



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

All Saints/Souls Day - 1st November 2020



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Fr Richard Leonard will come to our Parish for an Advent Mission this year DECEMBER 5th to 9th

Planned Giving Program 2021. For those doing their pledge via cash, new envelopes are available for pick up at the Church. Church open Tuesday to Friday for private prayer from 9am to 5pm.

Melbourne Cup holiday on Tuesday: All Schools have the Cup holiday.

Monday: No classes for SMJ and OLHC. School for SBC on Monday. Fr Peter with SBC Yr 9 Retreat on Wednesday, Thursday

Parish Bulletin is online www.ballarat.catholic.org.au select Horsham Parish, click the yellow magnifying glass symbol, open Horsham which appears below. **Anointing of the Sick and Individual Confession, on request to Fr Peter.**

Horsham Parish will be merged with Nhill, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Parishes into one Ministry District. From January 15th 2021, in the first 6 months of 2021, Monsignor Murphy will prepare our Parishes for the canonical transfer into the new Ministry District. To help our Parishes to prepare for this, myself and Monsignor Glynn Murphy, **will meet with Horsham Parishioners, this Friday November 6th, in the Parish Centre from 6pm to 7.30pm.**

20 Parishioners can attend. Please inform Camille in the Office on 53821155 if you are coming, or leave a message.

There will be a booklet presented to guide you

Covid Safe Plans for coming to Mass or Church include:

- Face masks must be worn. Legal requirements apply to these
- Social distancing is adhered to: 4 meter square rule.
- Names, contact numbers, **time attended, MUST** be recorded.
- Maximum number of people permitted: **20** plus faith leader.
- Hand sanitiser provided. Cleaning/Sanitising protocol displayed.
- Reminder if people are sick or unwell do not attend, get tested
- To attend 6.30pm, Sunday 9 and 10.30 Masses, please book in at the Office 53821155, leave a message or phone 0419323397
- If more than 20 turn up I will ask those who didn't book, to leave

November opens up a few more areas for us to gather.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Thursday November 19th, 7.30-8.30, Parish Centre
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL on Thursday November 19th at 5.30pm.
CRAFT GROUP: Monday - Parish Meeting Room. Mornings 9.30 to 11.30am Evening - 7pm to 9pm. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation.
MEDITATION GROUP: Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.
CHOIR PRACTICE : Second Wednesday in the Church 6pm.
BAPTISM PREPARATION: To enrol contact Parish Office 53821155

Sacrament Masses at SMJ Church. Sunday November 22nd and 29th both at 12 noon. We will gather under the verandah. Please bring a lunch for your family to share. 10 students at each Mass, plus Sponsor and Parents. 50 allowed. Notes will go home from School to families

Holy Souls Masses on Monday November 2nd.
Mass in SMJ Church at 10am and 5.30pm
No Mass at the Cemetery under current Covid restrictions
5.30 Mass intention: Ray Bush anniv, plus Holy Souls

ONLINE MASSES: (Eucharistic Group Facebook page)
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm. Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: NOT THIS WEDNESDAY

Tuesday 3rd	5.30	Monica Breen anniv. Robert Vincent ann
Wednes 4th	9.30	St Charles Borromeo. Koenig intentions. NO HOLY HOUR
Thursday 5	—	NO MASS. Fr Peter on SBC Yr 9 Retreat.
Friday 6th	9.30	Jimmy O'Beime anniv. Mario Panozzo anniv.
Saturday 7th	10a	Kevin & Denis Conheady. Paul Mugavin. Keith Rowe anniv.

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

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Beverley Threfall, Monica Breen, Ray Bush Irene Murphy, Robert Vincent, Keith Rowe, Jimmy O'Beirne Kevin & Denis Conheady, Paul Mugavin, Jack & Pauline Loughran, William & Daisy Koenig, Henry Koenig,

Sick: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, John McNamara, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Angela Walsh, Kobe Davison, Shane Kennedy, Norm Griffin, Rick Burchell, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen

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. In these difficult times, with so many not having an income. Any contributions to any of these Collections, is gratefully received.

You can drop Envelopes or money into the Parish Office anytime: Office is open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 12.30pm

Collections:

Presbytery (plate): \$590.95

Planned Giving Envelopes: \$1520.00

Direct Debit: \$420.00

Missions: \$350.00

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/ or Parish if you have no envelopes.

**THANK
YOU**

Making Connections: Choose two or three Beatitudes and try to live them in simple ways this week.

Marriage Tip: Take a trip down memory lane. Remember your first date or the first time you said, "I love you" to your beloved. Recall the early days of your courtship and how you came to realize that you wanted to spend your lives together. Who knew it first?

Daily Prayer: As we celebrate the witness of all the saints whose lives were shaped by the Beatitudes, form us according to Christ's teaching and their example, having shared in the communion of the saints on earth, we might take our place among them in the joy of your kingdom.

A Vocation View: We remember the countless multitude of men and women who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy, hope, peace, humility, forgiveness and courage.

Eternal rest. Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed out of this present life to be with you. Grant them rest and a place with the just; and give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away. *St Ignatius of Loyola (16th century)*

November is Holy Souls Month

Holy Souls Mass Envelopes in the Church, and Office if you wish to have a Mass offered for the Holy Souls.

Holy Souls Remembrance Book in the Foyer.

Please add names of loved ones who have died in the past twelve months, or names you wish remembered in our Holy Souls Month Masses.

To help us pray Mass for All Saints Day

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.

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.

Intercessions: Cel: The Saints, our sisters and brothers, walked the way of Jesus and now share God's endless glory. Through their intercession we bring our petitions. That the Saints who embraced poverty and those who served the poor unselfishly, will show us how to be a poor Church for the poor of today, free of all ambition.

That the Saints who lived with gentleness and mercy of heart may lead the people of our own time to be gentle, humble, respectful and merciful in all their relationships. That the Saints who worked to restore justice in the Church and among nations, will inspire us to have a passion for justice now, especially where life is threatened for the unborn and the elderly.

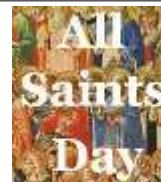
That the Saints who were the makers of peace in their own time, will challenge those who, today, create wars and those who act with violence, to seek a new peace through dialogue and patience.

That the Saints who lived with purity and integrity of heart, will help the people of this present time to rediscover their dignity and worth, and to honour the dignity of others with sensitivity and devotion.

That the Saints who endured persecution and martyrdom will be a source of strength and hope for those who are persecuted today for their faith in Jesus, and challenge us not to take our faith and freedom of religion, for granted.

That those who have died, Margaret Carey and Bill Schlagche, will be with Mary and all the Saints, who live in the glory of God, will welcome into the heavenly home all who died in faith, and give comfort to all who mourn. We remember Beverley Threfall, Monica Breen, Ray Bush Irene Murphy, Robert Vincent, Keith Rowe, Jimmy O'Beirne Kevin & Denis Conheady, Paul Mugavin, Jack & Pauline Loughran, William & Daisy Koenig, Henry Koenig, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Celebrant: Lord God, eternal glory is yours, and in the richness of your mercy you have called the Saints to live in that glory forever. May we continue our journey of faith



Take fresh Courage...

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY MACKILLOP'S CANONISATION



COUNTRY MASS TIMETABLE:

Saturday Nov 7th: Murtoa 5pm.
Sunday Nov 8th: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.
Saturday Nov 14th: Murtoa 5pm.
Sunday Nov 15th: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.
Saturday Nov 21st: Murtoa 5pm.
Sunday Nov 22nd: Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.

From January 15th 2021,

Monsignor Glynn Murphy, currently Administrator of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Parishes, will be the **new Parish Priest** of Horsham, Nhill, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun.
Fr Jim McKay, currently Assistant Priest in East Wimmera Parish, will be Assistant Priest in these Parishes.
* The parish office will be based in Horsham,.

Livestreaming of Mass at SMJ Church will continue until numbers increase. Those on Facebook, welcome to click "Join" on our group page, titled "**Eucharistic Group**".

Clergy Appointments: Bishop Bird has announced: Fr Gerard Prunty to be Parish Priest of East Wimmera (formerly the parishes of Donald, Charlton, St Arnaud, Birchip & Wycheproof). Gerry currently PP Terang/Mortlake
Fr Eugene McKinnon to be Parish Priest of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol These take affect on 15th January 2021 .

World Teachers' Day was celebrated last Friday. This year has been a HUGE year for teachers. Thank you and congratulations on an extraordinary job this year to all of our teachers, caring for our students and working online with families.



CatholicCare Victoria: Victoria's bishops have announced the merging of CatholicCare Melbourne and Gippsland, Centacare Ballarat and CatholicCare Sandhurst, to form a new entity . This merge is hoped to enhance and strengthen service provision to the vulnerable and marginalised as well as to amplify their scale and reach to sustain and grow services, while maintaining and improving their commitment to local communities.

Diocesan e-news is published every two weeks and distributed via email. If you wish to receive updates and information about the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese, to register, go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and click 'News & Events'

Taking Place This Week:

Monday: All Souls Day. Tuesday: St Martin de Porres
Wednesday: St Charles Borromeo
Thursday: World Tsunami Awareness Day
Friday: International Day for Presenting the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict.
Saturday: St Florentius "All You Saints of God. Pray for Us"
Prayers and Best Wishes to our University and Year 12 Students for their exams and preparations.

What About the Blood of the Lamb? Today 's first reading from the Apocalypse says that the chosen of God had washed their robes white in the blood of the lamb. "Even when I was a young boy, Pope Benedict said, I thought to myself, When something is washed in blood it certainly doesn't become white! The "blood of the Lamb" is the love of the crucified Christ. It is this love, he says, that makes our dirty clothing white, that illuminates our darkened spirits and that, in spite of all our darkness, transforms us into "light in the Lord"

VCE & University Students Exam Prayer

Lovingly Father, we bring before you our VCE and University Students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers.
You can leave money in an envelope marked "Missions" at the Office, or at Mass. Thankyou.

Help Stop Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking:

ACRATH's 2021 calendar is now available. Apart from outlining all the important dates for the year, it also lists practical ways we can get involved and be a part of the solution to put an end to modern slavery and human trafficking. To date ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) have sold the calendar for \$10. HOWEVER, this year they acknowledge that many are directly affected by COVID-19 are giving the calendars for **FREE**. Order a calendar by emailing your name and home or work/school address to Dr Rachel Smith at social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au to receive the calendar via mail.



www.acrath.org.au
People are NOT for sale



Marist House is a residential program for young adults engaging in tertiary study. Situated in three terraced houses in Fitzroy, Marist House is ideally located

for those studying at Australian Catholic University, Melbourne University, RMIT and Monash Parkville. It offers a safe, supportive, stable communal setting for young people desiring to live together; open to exploring their Catholic / Christian faith and engaging in service to the wider community. For more info please visit - <https://maristyouthministry.com/marist-house-fitzroy/>

"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favourable light at all times, under all circumstances"

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. Camille Del Castillo (Sec)

Child Safety Standards. Ss Michael & John Parish has **Bob Pritchett** and **Jill McGennicken** as 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: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless

things. He shall receive blessings from the Lord? and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Gospel Reflection: All Saints Day Veronica Lawson rsm:

We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our listening only to the mellifluous flow of language and of failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to those who suffer injustice and to those who choose nonviolent ways of addressing it. With pandemic sweeping the globe and affecting the dispossessed, it is time to listen anew to these opening words of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus of Nazareth knew in his body the experience of displacement: from Bethlehem to Egypt; from Judaea to Galilee. He shared the experience of Galilean peasant farmers and artisans. His words are grounded in the stories, the music, the poetry, the law and the history of his people. They foreground the qualities of those whom we honour as saints, those who are remembered by name and those who are not. The mountain setting establishes Jesus as wisdom teacher like Moses of old. God's favour rests on the poor/the humble/the "grounded on the gentle, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice seekers, on those show mercy, on the pure or single-minded of heart, on peacemakers, on those who suffer in the cause of right. The repetition of 'blessed are...' provides many links with Israel's collection of sacred songs, the Psalms. For Israel's lyricists, God's favour or blessing is

on those whose hope is in God, on those whose delight is in God's way, on those who take refuge in God, on the guileless in spirit and on those whom God forgives. The content of the beatitudes echoes the voice of Israel's prophets, especially Isaiah 61. God's spirit is upon Jesus. He brings good news of God's present and future favour or blessing to the destitute and to those who mourn. The distinguishing mark of God's favoured ones is righteousness or right relationship. God's favour or blessing comes in diverse forms: the basileia or empire of the heavens; comfort in the face of grief; the earth as a heritage to be protected; the joy of being mercied; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven". If heaven is only a place to be enjoyed in the afterlife, it is little consolation for the desperately poor or for those who are persecuted or misrepresented to know that "the empire of the heavens is theirs" or that their "reward is great in heaven". "Heaven" is better understood as a way of talking about God or God's empire of justice and compassion in contrast with the heartless empire of Rome and its modern equivalents. Maybe the most urgent invitation in our present context is to mourn the displacement of so many of earth's inhabitants who, in these times, long for the blessing of God's kingdom of comfort and mercy and a just share in the earth's resources.

Next Week: SunAOrd32 Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had

gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

** We MUST wear face mask outside home. In Church we need to sign in, sanitise hands, spray seats, put time
 ++SMJ Church will be open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm for private prayer (keep a 2 metre distance).
 * We will continue the live-stream of Mass. Our Masses: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am