



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

18th Sunday Ordinary Time - 2nd August 2020



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We pray with and for St Brigid's College in lockdown until this Friday August 7th. SMJ School is affected through SBC family members at our School. Andrea Cox, like Peter Gutteridge, is working closely with all relevant Authorities.

May the quite fire of God's love arise within you. May its flames of joy and peace enlighten your steps in this world. May you be the presence of God for each other, the holy healing light of love, the breath of God made manifest in you.

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 those involved in Ministries

Saturday 6.30 Mass.

Sunday Mass 9am and 10.30

This allows 60 plus to attend SMJ.

Dimboola Sunday August 9, 8.30a
Murtoa Saturday August 8, 5pm

* **SMJ Church will be opened each day 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.

You must remain at least 1.5m from all directions of anyone not from your house
++ Please wear a mask to, inside the Church and always when outside.

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.

"Tell me what you are busy about and I will tell you what you are." The Maritime World We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their

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

Planned Giving Program Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card holders

We need to order new PGP Envelopes.

We ask you these Questions:
Do you wish to continue using envelopes? (If you do, no need to inform us).

Do you want to change to Direct Debit through the Diocesan Finance Office?

Do you want to continue using the Direct Debit method of giving?

Do you want to start the Credit Card method of Giving, or to continue to use it?

If you want to use the Direct Debit method of Giving, we need you to come to the Office to sign the Form for this.

Apart from those new to Direct Debit who need to come to the Office to sign a Form, we ask the rest of you, our treasured Givers, to **let Camille know at the Office 53821155, her hours Monday to Friday 8.30 to 12.30**, if you want to change your method of giving, or alter the amount. Thank you.

PGP pays for the Parish operating costs, Parish and Diocesan Levies, the Mission of the Church locally and globally. We welcome new contributors by Direct Debit to CDF or Credit Card or envelopes for Financial year 2020-2021.

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 4th	5.30	Lou Sartori anniv. St John Vianney. Veronica Butler anniv.
Wednesday 5	9.30	Dedication of St Mary Major Church Toni Besselar, Mac Honeyman
Thursday 6th	9.30	The Transfiguration of the Lord. Fran Morris
Friday 7th	9.30	Bartley Diver, Dirk Agee, George Morrison
Saturday 8th	10am	St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

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: Pat 'Bunny' O'Connor

Anniversaries: Des O'Callaghan, Lou Sartori, Toni Besselar, Mac Honeyman, Bill Harrison, Kathleen Byrne, Fran Morris, Dirk Agee, Bartley Diver, George Morrison, Veronica Butler, Richard Omant.

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, Doris McDonald, Angela Walsh, Kobe Davison, Shane Kennedy, Norm Griffin, Rick Burchell

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 53821155

Meditation Group: Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.

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'.



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 any-time: Office open**

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 12.30

Collections:

Presbytery: Horsham \$560.15

Murtoa \$110.30. Dimboola \$86.55

Planned Giving: Envelopes: \$662.10

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: Go to a 'deserted place' where you can be alone for a short time. Experience there your own inner hunger and contemplate what it is that satisfies you. Practice this for a short period each day.

Marriage Tip: Are there circumstances in your life that are inhibiting your relationship with your beloved? These could be serious like addictions or simple like focusing more on your phone than your spouse. Recognize what stands between you and your spouse and "throw them away." "When all else fails, WAIT. When things aren't going well – and there are bound to be those days – give it time. Sometimes we need to just cool off, sleep on it and then come back with more positive feelings."

Daily Prayer: Let us, like the first disciples, entrust what little we have into the hands of the compassionate Jesus, knowing that, whenever we assemble, he will take, bless, break and give the bread of life in abundance for us to share joyfully with all.

A Vocation View: If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today?

Proverb: "A great way to find out what you want from life is to write your own epitaph."

To help us pray Mass for 18th 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: Cel: Knowing that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus, we offer our Prayers.

That Pope Francis will hold the Church together in Charity as in every place the prayer life and pastoral care of each community is reshaped because of the pandemic That as we prepare for our Australian National Vocations Awareness Week, we will pay attention and listen to God's word, so that whatever they do in life will be to God's glory and the care of others.

That during this COVID-19 pandemic nations and groups will put down their weapons and give peace a chance.

That in those places and in those families where hunger has become an intensified issue due to poverty and unemployment, the world and nations, Churches and neighbourhoods, will share their bread as did Jesus long ago.

That as we enter National Homelessness Week, National Missing Persons Week and Anxiety Disorders Week, we will be sensitive to the complex and inter-related issues which bring much suffering to individuals and communities.

That our Schools will be safe from the virus.

That Pat O'Connor, who died recently, and all our dead will sit at the heavenly banquet where they will never be hungry again, for they will live in the presence of Jesus, the Bread of Life. We pray for Des O'Callaghan, Lou Sartori, Toni Besselar, Mac Honeyman, Bill Harrison, Kathleen Byrne, Fran Morris, Dirk Agee, Bartley Diver, George Morrison, Veronica Butler, Richard Omant, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Celebrant: Lord, ever kind and full of compassion, open wide your hands and feed the spiritual hunger of people, accompany them on their journey, and be close to everyone who calls on your name.

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.

Words of Wisdom- GK Chesterton 'I doubt if anyone of any tenderness or imagination can see the hand of a child and not be a little frightened of it. It is awful to think of the essential human energy moving so tiny a thing; it is like imagining that human nature could live in the wing of a butterfly or the leaf of a tree. When we look upon lives so human and yet so small, we feel the same kind of obligation to these creatures that [God] might feel.'

COUNTRY MASS TIMES

August 9: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10. Murtoa Sat 8th 5pm
August 16: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10. Murtoa Sat 15th 5pm
August 23: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10. Murtoa Sat 22nd, 5pm



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Vinnies like everyone, is impacted by Covid-19, adapting our ways of providing help to those who seek assistance, to meet government and SVdP Covid directives. Many people have found themselves in the position of being unemployed. 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 \$2 and over are tax deductible.**

14 Day Retreat: A retreat for a time of isolation: Prepared by staff of Jesuit Communications with daily readings and reflections. Enrol contact: www.pray.com.au/with-jesusin-the-desert-a-retreat-for-a-time-of-isolation

St Ignatius of Loyola Examen Prayer, which Ignatius asked Jesuits to pray twice daily, is a practice of discernment. It helps us to cultivate awareness of God's action in us and in our world, and to pay attention to our response. **Here is a way to pray the examen:**

Gratitude: I give thanks to God for . . .

Insight: I ask the Holy Spirit for insight into myself and the world . . .

Reflecting: I review events of the day, my behaviour, and notice my feelings . . .

Noticing: I see what needs healing and ask God for Forgiveness....

Looking forward: I name the action I feel called to now, and I ask for God's help...

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (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.

Child Safety Standards. Ss Michael & John Parish has **Bob Pritchett and Jill McGennisken** 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.

From midnight tonight, Sunday 2nd, we must wear a mask when outside our home. That means we wear them to and inside the Church. Signing, sanitizing, continues. If you have a cough, cold, short of breath do not come to Church. Readers, coming to Communion, pull it down.

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

This week is National Homelessness Week, National Missing Persons Week and Anxiety Disorders Week.

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.

Pope Francis Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

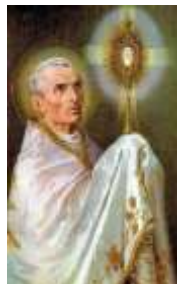
"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly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

"Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs (Proverbs 10:12).

A smile is the shortest distance between two people

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as single people. During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live your own vocation more deeply. We also pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We all have a vocation. Vocation comes from the Latin *vocare, to call*. God calls each one of us to holiness, being called to love God and others. Someone's specific vocation is the particular path or the unique specific way that he or she is called to follow Christ, to be more like him, with our own personality, gifts, talents and characteristics, weaknesses and circumstances. Following God's call is not about becoming someone that we are not, but about become more fully the ones He created us to be. How am I called to love others, making God's love present in the world?



St Peter Julian Eymard, Blessed Sacraments August 2nd



St Alphonsus Ligouri, the Redemptorists August 1st



St Dominic, Dominicans August 3rd.



St John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests



The Transfiguration August 6th



St Ignatius Loyola the Jesuits July 31st



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop the Josephites August 8th

May the quite fire of God's love arise within you. May its flames of joy and peace enlighten your steps in this world. And may you be like the burning bush.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us:he answers all our needs
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. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us:he answers all our needs

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life,

no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full, Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Gospel Reflection: SunAOrd18 Veronica Lawson rsm:

According to the most recent International Food Policy Research Institute (IFRI) Report, the number of people living in extreme poverty has fallen below ten percent of the global population for the first time in history, down from nineteen per cent in 1990. The same figures hold for the undernourished in our world. Encouraging as the improved statistics may be, it is still a fact that almost three quarters of a billion people have less than \$US1.90 per day to meet all their basic needs for food, shelter and security and this situation has been seriously exacerbated by the outbreak of Covid-19. It is difficult in our affluent society to imagine the plight of so many in the war-torn countries of our world or to get inside the desperation of parents watching their children die from starvation. According to research conducted by Footprint Melbourne, Melburnians waste enough food annually to feed two million people at a cost of \$3.5 million. That may be changing in these times of pandemic and somewhat heightened awareness of the suffering of those on the edge.. What has this to do with our gospel reflection? In the first reading from Isaiah, God tells the "thirsty": "Listen and delight in rich food.... Incline your ear, and come to me; listen that you may live". The gospel reading from Matthew tells a story of hungry people "hearing", following Jesus, and enjoying an abundance of life-sustaining food. In other words, Matthew

presents Jesus as the one who makes the Isaian dream a reality for those who hunger and thirst both literally and figuratively. The passage echoes key aspects of Israel's history. Jesus retreats to a "desert" place, recalling the experience of God's people in the wilderness of Sinai. Those who follow Jesus find life-restoring food in the desert, evoking the manna that God provided for the hungry in the Sinai desert. Jesus has compassion for people struggling with disease and thirsting for the means to live. In biblical terms, compassion is always accompanied by action for restorative justice. Jesus heals the sick and creates a structure for the sharing of resources. Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples offer a simple solution: "Send them away." Sending the desperate away is a travesty of gospel compassion in a way of life that claims Eucharist as its central tenet. It has, sadly, been part of our national response to many hungering and thirsting for life and security. Jesus refuses such a solution and invites his disciples instead to take some personal responsibility for the situation. The gospel invites us as contemporary disciples to attend to food security in our world and to address ways of meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of eliminating poverty and hunger by 2030. Informing ourselves on the issues might be one place to begin. Another might be to check supplies before shopping for more food than we need.

Next Week's Gospel: SunAOrd19: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of

little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Australian Bishops' National Catholic Men's Gathering

is offered as an online event for registered participants on Saturday AUGUST 15th. **Our MEN'S GROUP will participate in the Parish Meeting Room. You are welcome to join us from 10am. Chris Robarts has registered us. This is a free event**

90 Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to LIVIO APPOLONI on his 90th birthday today Sunday August 2nd. Enjoy with Angela, John and family.