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Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola–Murtoa–Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

29th Sunday Ordinary Time - 18th October 2020



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Sr Manuela Cabigas flies home to the Philippines this Monday night October 19th. With covid restrictions, and difficulties with getting a ticket, this is happening too fast for us, no public farewell, but our deep, sincere thanks, prayers and gratitude to Manuela and Tirsia (d) for your beautiful ministry among us.



With Fr Peter's retirement to take effect on December 27th 2020, (*Fr John Pothiyitel is retiring in December too*), Horsham Parish will be merged with Nhill, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Parishes into one Ministry District called, initially, Wimmera 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 have Meetings in each Parish this October.

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
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**

Bishop Paul Bird announced on October 6th these appointments: From January 15th 2021,



Monsignor Glynn Murphy

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 these Parishes.



Fr Jim McKay

* The parish office will be based in Horsham, to provide services for all four parishes.
* Canonically, and to fit in with ATO regulations, it is better for the Ministry District to be formally established

at the start of the new Financial Year in July 2021. Working in collaboration to further the mission of the church, the eventual end of our work in establishing the West Wimmera Ministry District will be winding up of the four existing parishes and the establishment of a new parish which will take in all the existing parish boundaries. The new parish/parishioners will choose their own patron and logo.

Next Friday October 23rd is a public holiday. The Office will be closed.

Journey Catholic Radio is a weekly radio program that can be emailed to you every Friday. The email provides links to individual presenter segments. It includes music, a weekly Gospel reflection, interviews and a variety of inputs from some of the best Catholic presenters in Australia. For information, to subscribe: <https://www.dow.org.au/media/resources/journey-radio/>

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 in particular 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 20th	5.30	St Paul of the Cross. John & Dorothy Drum anniv.
Wednes 21st	9.30	Dan Landrigan, Fr Dan Boylan, Bill Toleman annivs
Thursday 22	9.30	St Pope John Paul 2. Maurice Fay, Maree Femeé, anniv.
Friday 23rd	9.30	Graham Taylor, Lillian Cocks, Maurice Fay. Sr Patsy Ford
Saturday 24	—	No 10am Mass. Mass 6.30pm tonight Saturday

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: Eil (Magee) Thornycroft (Melbourne; Jack Magee's Sister), Sr Caroline Deutscher ibvm (101yrs, 8mnths. Fr Peter's cousin), Val McCroste

Anniversaries: Graham Taylor, Dan Landrigan, Maree Ferneé, Fr Dan Boylan, Bill Toleman, Lillian Cocks, Maurice Fay, John & Dorothy Drum, Fr Frank Monaghan, Fr Frank McKenzie, Sister Patsy Ford RSM,

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.

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):\$194.30

Planned Giving Envelopes: \$656.00

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: At first reading, we may be tempted to think that Jesus is separating religious behaviour from political or economic behaviour. While Jesus gives due weight to civic and political duties, his instruction to 'Give to God what is God's' tells us that no aspect of human life or activity can be considered apart from God.

Points of Catholic interest. The Herodians are mentioned only three times in the New Testament as a group within Jewish society (Mk 3:6; Mk 12:13; Mt 22:16). They are aligned with the Pharisees trying to entrap Jesus. They were supporters of the rule and of Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruler of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime.

Marriage Tip: Parents, don't get too busy caring, that you forget the love that brought your child into being.

Daily Prayer: You alone, O God, are Lord, and there is no other. Formed in your image, we bear the imprint of your face and your Name is engraved on our hearts. In a world loyal to other powers, let our lifestyle be governed by the standard of the gospel. As we render to others the freedom of conscience that is their right, we may freely render to you the allegiance you alone deserve.

A Vocation View: We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God. **Take fresh courage** (MMcK 1877). Keep us participating in the gospel for the good of all and serving with Christ. Holy Spirit strengthen us.



We honour our Seniors in October

Livestreaming of Mass at SMJ Church.

Those on Facebook, go to a group page, titled "Eucharistic Group" and click on invite, free

To help us pray Mass for 29th 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: Today, with the Universal Church, we observe World Mission Sunday, the theme: *Here I am, send me* Pope Francis says that we are called to be a *Church on the move*. May the Holy Spirit *push us and carry us*, into a world hungry for faith.

Pope Francis reminded us that in this pandemic *we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm*. May we see this as an invitation to *step out of ourselves for love of God and our neighbour*.

Pope Francis says that we are asked *to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always "on mission", always reaching out in order to give life*.

Pope Francis says today: *Human life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love*. May God's mercy heal the sins of war, violence, lies and corruption around the world and restore love to all hearts.

Pope Francis reminds us today: *The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us*.

May have courage in our mission to help others in God's name. Pope Francis draws us Catholics together because *the impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday*. May God look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love.

For our Schools and VCE students in their last two weeks of schooling, for peace, wisdom and guidance be with them.

Pope Francis gave us today's theme, *'Here I am, send me'*.

May missionary men and women, priests, and religious, who answered that call and have died, share in the joy of heaven.

For Sr Caroline Deutscher, Val McCroste who died recently, and for Graham Taylor, Maree Ferneé, Fr Dan Boylan, Fr Frank Monaghan, Fr Frank McKenzie, Sister Patsy Ford RSM, Bill Toleman, Lillian Cocks, 35 Victims Westgate Bridge 50th Anniversary, Maurice Fay, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Cel: Lord of heaven and earth, may we tell among the nations the glory of your Name and the wonders of your deeds, so that all people can worship you, proclaim that 'God is King' and be judged with fairness. Through Christ our Lord.

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 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. The cycle 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 topics including theology, scripture, pastoral studies and spirituality, offered online by Catholic Theological College lecturers. Sessions will be held until October 31, cost \$20 per session. The sessions via Zoom, will run for 90 minutes. Wednesday 21st October, 7pm: Rev Trevor Tibbertsma. "How Jewish was Jesus?" Enrol Email: rose.sultana@ctc.edu.au or www.ctc.edu.au.

Throughout this pandemic, there have been some uphill battles for many individuals. Yet through the eyes of our children we need to be more thankful than ever.

Thankful for the digital technology that has been a lifeline for staying connected with family, friends, faith and children's education.

Thankful that our children are resilient and were able to adjust to changes while learning to play independently and collaboratively with each other.

Thankful for our family unit that has stayed healthy, active, close, spending quality time with each other.

Thankful for the essential workers who have been on the frontline.

Thankful that we can still gather as a family on a Sunday in God's name in online Mass and know that the Lord is with us. We give thanks and count our blessings.



My dearest parishioners and friends!
 Thank you for your support, goodness, love and concern, It mean a lot . I'll keep you safe in my heart.
 God bless you.
 Praying for you always,
 Sr. Manuela

St Mary MacKillop's 10th Anniversary of Canonisation today Saturday October 17th
<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 8012 2777

MARY MACKILLOP
today


Quotes from Fratellia Tutti (Pope Francis 4-10-2020)
 Nationalism and globalism Ancient conflicts thought long buried are breaking out anew, while instances of a myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism are on the rise. In some countries, a concept of popular and national unity influenced by various ideologies is creating new forms of selfishness and a loss of the social sense under the guise of defending national interests.

Mission Sunday Appeal - TODAY Sunday October 18
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

Anti-Poverty Week 11th-17th October.
 We support the Raise the Rate campaign led by ACOSS, that unemployment payments never go back to \$40 a day.



Give to Caesar what Belongs to Caesar , to God what belongs to God.
 Jesus shows up the Pharisees' as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, our first duty is to God.



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: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.
O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness.
Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Reflection: SunAOrd29 Veronica Lawson rsm:

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees were the religious teachers of the law, Herodians represented secular Jewish power and wealth. They despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When faced with a perceived threat to their authority, they united in opposition to Jesus of Nazareth who becomes the threat that unites them. His teaching and healing draw the crowds and threaten their authority. They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as "teacher", they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division. The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a "no win" position: "Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?" Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intent and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, "Tiberius

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

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.'

Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest". Jesus' response, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God", can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images? From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches, Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God's prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimizing it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus' words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. There are good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church, something we may need to revisit in the light of pandemic and the closing of our places of worship. It is anachronistic to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity, truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. That is the key criterion for any personal or global alliance.

Next Week: SunAOrd30's Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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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.

We wish the Horsham Cup our best wishes today without people present.

** We continue to wear face coverings outside home. In Church we need to sign in, sanitise hands, spray seats, ++**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**
*We pray and hope we get good news on Sunday for an increase in Mass numbers, return to work for many. Once we hear we will let you know numbers, Mass times

Our Masses will continue to be online each day.

Pope Francis' daily Mass: Pope Francis' daily Masses are available online through the YouTube channel. **Mass for You at Home:** is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten Sundays and Aurora Channel Foxtel daily.
CathNews YouTube Channel: Daily Mass on Demand.
Mass Online. You can google *Mass Online* to find Masses in English and other languages all over the world