



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola–Murtoa–Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

27th Sunday Ordinary Time - 4th October 2020



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SMJ Church will be open 9am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday.

** We continue to wear face coverings outside home. In Church we need to sign in, sanitise hands, spray seats, and keep a 2 metre distance.

** We can still live-stream Mass. This can only involve up to 5 people.

Our Masses: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 9am and Sunday 10.30am.

With Fr Peter's retirement to take effect on December 27th 2020, (*Fr John Pothiyitel is retiring in December too*), from 2021 Horsham Parish will be merged with Nhill, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Parishes into one Ministry District called, initially, Wimmera Ministry District. A new Parish Priest will be appointed to supervise this District. He will have with him another Priest. To help our Parishes to prepare for this, myself and Monsignor Glynn Murphy, from Warracknabeal, will have Meetings in each Parish. *There will be a paper for you explaining the process.*

These Meetings, open to all Parishioners, will be from 7pm to 8.30pm on these dates. (The Meetings will be in each Parish Meeting Room.)

Nhill Wednesday October 28th. Hopetoun Thursday October 29.

Warracknabeal Friday October 30th. Horsham Friday November 6th.

Location of each meeting notified closer to date, taking into account COVID restrictions and numbers permitted.

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday October 15th at 5.30pm

We pray for God's blessing on the final term of the School year. SBC Yrs 11-12, SMJ, OLHC, St Patrick's Nhill begin classes this Monday Oct 5th. SBC Yrs 7-10 begin Classes Monday 12th Year 12's finish their schooling Oct 28th with a Liturgy. Yr 12 GAT is this Wednesday. Our prayers are with VCE students over these weeks.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our Parish rejoices as we welcome into the fullness of the Church our RCIA Candidates: Robert Fry on Saturday, Maricel Mahmood, Maryann & Julia Kardogeros, Vince, Lance & Lander Rosello at 10.30 Mass today. *I thank Sr Manuela and Chris Roberts for their preparation*

We, the Sisters of St. John the Baptist in the Philippine Vice-Province deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness during our time of sorrow. The greatest comfort during this moment is the expression of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways. We thank you sincerely and assure you of our prayers.

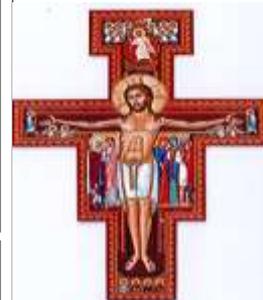
Thank You

4th October 1955
- 18th September 2020



Daylight Saving begins today Sunday October 4th. **Before bed on Saturday night turn your clocks forward one hour.**

Sr Manuela officially finishes this Tuesday October 6th, but she will remain with us here until she gets a flight to Manila. October 4th would have been Tirsia's 65th birthday.



St Francis Cross

"Remember that when you leave this earth you can take with you nothing you have received only what you

have given - a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage. For it is in giving that we receive.

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

ONLINE MASSES: (Eucharistic Group Facebook page)
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm. Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament WEDNESDAY 10-11

Tuesday 6	5.30	St Bruno. Blessing on School Term. World Heart Day
Wednes 7	9.30	Our Lady of the Rosary. Year 12 GAT exam
Thurs 8	9.30	Brendan Kennedy, Donal Murohy, Francisco See Yung Hu
Friday 9th	9.30	St Denis, St John Henry Newman. Una Purcell.
Satur 10	—	No 10am Mass. Mass 6.30pm tonight

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: Margaret King (Tracey's mother),

Anniversaries: Brendan Kennedy, Donal Murphy, Gay Valmadre, Frank Drum, Adrian Ferneé, Una Purcell

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

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, Good Friday, BCSF. 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):\$680.00

Planned Giving Envelopes: \$606.00

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: This week, I will be fruitful in these ways.....

Marriage Tip: Can social media harm your marriage? It may start out innocently, just reconnecting with an old friend. Then you start sharing interests and news that you haven't told your spouse. Be cautious: Online intimacy can grow and seem more exciting than real life.

Daily Prayer: Who can they be, God and master of the vineyard, the tenants who have failed to produce the fruits of the kingdom, rejecting your prophets, rejecting your Son? Break our hardened hearts, pierce our self-righteous souls, and reveal this parable; that laying aside our judgment of others, we may attend to our own fidelity in bearing fruit for your kingdom.

A Vocation View: An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.



"You are loved. You are worth it. The same God that crafted the galaxies is restless to spend eternity with you. That same God, our Father, has a special plan set out for you. He loves you. He desires you. God has entrusted you with a special **mission**. He is working through you. No one else can play your part."

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a zoom webinar today Sunday, from 2.00pm – 3.00pm, about mental health in Australia and to empower participants to understand mental health, the supports available and provide an opportunity to reach out, to encourage hope and bring fullness of life to those we love and care for.

Bishop Paul Bird will introduce the Bishop's Social Justice Statement 'To Live Life to the Full, Mental Health in Australia Today'



We honour our Seniors in October

Graeme Davy-Watts Centacare, will talk on mental health in Australia, Register your name and email to Dr. Rachel Smith social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

To help us pray Mass for 27th 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.

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: Jesus uses the vineyard as a symbol of the Kingdom of God, on the Feast of St Francis, patron of ecology, name day of Pope Francis.

That Pope Francis, who has given to the Church and to the world a unique understanding of God's gift of creation, that with his leadership, we will share responsibility for planet earth, 'our common home.'

That the new encyclical letter of Pope Francis on Scripture released this weekend, calling upon all men and women to work for peace and harmony in a world reshaped by the Covid 19 pandemic, may be received with thanksgiving and hope.

That each one of us will receive the grace to fill our minds *with everything that is true, noble, good and pure, virtuous and worthy of praise.*

That individuals and families who are experiencing new financial pressures because of changes to the jobkeeper and jobseeker allowances will receive the grace to remain hopeful, and that governments will act to significantly relieve the burden of poverty.

That we will not forget people of faith who are persecuted for their beliefs, that this basic human right is restored to them, so that thanksgiving and praise may be offered to God with joyful hearts.

Bless the final term of the School year, guide our Year 12 students in their GAT exam this Wednesday, and give them wisdom and peace of mind in their exam preparations. Bless our teachers as they welcome students back into the classroom.

As we welcome, Robert Fry, Vincent, Lance and Lander Sordello, Marianne and Julia Kardageros and Maricel into the fulness of the Church, may the Holy Spirit guide and fill them with joy, peace and hope; we thank Sr Manuela and Chris Robarts for guiding their journey.

That the Kingdom of God in all of its fulness will be given to those who bore its fruit while on earth, and Margaret King who has died. We pray for Donal Murphy, Brendan Kennedy, Una Purcell, Stephen Walsh, Gay Valmadre, Frank Drum, Adrian Ferneé, Francisco See Yung Hui whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Cel: God of hosts, turn to us, we implore, look down from heaven and earth and protect us from present dangers, so that your face shines upon us.

DO YOU LIVE IN A DROUGHT AFFECTED COMMUNITY?

DROUGHT COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVE - ROUND 2

YOU COULD BE ENTITLED TO GOVERNMENT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR DROUGHT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF UP TO \$3,000

St Vincent de Paul Society *good works*

St Vincent de Paul Drought Community Support Initiative

The Drought Community Support Initiative funding offers \$3,000 per application available for farming households who meet the following criteria: *over 18 years of age; live/work in an eligible drought declared LGA: includes Buloke, Gannawarra, Mildura, Moira, Pyrenees, Swan Hill, Yarriambiack; be permanent residents of Australia; be primarily employed in farming.* Staff will assist applicants who need help completing the questions for eligibility. For more information call the Drought Team 1300 846 643 or www.vinnies.org.au/drougthelp.

Centacare's family and relationship team offer support during COVID-19. View the flyer for programs on offer and contact details. Website: www.centacareballarat.org.au

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Online Study Low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. 5 week study cycles include Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Registrations open now until October 12 for the next cycle which begins October 18. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Engaging Your Catholic Faith is a series of short sessions offered online by Catholic Theological College lecturers on a range of topics including theology, scripture, pastoral studies and spirituality. Sessions will be held from September 14 - October 31, cost \$20 per session. The sessions will be held via Zoom and will run for approximately 90 minutes.

Thursday 8th October, 2pm: Fr Mark O'Brien OP.
 "God of Violence (OT) God of Love (NT). True or False?"
 Tuesday 13th October, 7pm: "Catholics and the Eucharist"
 Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan. Wednesday 21st October, 7pm:
 Rev Trevor Tibbertsma. "How Jewish was Jesus?" Enrol Now. Email: rose.sultana@ctc.edu.au or www.ctc.edu.au.

Sacred Ordinary Days: Farmers. Lord, be with farmers in these long days as they prepare for the harvest. Be with the migrant workers in the fields doing back breaking labour that machines cannot do. Be with fruit growers as they struggle to get fruit pickers, and as they look for ways to get food on our tables while sitting at their own kitchen tables struggling with how to pay the bills. Give them wisdom and strength. Let them know they do not make this annual journey alone, for you are with them. *All my own perception of beauty both in majesty and simplicity is founded upon Our Lady.* - JRR Tolkien.

Prayer of St Francis for peace. Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.

We wish Pope Francis a happy Feastday on Sunday.

Send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation. Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pope Francis' daily Mass: Pope Francis' daily Masses are available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. **Mass for You at Home:** is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten Sundays and Aurora Channel Foxtel every day. **CathNews YouTube Channel:** Daily Mass on Demand.

SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation
1st September to October 4
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>



'St. Francis asked that part of the friary garden be left untouched, so that wild flowers & herbs could grow there & those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty.' (LS 12)



St Mary MacKillop's 10th Anniversary of Canonisation is on October 17th.

To mark the 10th anniversary the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos and a global vigil in of honour Mary throughout September and

October <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>



Mission Sunday Appeal - Sunday October 18th.

The joy of the Lord is our

Strength! Nehemiah 8:10 We are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and practical support to live a fulfilling life. Chen was 16 when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident, his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. The Appeal Website – give online at www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia; or phone 0488 854 436

Mission Appeal Envelopes in the Church or 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 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need,

pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?' I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to people who will produce its fruit.'

Gospel Reflection: SunAOrd27 Veronica Lawson rsm:

Today is a triple celebration. It is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi and the closing Sunday in the Season of Creation. At the invitation of Pope Francis, we have focused on hearing and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Among the most abandoned of Earth's "poor" are those who are still enslaved. While the international community has long since outlawed slavery, we have become increasingly aware of the persistence of a lucrative global industry structured around the sexual and labour enslavement of vulnerable people and exacerbated by the experience of pandemic. Today's gospel features a parable about an absentee landowner with slaves to do his bidding. Commentators focus on almost every aspect of this parable, particularly the judgement on the religious authorities who have rejected God's messengers. Few consider the fate of the slaves as slaves in the parable. Our contemporary sensibilities in relation to slavery invite a new reading that critiques the power that some in the Earth community exercise over other humans and over the natural world that has for so long been treated as the property of humans to manipulate at will. The frequent translation of the Greek *doulos* (m.) and *doulē* (f.) as "servant" rather than as "slave" masks the underlying reality that some members of

the community, even within the circle of believers gathered at the Eucharistic table, were actually the property of others in the community. The fact is that nobody in the ancient world, not even Jesus of Nazareth, questioned this situation. It is not surprising, therefore, that the slaves in today's parable are considered by the "tenants" to be dispensable. Their role is to collect the fruit from the harvest on behalf of the absentee landowner. The "tenants" clearly have no intention of parting with any portion of the produce, presumably the tax imposed on them as a condition of their tenancy. They react violently when confronted by the three slaves. They beat one slave, kill another and stone yet another. The slaves represent the landowner whose demands they refuse to meet. The landowner risks the lives of other slaves by sending yet a bigger delegation. This second group meets the same fate as their predecessors. Finally, the landowner sends his own son in the expectation that the tenants will show him the respect they have denied the slaves, his property, the son receives the same treatment as the slaves. He too is dispensable from the perspective of those wanting to seize "the inheritance", those wishing to take control of the vineyard for their own purposes. As we reflect on gospel stories that take slavery for granted, we might commit ourselves to eliminating all exercise of power over others or over any "vineyard"

Next Week: SunAOrd28's Gospel: Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one

went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." The servants went out on to the roads and collected everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.