who have gone online to our BSB or CDF Accounts for Planned Giving Program, Presbytery, Project Compassion, and Easter Dues. In these difficult times, with so many not having an income, anything you can give to any of these Collections, is gratefully received. **You can drop Envelopes or money into the Parish Office anytime: Office open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 12.30**

Collections

Presbytery: Horsham \$485.00
Murtoa \$87.95 Dimboola \$93.50
PG: Envelopes: \$1940.00
Direct Debit: \$430.00

**THANK
YOU**

If you wish to give via our Parish BSB Account :
BSB: 083 680 Account: 515830337
REF: Your Envelope number/surname or put
"Presbytery" for the plate collection.

Making Connections: Repeat this often as a mantra this week: *Lord, as you welcome me, may I be open to welcome others.*

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore.

Even though family relationships are vitally important, 'the first vocation of a Christian is to follow Christ'.

Marriage Tip: Be intentional about giving your spouse your undivided attention when you see each other after your daily duties. Set aside time to sit together and talk about the highs and lows of your days.

Daily Prayer: Let no earthly affection dissuade us, no inner fear deter us from taking up the cross and following Jesus, that by losing ourselves in sacrifice and service, we may find life and the reward promised to the righteous.

A Vocation View: Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

Be a reflection of what you'd like to receive. If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful. If you want respect, give respect. What you give out will return to you.

To help us pray Mass for 13th Sunday Yr A:

Collect O God, through the grace of adoption You chose us to be children of light, grant that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always stand in the light of truth.

Preface It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; you formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and for ever praise you in your mighty works.

Communion. Loving God, nourished here in Word and Sacrament, may we be mindful of our call to give generously to others, to be models of the generosity and hospitality of God to all of creation, so that the world may come together in unity to seek peace and justice for all peoples, and work to remove evils of poverty, hunger, malnutrition and homelessness.

Petitions

God's word today has taught us about how the grace of hospitality, the new life of baptism and courage in carrying our own cross, all draw us closer to Jesus Christ. That Pope Francis, successor to the Apostle Peter, will be filled with grace and sustained with good health, as the Church celebrates the Apostles, Peter and Paul on. That within our own faith and culture we will learn from other faiths and cultures how important and liberating it is to offer hospitality to the poor and the homeless, the stranger and the lonely, the sick and frightened. That every day Christians will value the new life which they received in baptism, so that by dying to the sins of selfishness, greed and violence, they will, in the Spirit, be thoughtful of others, generous in charity and peaceful in relationships.

For those in the world who suffer the evils of poverty including hunger, malnutrition and homelessness, that all of us may carry out the mission of hospitality that Jesus asks of us, That for the people of the land where Jesus lived, walked, died and rose, there will be opportunity, led by universal diplomacy, to secure border stability for Israel and Palestine, shared water resources, equal opportunities for living with dignity and freedom of movement.

That as the rates of Covid 19 infection continue to increase around the world, governments and citizens will continue to play their part in striving to halt its spread and assist those whose lives are affected by it.

That the DOBCEL Meeting this Thursday will guide our Parish in setting up the future direction of Catholic Education in our Diocese and Church.

We pray for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that they will find acceptance and joy in the communities around them and find Christ in the people who they meet on their journey.

We pray for those suffering all over the world that they may have the strength to pick up their cross and allow it to become glorious as they follow Jesus Christ.

That those who have died recently, John Kennedy and Kevin Linane, and through the COVID-19 virus will find peace in our one true God, and those whose anniversaries occurring now, Fred Webb, Elsa McGennisken, Fr Patrick Dohan, Ellie Mooring, Sharan Keating, Norman Dunn, Nora Dunn, Michael Kennett, Jack Robertson, Gwen Robertson, will be forever remembered.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES

July 5th: Murtoa Saturday July 4th 5pm.

Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.

July 12th: Murtoa Saturday July 11th 5pm.

Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.

July 19th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30. Nhill 5pm.

July 26th: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30. Nhill 5pm.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Vinnies like everyone, has been impacted by Covid-19. We have had to adapt our traditional ways of providing help to those who seek our assistance to meet both the government and SVdP directives. It is a testament to the

commitment and flexibility of our members that we have been able to continue to provide support to those in need. Many people have found themselves in the position of being unemployed. This leads to an increasing number of people reaching out to Vinnies for help.

This year's appeal will focus on the needs of Victorians who have been impacted by Covid-19.

You can donate to our appeal: **Please write your name and address on your own envelope for receipts to be issued. Go Online: vinnies.org.au to donate. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible**

Our Diocese in the time of the Spanish Influenza pandemic 1893-

Passages are taken from records
Masks for Church-goers: "As usual I went to Church- not many present. I suppose they were afraid of getting influenza. I did not see many people wearing masks. It was very hot and the choir did not sing. No Rosary or Benediction."

Church Closure: "All the churches were closed down today however I believe the Church of England intends having an open air service tonight."

Attendance at Mass: "Mass in the morning, well attended and most wore masks after being requested to do so last Sunday. Father was very cross with the six or seven who did not, and announced from the altar that he would not be allowed to celebrate Mass at all if everybody did not conform."

Community Reactions: "Another case of Influenza reported- he came back from Melbourne by train. Many locals have cut short their holidays and returned home due to the influenza raging in Melbourne. Police have been stationed on the borders. They will not allow anyone to pass into Victoria from NSW and vice versa. About thirty farmers were stranded there yesterday and their provisions were handed to them by police. Great inconvenience experienced by many people."

Extension of school holidays, closure of schools from February 18 to March 10, church services limited and restricted to 20 people. Bishop Foley issued an edict dispensing Catholics from the law of fast and abstinence during the epidemic

Feast of Sts Peter and Paul this Monday June 29.

These two men were flawed, both one-time deniers of Christ, Peter publicly disowning him at the time of the trial, Paul by persecuting his disciples, and they are crucial in the founding of the Church. The very celebration of them is testimony to the Church's mission to proclaim the good news of forgiveness in Jesus Christ, who looks past the wrong we have done. The message of mercy is most powerfully heard in Peter and Paul who remind us as a Church: not a community of the righteous perfect, but of repentant sinners.

Confirmation: Children of our Parish have received their booklets to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. Please keep the families in your prayers as they prepare 'at home' and at school. Dates for the Sacraments for SMJ Church will be announced when numbers who can attend are increased.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our Parish rejoices as we prepare for Reception into the Fullness of the Church our RCIA Candidates: Robert Fry, Maricel Mahmood, Maryann & Julia Kardogeros, Vince, Lance & Lander Rosello. *Please pray for our candidates.*

Enrolments for 2021 are now open for SMJ, OLHC, SBC, St Patrick's Nhill. Information Packs are available from each of the Schools or online. Each School also has their own Facebook Page.

Plenary Council Discernment Papers released

Six Discernment and Writing Groups, one each for the six national themes for discernment emerging from the Council's Listening and Dialogue phase. **Parishioners on line have them.** Here in the Diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of July we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS MISSIONARY & EVANGELISING? **'Mission'** is God's initiative and proceeds from the Trinity, whose love overflows in creation and redemption. The Word and Spirit are present and active in the unfolding of the universe and in all human history, as evidenced in the goodness and truth found in all cultures and societies. The incarnate Son of God through his life, ministry, death and resurrection revealed God to us and redeemed us in a unique and unsurpassable way through his paschal sacrifice. His **evangelising** activity gave birth to the Church which is the visible manifestation of the Gospel command to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:19). Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the Diocese in general. Look up jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au and visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page.

Copies of this Booklet are in the Church and Office.

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 & Tirsia.

Child Safety Standards. St Michael & John Parish has **Bob Pritchett and Jill McGennissen** are our Safeguarding Officers. 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.

Fr Richard Leonard will come to our Parish for an Advent Mission, from DECEMBER 5th to 9th 2020

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Gospel Reflection: SunAOrd13 Veronica Lawson rsm:

What price are we prepared to pay to create a just, equitable and healthy planetary community? That question is at the heart of today's gospel reading. That was, in essence, the question that Jesus of Nazareth put to his disciples and the question that Matthew put to his community some sixty years after Jesus' death. We seem to be at a turning point in world history, with a climate crisis, a pandemic that has claimed the lives of some 410,000 people and a new consciousness of the discrimination and violence experienced by people of colour. What price are we prepared to pay to change the way we live so that black lives matter to everyone without exception and so that we might meet the needs of everyone within the means of the planet? We might learn from the witness of the hundreds of medical professionals who have died from Covid-19 contracted from their patients. Last week, I spent time with the photos in the Guardian of some of these courageous people and read a list of their names. I wanted to drink in the spirit of generosity that permitted them to take up their respective "crosses" and lay down their lives for suffering others. Today's gospel reading brings to a close the so-called missionary discourse in which Jesus instructs his disciples on what it means to be a disciple. While some of the nuances of those instructions are lost in translation, Jesus' words to the disciples can still speak to us as contemporary

disciples. In following the way of Jesus and living the gospel of truth and justice and compassion, we can be faced with excruciating choices. We cannot always satisfy family if we want to be true to what we believe or if we want to expose injustice and dishonesty: there is often a deeper commitment that transcends the bonds of family relationship. We may even be called to relinquish, for the sake of a greater good, work that we love or income on which we depend. In other words, there is deep suffering in the way of discipleship, suffering that comes from being true to a mission that brings life to others despite the cost to ourselves. Taking up the cross is a powerful metaphor for being willing to endure whatever hardships are involved in realising the vision of God's empire as opposed to the brutal empire of "Rome". God's empire finds expression in our times in every attempt to enshrine just policies and practices in law. It finds expression in every attempt to free the most marginalised from the impact of unjust policies and practices. Words are not enough: we are to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life, a life characterised by hospitality or welcome and attention to the vulnerable. A cup of cold water for "the little ones" becomes the emblem of discipleship and in our post-industrial times the little ones include all God's thirsty creatures, human and other-than-human.

Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Taking Place This Week:

Monday - Feast of Saints Peter and Paul Apostles

Tuesday - The First Martyrs of the Roman Church
World Social Media Day

Friday- Saint Thomas. Indian Feastday.

Sunday - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Happy School Holidays! We offer our prayers and best wishes to those people who are enjoying school holidays in these unusual times. We hope we shall all be able to observe the proper protocols for avoiding the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Blessings on VCE students and their study/holiday