



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola–Murtoa–Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

28th Sunday Ordinary Time - 11th October 2020



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.

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With Fr Peter's retirement to take effect on December 27th 2020, (*Fr John Pothiyitel is retiring in December too*), from January 15th, 2021 Horsham Parish will be merged with Nhill, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Parishes into one Ministry District called, initially, Wimmera Ministry District. Monsignor Glynn Murphy is our new Parish Priest, and Fr Jim McKay will assist him. To help our Parishes to prepare for this, myself and Monsignor Glynn Murphy, will have Meetings in each Parish.

The Meetings will be in each Parish Meeting Room.

There will be a paper presented for you, to explain the process.

These Meetings, open to all Parishioners, will be from 7pm to 8.30pm on these dates.

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.

Bishop Paul Bird announced on October 6th these appointments:

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, to be a new Ministry District.

Fr Jim McKay, currently Assistant Priest in East Wimmera Parish, will be Assistant Priest in the Parishes of Horsham, Nhill, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun. Monsignor Glynn will continue to be based in Warracknabeal.

Fr Jim McKay will reside in Horsham.

* The parish office will be based in Horsham, to provide services for all four parishes. * *Fr Peter will meet with Glynn and Jim this Wednesday.*

Ministry District: applies to two or more parishes within a geographical area where the priest(s) and parishioners establish a sharing each Parish resources, working in collaboration to further the mission of the church.

Loving God, Help us to focus on what we have, not on what is removed or changed. Strengthen us when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed. Embrace us so that we know your loving presence within us and among us. Walk with us as we bring your love, and carry your light, into our world. Amen.

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



Monsignor Glynn Murphy



Fr Jim McKay

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday October 15th at 5.30pm.

Please have your reports into Camille by Wednesday. The Meeting will observe isolation requirements. Please have apologies to Camille by Thursday morning.

Popes Intention for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church. We pray that by our Baptism, the laity faithful, especially women, can participate in more Ministries in the Church. *October honours women in the Church.*

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.

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 13	5.30	Joe Macchia anniv.
Wednes 14th	9.30	Nancy Phelan, Sean Mangiameli, Ted Beattie, Bali 2002
Thursday 15	10.30	St Teresa of Avila, Jock Panozzo anniv.
Friday 16th	9.30	St Gerard Majella. St Margaret Mary Alacoque,
Saturday 17	10am	St Ignatius of Antioch, St Mary MacKillop Canonised 2010

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: Joan Cushing (Beaufort, John Flynn's sister), Sandrea Walker (Adelaide, Brendan Kennedy (d) mother in law),

Anniversaries: Joe Macchia, Peter Kelly, Jock Panozzo, Bali Bombing victims 2002, Sean Mangiamelli, Ted Beattie

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, Sr Caroline Deutscher ibvm, Moira Kelly snr.

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):\$685.45

Planned Giving Envelopes: \$716.00

BCSF: \$20.00. Good Friday \$40.00

Direct Debit: \$2305.00 (for September)

Credit Card: \$1924.17 (for September)

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: Be aware this week of how you respond to invitations. In this time of Covid we are limited in who we can invite.

Marriage Tip: Do we recognize the wonderful works of the Lord in our lives and marriage? Give thanks to God for the gift of your life and your spouse.

Daily Prayer: Open our community to all who seek you, and adorn it with that rich diversity which is your Spirit's special gift. Let our assembly on each Lord's Day bear witness as a living sign to the banquet of eternal life where all will be welcome.

A Vocation View: Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

"You are loved. You are worth it. The same God that crafted the galaxies is restless to spend eternity with you. That same God, 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."



"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him is the greatest adventure; to find him is the greatest human achievement." - St Augustine of Hippo.

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**We honour our Seniors
in October**

**Livestreaming of Mass
at SMJ Church.** Those on Facebook, a group page, titled **"Eucharistic Group"** free to join.

To help us pray Mass for 28th 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: The love of God for all humanity is revealed through the parable of the weddings feast.

Our love for all people is now revealed in this Prayer.

That the new Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis, addressed to all people, will help the Church and the world to work through this pandemic creating harmony, respect and peace everywhere.

That each one of us will help to reshape the Church in the spirit of Jesus so that no one feels excluded or rejected, but be welcomed as sisters and brothers, equal in dignity through the grace of baptism.

That across the world people will cooperate with health and government officials, so that through sacrifices of freedom, care for the safety of others, and a spirit of goodwill, we can slow down and eliminate the coronavirus. That the growing violence between Armenia and Azerbaijan will ease quickly, the war in Syria come to an end, the negotiations for peace in Afghanistan and Yemen bear fruit, and work to resolve the Israel/Palestine tension continue with determination.

That as we prepare for the 10th anniversary of the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross next Saturday we will 'take on fresh courage with confidence' reflecting on her feelings of intense happiness, nearness to God and a beautiful calm, as she heard the terrifying words of excommunication from the Church in 1871 at the age of 29.

That on this International Day of the Girl Child we pray for the protection of all girls: the victims of war and violence, those in refugee camps, those living in poverty and without education, those forced into marriage or child labour, the victims of cyber bullying, those sick, disabled, and struggling to maintain good mental health.

That Joan Cushing and Sandra Walker, who died recently, and all the dead will share in the heavenly banquet prepared for all people, and that the tears on every cheek of those who mourn will be wiped away. We remember Joe Macchia, Peter Kelly, Bali Bombings 2002, Ted Beattie Sean Mangiamelli, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Take fresh Courage...

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



**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/droughthelp.

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.
Tuesday 13th October, 7pm: "Catholics and the Eucharist" Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan. Wednesday 21st October, 7pm: Rev Trevor Tibbertsma. "How Jewish was Jesus?"
Enrol Email: rose.sultana@ctc.edu.au or www.ctc.edu.au.

*In today's first reading the Israelites are in exile in Babylon. They're missing their temple and their prayers. In another text they cried "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" How they long to be home, in Jerusalem, in their church. "The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek" says Isaiah. **How we long to be back in the church!***

World Mental Health Day, on 10 October, comes at a time when our daily lives have changed considerably as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The past months have brought many challenges: for healthcare workers, providing care in difficult circumstances, going to work fearful of bringing COVID-19 home with them; for students, adapting to taking classes from home, with little contact with teachers and friends, and anxious about their futures; for workers whose livelihoods are threatened; for the vast number of people caught in poverty or in fragile humanitarian settings with extremely limited protection from COVID-19; and for people with mental health conditions, many experiencing even greater social isolation than before. And this is to say nothing of managing the grief of losing a loved one, sometimes without being able to say goodbye.

St Mary MacKillop's 10th Anniversary of Canonisation is next Saturday October 17th

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 to honour Mary in October
<https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your free copy of *Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer*

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

MARY MACKILLOP
today



Mission Sunday Appeal - Next 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 – www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia; phone 0488 854 436

Mission Appeal Envelopes in the Church or Office

Welcome to Anti-Poverty Week 11th to the 17th of October.

This year we are supporting affordable housing for all as the best solution to reducing poverty and partnering with the Everybody's Home campaign. We are also continuing to support the Raise the Rate campaign led by ACOSS to ensure that unemployment payments never go back to \$40 a day. The COVID-19 crisis means more than 2 million people need these payments and for some time as we go through this recession.



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 & Tirsa.

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 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name, If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel 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 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." These servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; the wedding hall was filled

Gospel Reflection: SunAOrd28 Veronica Lawson rsm:

The increasing wealth of the few and the growing divide between rich and poor, particularly in the developing world, challenge us to consider our attitudes to the earth's resources and to the economic system that maintains that imbalance. The economic divide is highlighted by the vulnerability to pandemic of those rendered poor and homeless in our world. Today's gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to ensure that all God's creatures share in the fruits of the earth. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all. Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. Its focus is on us human. Privileged humans are the first to be invited: the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of

the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally. Rather, it invites the reader to critique interpretations that see the king's behaviour as a reflection of how God deals with God's creation. So, what might this story be telling us? If we look again at the despotic aspects of the king's character, we might find there a reflection of our own capacity to look after ourselves at the expense of the poor and vulnerable of our world and of the other-than-human. We might find an image of our nation's long-term redirecting of the foreign aid budget towards keeping refugees from settling in our land. If we put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet. If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a "right" disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company, and the riches to be shared, we might be drawn to handle Earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good of all the inhabitants of our planet. Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will be realised when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.

Next Week: SunAOrd29's Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

Taking Place This Week: Mental Health Week

Sunday: Indigenous People Sunday, UN Day of the Girl Child
Thursday: St Teresa of Avila, UN Day of Rural Women
Friday: St Mary Alacoque, World Food Day
Saturday: St Ignatius of Antioch, 10th anniversary of Canonisation of St Mary MacKillop.
UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
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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 daily.