



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola–Murtoa–Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time - 30th August 2020



TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

Social Justice Statement is now on the last Sunday of AUGUST, today.

Titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today.

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the mental health of members of parishes, schools, communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Statement encourages us to all reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for the policies and service marginalised members of our community. Parishes are places of acceptance care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment or stigma. **For those of you who receive the Bulletin on line you have a copy of the Statement. Copies at the Parish Office.**

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Bishop Paul Bird has informed Fr Peter that the Diocese will not be renewing the agreement we have with the Baptistine Sisters for Sr Manuela and Sr Tirsa.

When the current agreement concludes on October 6th, Sr Manuela will return to the Philippines.

It was with deep sadness I told this to the Parish Council Meeting. Bishop Paul said their visa required that we support them with full-time positions. The Diocese will not be able to continue this agreement. Bishop Paul writes: *"I am very grateful to you and to the Horsham Parish Community for the welcome you have given to the Sisters. Your personal encouragement and that of parishioners has been important for Sr Tirsa and Sr Manuela in their service as a Baptistine community in our midst. Sadly, we will not be able to sustain positions for the Sisters beyond the present agreement. After Sr Tirsa needed to return to the Philippines for health reasons, Sr Manuela has done very well to life without a Baptistine companion."*

May the current pandemic restrictions be lifted enough for us to have a fitting farewell to Sr Manuela. I thank Manuela for all she does.

Child Protection Sunday 13th September.
Annual Good Friday Collection: now Sunday
September 20th the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.**
(At this time, there will be No public Masses.)

ONLINE MASSES: (Eucharistic Group Facebook page)
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm. Sunday Mass 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament WEDNESDAY 10-11

Tuesday 1st	5.30	Frank Lloyd, Alec Smith, Princess Dianna.
Wednesday 2	9.30	Ann Reinsma anniv.
Thursday 3rd	9.30	St Gregory the Great. Helen Brennan anniv
Friday 4th	9.30	Enid Matheson anniv. Ivan Keenan anniv.
Saturday 5th	—	No 10am Mass, Mass 6.30pm tonight

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, 10 people can attend, we work with the Funeral homes

Our Churches are closed to visits and public Mass until September 13th.

Mass online at these times:
Saturday 6.30pm.
Sunday 10.30am.

Tuesday 5.30pm.
Wednesday 9.30am.
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am.



Eucharistic Group

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'.

We must wear a mask when outside our home.

Camille's Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 8.30am -12.30pm

Staying Connected.

A phone call, text message, email, dropping off food. Thank you to those who bring food to me, to Sr Nonny

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Recent Deaths: Alice McKinnon (Terang, Leo's mother), Michael Maher

Anniversaries: Rocco Carbone, Veronica Bouts, Helen Brennan, Ann Reinsma, Frank Lloyd, Princess Dianna, Alec Smith, Peter Menz, Enid Matheson, Ivan Keenan

Sick: Debbie Nolen, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, 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

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 - 12.30

Collections:

Presbytery (plate): \$135.00

Planned Giving Envelopes: \$220.00

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: The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us immediately of the death of Jesus through which he won eternal life but it also reminds us of our own struggles and sufferings. 'We all have our own cross to bear'. St Rose of Lima, a young South American saint of the 17th century, said, 'Apart from the cross there is no ladder to heaven'. Do you know others who are burdened by a cross at the moment? Try to lift a burden this week.

Did you Know?: The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Sunday's Gospel speaks that rock becomes a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

Marriage Tip: Technology and media are useful for connecting and inspiration but they can also rob you of precious couple time. Set family rules and stick to them.

Daily Prayer: Not by power and popularity, O God, but in suffering and self-sacrifice did Jesus fulfil his call as our Messiah, showing us the cost of discipleship. Do not let us stumble at so daunting a prospect, nor set our minds on the human wisdom that seeks an easier way; let us deny self take up our cross, follow with courage where Jesus leads.

A Vocation View: Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation will be in Term 4. We will complete Reconciliations then.



On Tuesday we welcome Spring, may we all spring into this season after the very cold of Winter. Thank you, God, for the rain we have had, may we get good Spring rains to bring on crops.



To help us pray Mass for 22nd 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: Reflecting upon God's mercy we offer our lives in union with Jesus' sacrifice in the Eucharist. For Pope Francis, that his word of peace and of mercy, will help transform our world into God's kingdom.

For Bishop Paul, our Priests and Diocese, that the word of God may be like a fire burning in our hearts.

For the people of Belarus, and other troubled world nations, that political stability and the progress of her citizens will unfold peacefully.

For our fellow Christians who endure the cross of persecution and continuous harassment because of their faith in Jesus, that they will find in him the grace to persevere. For those in aged care across the nation, that they will receive increased protection from the COVID-19 virus and live with peaceful hearts.

For Alice McKinnon and for those who have died of COVID-19 and all of our departed parishioners and relatives, that they will enter God's glory, each being rewarded for their behaviour. We remember Helen Brennan, Ann Reinsma, Frank Lloyd, Princess Dianna, Alec Smith, Peter Menz, Enid Matheson, Ivan Keenan, Rocco Carbone, Veronica Bouts, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

That St Monica who prayed daily for her husband and son, Augustine, grant to all parents courage, perseverance and faith for their troubled relationships and for their children caught up in any way with addictions, hurts and waywardness from the faith.

Cel: In the midst of life's weary situation we thirst for you, long for your strength, and praise you with joy.

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.

+ Condolences to Leo McKinnon on the death of his mother Alice in Terang aged 92.

Mercy Sisters Prayer : God of Compassion, help us during this time of isolation, fear and uncertainty. Give us the courage to remain faithful and strong. Guide us to the people and tasks neglected by our busyness. Allow this time, gifted to us by staying home, to be used to form stronger relationships and connections with our families, friends, communities and the Earth. Through our physical distance may we find new ways to act in love, solidarity and unity as we journey together in hope and faith. Amen.



ALL PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COUNTRY AND HORSHAM ARE CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13TH.

Online training - For people working with Children and Young People in church communities. This is a free online training opportunity for people who work with children in church communities. On Thursday 10th September at 5:00pm. For an 90 minute online workshop on staying connected and practising ministry safely online during COVID 19. This workshop is designed for people working with Children and Young People in church communities. Workshop presentations from : Liana Buchanan-Victoria's Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People; Linda Franco -Senior Policy Advisor, Professional Standards Unit Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne; Mathew Pendle- Family and Children's Worker in the Uniting Church in Melbourne Amanda Lincke - Child safe Consultant for the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. Book at: www.trybooking.com/BKZSO

Cancellation of Chrism Mass for 2020. Bishop Paul has cancelled the Chrism Mass, on September 21st, due to the coronavirus restrictions which do not allow for large gatherings. We pray the Mass can be Monday of Holy Week in 2021.

Links to Mass online:
St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne: 1pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available, with the 11.00am Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand. <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
Pope Francis' daily Mass: Pope Francis' daily Masses are available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. Watch here <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casasanta-marta.pagelist.html> or shalomworld.org/dailymass
Mass for You at Home: Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html>; <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>
St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily at 10am on St Patrick's Cathedral facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9>
CathNews YouTube Channel: Daily Mass on Demand.
Mass with Bishop Shane Mackinlay: Sunday Mass streamed from St Kilian's Parish Bendigo on their website
EWTN Global Catholic Network: Daily Catholic Mass [here](#).

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

Springtime Prayer - Dear God, We rejoice and give thanks for Spring, for bees, for people tending their gardens, animals, cleaning, for the rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth, thank you for flowers, trees, crops, for farmers and forests, for friends and carers, for emergency services in this virus time.

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."

 **SEASON OF CREATION** **Season of Creation 1st September to October 4th the Feast of St Francis of Assisi**
The theme for Season of Creation 2020 is "Jubilee for the Earth" in which we are invited to consider the integral relationship between the rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living, the need for just and sustainable systems revealed this year by the global COVID reflect and further act on the urgency of the situation of our world today and act for future generations with local to national responses. Liturgically, we celebrate remembering God's action in prayer. Liturgical resources: www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/educational-catholic-season-of-creation-sundays- Season of Creation and Resource, <https://seasonofcreation.org/celebration>

National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon explosion in Beirut on 4th August. The Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. To make a donation: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon. **Please leave donations marked 'Lebanon' at the Parish Office anytime, thank you.**

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.



1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: "Violence and ruin!" The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering

your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Acclamation: cf Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Gospel Reflection: SunAOrd22 Veronica Lawson rsm:

We all know people in leadership who take themselves a bit too seriously. Some confuse their role or title with their significance in the scheme of things. Some look for privilege and an easy life, forgetting that leadership of anything worthwhile involves hard work, misunderstanding, and invariably brings opposition. The first part of today's gospel story presents Peter, who has just been declared the foundation rock of the church and given the "keys" of the kingdom or empire of the heavens, refusing to accept that Jesus' mission will involve suffering, even death. The reader is confronted in this story with the expansive rock face at Caesarea Philippi and invited to consider the friable properties of the seemingly indestructible rock. Even rocks can be reduced to sand or gravel and a humbler mode of being. For all its seriousness, there is something quite comical about this story. Peter actually censures or reprimands Jesus. Jesus then sets him straight in no uncertain terms. The "rock" becomes the leader of the opposition, a serious obstacle to God's purposes, a stumbling block. He is ordered back to the place where disciples properly belong, namely "behind" Jesus, "following" him. Matthew provides a striking contrast in this section of the gospel between Peter who "rebukes" Jesus and Justina, the Canaanite woman, who respectfully and persistently implores

Jesus to see from a new perspective. Peter receives a decisive rebuttal, while the woman's plea is heard and she is praised for her great faith. Peter's impetuous outburst provides the trigger for Jesus to invite his disciples to think about what they really want. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus is the teacher and the disciples are the students who have accepted the invitation to follow him. That means living out in their lives the pattern of his life. If they really want to be his followers, then they have to embrace the pain involved in his relentless program of teaching and of healing the sick and brokenhearted. They will also share the "glory". If they choose to put their own interests first, then they will surely lose themselves. It is ultimately a question of choosing life. Peter forgets this for a while and has to be reminded to be true to what he has previously professed. He is not very different from the rest of us. We too need to rethink our choices and to reorder our priorities from time to time if we want to find life. September 1 is the World Day of Prayer for Creation and our church, along with many churches, is celebrating September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) as a Season of Creation. At a time when life on our planet is seriously endangered, we might attend more closely to the urgent gospel challenge of living in ways that help to sustain the life of the Earth. We bring those most affected by Covid-19 and we pray to live in right relationship with all that is.

Next Week's Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Virtual Gathering for Prayer for the Covid virus. Victorian Council of Churches and Christian leaders have felt a need to stand together to uphold our State, government, frontline health workers, communities and one another as we work our way through this time of restrictions and uncertainty. **Stand Together in a virtual gathering at 2pm today Sunday 30th** book.com/viccouncilchurches

*A Prayer in Isolation and our loved ones away from us.
God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid of isolation, in their loneliness be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness be their light; through Jesus who suffered alone on the Cross, but reigns with you in glory.*