



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

14th Sunday Ordinary Time - 5th July 2020



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Parish Social Profile from the 2016 Census

Horsham: total populatn 22,834
Catholic Population: 3,782
(16.6% of pop).
Median age of Catholics is 45
Catholic Families is 1476.
(1548 in the 2011 census).
Catholics live alone 466.
Catholics born overseas 327.
Catholics attending Catholic
Schools 56.5%. (2011: 52.1%)

Friends would be happy to know
Fr Pat Flanagan will be ordained
60 years on 24th July. Address is
9/1 Fitzroy Ave, Red Cliffs, 3496.

Fr Robert McCulloch is 50yrs
ordained on July 4th. Address:
Collegio S. Co' lombano,
Corso Trieste, 57. 00198 Roma

End of Financial Year

Average giving per week: \$2335.
We have received \$117,131.
Plus Sundry Income \$7672.

THANK-YOU.

This pays for the Parish operating costs, supports Parish and Diocesan Levies and services, the Mission of the Church locally and globally. We welcome new contributors preferably by Direct Debit to CDF or by envelopes for the new Financial year 2020-2021. **Please see Camille in the Office Monday to Friday 8.30am to 12.30**

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 0419323397.

We are still dispensed from our Sunday Mass Obligation (canon law 1248) if we can't make the 20 who can attend any Sunday Mass.

20 people can attend each Parish Mass, plus Ministries

Saturday 6.30 Mass.

Sunday Mass 9am and 10.30

This allows 60 plus to attend SMJ.

Dimboola Sunday July 12, 8.30a

Murtoa Saturday July 11, 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 not from your house.

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.

Baptisms will recommence from now.

Happy birthday to Camille del Castillo today Sunday. Thank you for your work as our Parish Secretary, and to Anita doing finance

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 7th	No Mass	Blessed Peter To Rot
Wednesday 8	5.30pm	St Maria Goretti. Egidio Plazzer anniv.
Thursday 9th	9.30am	Ailsa Swalwell, Lydia Ward, John Maher.
Friday 10th	9.30am	Marion Hudson, Liam Scott, James Doyle anniv.
Saturday 11th	10am	St Benedict

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."

Prayer for Reconciliation

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion. Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility. In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other. Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one. *(Reconciliation prayer was written by Aboriginal Elders and Church staff members in 2014.)*

Saturday Devotions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am.
Rosary.
Morning Prayer of the Church.
Mass 10.
Confessions 10.25

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Recent Deaths: Ailsa Swalwell (Geelong), Dr Denis Quinn, Hayley Pattimore (Wales), Lydia Ward

Anniversaries: Andree Coutts, Margaret Keegan, John Maher, Kevin Gaylor, Liam Scott, Marion Hudson, James Doyle, Egidio Plazzer.

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

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
PRAYERS P. 21 21/08/2020

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 \$509.00

Murtoa \$139.70 Dimboola \$36.70

PG: Envelopes: \$2388.00

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.

THANK YOU

Making Connections: In your life, within you family or workplace, do you know someone who is burdened and weighed down by cares and concerns? Can you find ways to ease that burden this week?

Marriage Tip: Pope Francis says that “I’m sorry” is a phrase husbands and wives should say often. If it’s hard for you to say “I’m sorry,” or to offer forgiveness, pray for a softened heart.

Daily Prayer: Set our hearts free from every burden of pretension and refresh our weary souls with the teaching of Christ, that with him we may shoulder the gentle yolk of the cross, and proclaim to everyone the joy that comes from you.

A Vocation View: Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

“We must always remind ourselves that we are pilgrims until we arrive at our heavenly homeland”

Terry and Angela Walsh and family are deeply grateful for the care, visits, food, flowers and gifts from parish friends.

To help us pray Mass for 14th Sunday Yr A

Gloria Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Intercessions: For the Bishops of Australia, that their leadership, by working together in the Spirit, will help shape our Church as a faithful, inclusive, understanding and compassionate community.

For the First Nation People of Australia, that by receiving respect from all in Australia, their spiritual, human, emotional cultural and economical needs will be met.

For this nation, the Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit, that working ‘Together in the Spirit’ every heart will be converted so that justice and mercy shape holiness in believers, decisions by governments, ethic in business, truth through education, and courtesy among citizens.

For all who are weary in life and feel overburdened by the pressures caused through Covid 19, that we will all play our part in supporting each other with gentle and humble hearts, after the example of Jesus Christ.

For the land made holy by the earthly life of Jesus, his sacrifice and resurrection, that the rights of the Israeli and Palestinian people, and those of Jewish, Muslim and Christian faith, will be upheld by everyone.

For Ailsa Swalwell, Hayley Pattimore, Lydia Ward, Dr Denis Quinn who died recently, for the First Nation People of Australia who died following European settlement, and through deaths in custody, that they may find rest for their souls in the mercy of Jesus. We remember Andree Coutts, John Maher, Margaret Keegan, Kevin Gaylor, Liam Scott, Marion Hudson, James Doyle, anniversaries

CREED. I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Preface (Ordinary Time II) 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. Out of compassion for our waywardness, Jesus humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending death, by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal. Without end we acclaim:

‘MY YOKE IS EASY.’ During the Vietnam war a soldier saw a boy carrying a child on his back. ‘He must be heavy,’ the soldier remarked. ‘He’s not heavy,’ the boy replied, ‘he’s my brother.’ May we experience the yoke of Jesus as light and easy. Serving others, living the Gospel can be burdensome but it brings freedom and joy to our hearts and rest for our souls.

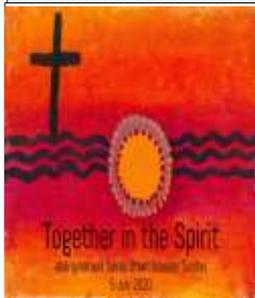
COUNTRY MASS TIMES

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.



TODAY NAIDOC WEEK Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

Many activities postponed to
8-15 November

A national Mass **today 11.30**
livestreamed from St Francis
Xavier's Cathedral Adelaide to
celebrate NAIDOC. Resource

booklet <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2020-atsi-sunday.html?CFID=13023777&CFTOKEN=f0d55cf2e4117806-4E5E27F4-C06C-53FE-02523E7207FBE5F7>

Acknowledgment of Country:

We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land in which we thrive upon; the Wotjbaluk, Wergaia, Jupagalk, Jaadwa and Jadawadjali people. We aim to continue to recognise the important and ongoing place that all indigenous people hold within our communities, and wish to pay respect to the Elders, both past and at present.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TRANSFER TO DOBCEL:

On this weekend as we hear Jesus thanking God for the wisdom revealed to children, we pray for SMJ, OLHC, St Patrick's Schools and SBC as they prepare for their governance to be transferred from Priests and Parish to Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL) from January 1, 2021, to govern all Catholic schools. We had a good Meeting with Stephen McArdle and Terry Harney of DOBCEL on Thursday, many questions answered and encouragement for us all. Before he signs the DOBCEL agreement Fr Peter will meet with Principals and PPC to discuss it.



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 com-

mitment 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. 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

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

Pledge Period	Giver Count	Pledge Amount	Giving Amount	Giving per Week	Giving %
Week	85	\$32,564.00	\$24,809.90	\$800.32	76.19%
Fortnight	12	\$4,940.00	\$3,228.00	\$104.13	65.34%
Month	86	\$32,869.81	\$25,454.19	\$821.10	77.44%
Quarter	17	\$5,965.00	\$4,735.00	\$152.74	79.38%
Half Year	13	\$7,860.00	\$3,960.00	\$127.74	50.38%
Year	62	\$23,271.00	\$9,482.00	\$305.87	40.75%
None	4	\$729.34	\$729.34	\$23.53	100.00%
Total:	279	\$108,199.15	\$72,398.43	\$2,335.43	66.91%

Above is a summary of our Planned Giving Program for the last Financial Year. We last renewed our Program in 2015. Now is not a good time to renew it. Thank you to all who are giving by envelopes, Direct Debit or loose money. The Finance Committee will meet on July 15th.

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.*

Plenary Council Discernment Papers released

Here in the Diocese, 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 our parish and the Diocese. Look up jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au and visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page.

Copies of Booklet 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. Ss 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.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual,

since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

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.'

Gospel Reflection: SunAOrd14 Veronica Lawson rsm:

Today's gospel begins with Jesus' prayer of thanksgiving to God. The verb "to thank" in this instance has connotations of blessing. In this prayer of blessing or thanksgiving, Jesus contrasts those who consider themselves wise and intelligent with the truly wise ones, the "little ones" who know the daily struggle to survive, those to whom the secrets of God's empire have been revealed. That which affirms acquisition of wealth is far removed from the gospel preached by Jesus of Nazareth and proclaimed in Matthew's. God's ways turn human expectations upside down. The final verses of today's gospel are among the best known and best loved in all of the gospel tradition. "Come to me...and I will give you rest" is a lovely invitation. It is issued to those who are weary and burdened, and that includes most of us at some time or another. We might hear it spoken to all who are working tirelessly to address the effects of Covid-19. We might equally hear it as addressed to African Americans and First Peoples of Australia who are weary and burdened by waiting for justice. The "rest" that Jesus offers is God's rest. It is not just relief from drudgery and hard work. In the biblical tradition, rest is shabbat. It is freedom from any sort of enslavement, to remember God's goodness in creation. Rest time or shabbat is about making a space to contemplate the

wonder of the galaxies, the wonder of life in all its forms and all its potentialities. God's rest restores life to our wearied spirits. It frees us to open ourselves to ever new possibilities and to be there for others. Spending a little time each day with a poem or a beautiful painting can be an experience of entering into God's rest. "Take my yoke upon you" is Jesus' further invitation. Later in this gospel, the same verb will be used when Jesus tells his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them take up their cross and follow me." The "yoke" of Jesus, the cross that he will take up, and the cross that his disciples are invited to bear are all of a piece. A yoke is a cross-beam or cross-bar. Jesus will carry his cross-beam to execution. Disciples, in their turn, will carry their cross-beams, figuratively. They will not be weighed down or burdened by this prospect for the "yoke" of which Jesus speaks is easy and the burden is light. How can this be? The answer lies in the final invitation: "Learn of me, for I am gentle and humble of heart." In Matthew, the gentle are the blessed. There is nothing weak about the gentle ("meek" is not a helpful translation). The non-violent methods of the gentle are more effective in restoring creation than the violent who present themselves as "wise and intelligent". God's "rest" is the source of their power and ours.

Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or

understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is hears the word and understands it; who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now