



CHRIST
the KING
Peace,
Hope,
Love,
Justice

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

Feast of Christ the King - 22nd November 2020



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MASS AT CEMETERIES

Horsham: Tuesday Nov 24 at 5.30pm.
Rupanyup: Thursday Nov 26th at 6pm.
Nhill: Friday Nov 27, 6pm
Dimboola: Thurs Dec 3, 6p.
** Please bring a chair to the Cemetery you attend.*

SMJ CHURCH CLEAN-UP. With numbers increasing to 100 from Nov 23, can you **come and help clean the inside of SMJ Church on Tuesday November 24th from 10am.** Windows to be cleaned, seats dusted and sprayed, materials will be supplied. *Thank you.*



Advent begins next Sunday Nov 29. We begin Mark's Gospel, Readings are from Year B



Mass at Horsham Cemetery this Tuesday at 5.30 Please bring a chair. *If it rains in Church*



We welcome to their celebration of Confirmation and First Communion today:



Joel Plazzer, Neve Watson, Ruby Bethune

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: NONE this WEDNESDAY.

Tuesday 24	5.30	MASS AT THE CEMETERY 5.30 Sts Andrew Dūng-Lac
Wednes 25	9.30	Holy Souls Special Intentions.
Thurs 26	9.30	Bathan & Fajardo Family intentions
Friday 27th	9.30	Jackman & Pekin intentions
Saturday 28	10am	Valeriana Bale, Sr Tirsa.

Thank you for Staying Connected with phone calls, texts, emails, dropping off food, thank you to those who bring me food.

Fr Richard Leonard
Advent Parish Mission from Saturday December 5th to Wednesday December 9th.
Fr Richard will celebrate SMJ Masses on December 5/6 at 6.30 Saturday, Sunday 10.30. Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 9.30am, then a Talk.
There will be a Talk at 7pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in the Parish Centre.
There will be a Collection at each Session.



The Advent and Christmas **ADORE** Daily Reflections booklets. Price \$5. We have 30. Please purchase your booklet from the Office in the mornings. Use these individually, or in groups. Daily prayers.

Sacrament Mass at SMJ Church.
With numbers increased to 100 we can have Masses inside
Our Mass in SMJ for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion children is next Sunday November 29th **at 12 noon**, and the families stay after for a BYO lunch. *Only Sacrament Families can attend 12 noon Mass.*

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Recent Deaths: John Sharry (Ballarat. *John was cremated*
Memorial Mass in SMJ Friday December 11th at 11am,
Adrian Wilde

Anniversaries: Barbara Pfeiffer, Betty FitzGerald, John F Kennedy, Valeriana Bale,

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

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 53821155

Saturday Devotions: Exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am, Rosary, Prayer of the Church, **Mass 10am,** Confessions 10.25

Meditation Group: Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2pm
Choir Practice: Second Wednesday in SMJ Church at 6pm
Baptism Preparation: To enrol please contact Parish Office 53821155. Sessions Thursday once a month

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): \$587.75

Planned Giving Envelopes: \$1605.00

PG Direct Debit: \$420.00

Sr Manuela Typhoon: \$1504.00. PC: \$69.70

If you wish to give via our Parish BSB Account :

BSB: 083 680 Account: 515830337

REF: Your Envelope number/surname or put "Presbytery"

THANK YOU

Making Connections: We may not know people who are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or in prison, although huge numbers fall into these categories. But we all know people who are in need - emotional, financial, spiritual. This week, make a point of doing what Jesus urges in the Gospel - tend to someone in need.

Marriage Tip: Married couples are called to lead each other to heaven. Show your spouse how much God loves by doing an unexpected kindness for them today.

Daily Prayer: Increase within us faith's unshakeable conviction: that, one day, having conquered death, the final enemy of your people, Jesus will turn over to you the entire universe, redeemed and saved and fashioned anew, so that at last, you may be all in all.

A Vocation View: The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. *St Leo the Great*

November is Holy Souls Month

Holy Souls Mass Envelopes in the Church, and Office, to have a Mass offered for 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. There is a Remembrance Book also in the Office

To help us pray Mass for Feast of Christ the King:

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: Honouring today, Jesus as Universal King, he has revealed to us that we can meet him and serve him in the poorest and the most needy.

For Pope Francis, who by word and example shows us how to live the mystery of today's Gospel, with respect for all life, from the moment of conception, through the stages of life until each person faces their Death.

For those whose situation in life has brought them to the edge, that we will reach out our hand to those who hunger and thirst for the basics of life.

For those who, by war, violence and poverty, now live in a foreign land, that the peoples of every nation will learn how to welcome them, not as strangers, but as sisters and brothers deserving of respect and protection.

For those emotionally and spiritually naked, vulnerable to addictions, bitterness, despair and faithlessness, that the Church will accompany them on their difficult journeys.

For those with chronic illnesses, from the Covid 19 pandemic, through mental stress, coping with disabilities, and close to death, that society will help them bear their burdens with dignity.

For those who are in prison making amends for their crimes or on death row, along with prisoners of conscience, and those unjustly accused, together with those in the prisons of camps, persecuted for their faith or ethnicity, that nations will not turn their backs on so much human suffering.

For all Governments that that they will govern their people with respect and justice, supporting their dignity and rights to freedom of religion and culture

For our newly elected local Councils, that their programs for their election will make them wise and caring leaders in our community, again respecting the rights, dignity, freedoms and cultures of all their peoples.

We pray for Rosie Ferguson and her parents and God parents, as they are brought to Baptism this weekend.

For those who have died, John Sharry and Adrian Wilde, and those who have died through hunger and thirst, by attempting to escape from war, deprived of medical care, and by deaths in custody, that they will be brought to life in Christ. We remember the anniversaries of Barbara Pfeiffer, Betty FitzGerald, John F Kennedy, Valeriana Bale.

COUNTRY MASS TIMETABLE:

Sunday Nov 29: Murtoa 10.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 5p
Sunday Dec 6: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30. Nhill 5pm
Sunday Dec 13: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10
Sunday Dec 20: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30. Nhill 5pm

From January 15th 2021,

Monsignor Glynn Murphy, currently Administrator of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Parishes, is 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,.



From Sr Manuela and Sr Jesusita:

Typhoon Rolly battered Catanduanes island with maximum sustained winds on Sunday November 1. More than 10,000 homes were damaged as Typhoon Rolly storm surges, including Tabaco where we have our Children's

Home. Our buildings in the Children's Home, School and Retreat House in the Bicol region suffer damages. We thank God because the Sisters and the children are fine as they experience discomforts due to the loss of essential utilities and necessities. There will be a lot to recover from the damages, you can extend your help your kindness and generosity and remember you to the Lord.

Thank you for your support so far \$1504.

Please leave money in an envelope marked Sr Manuela on the Collection or at the Office.

You can send send your donation directly to:

Account Name: The Superior of CSSJB – Phil. Inc.
 Account Number: 2574-0384-59
 Bank: BPI North Green Hills, San Juan, M.M.
 Swift Code (BIC): BOPIPHMM

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Dear God, we remember our relatives and friends who have died. We miss them dearly and wish they were here with us. Help us through our sorrow. Our grieving is a sign of our love for them. We know that we were blessed with these people in our lives, and that they continue to live in us. God, may we be comforted in knowing that our loved ones are at peace, in your embrace, and that one day we will see them again. Amen

The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring Leadership Program for Women

Financial and personal support to mature-aged Catholic women offered. Information <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/applications-invited-for-study-and-mentoring-sam-leadershipprogram/>. Closes Nov 29th.

Taking Place This Week:

Wednesday International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Declaration on the Elimination of all forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

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.

Livestreaming of Mass at SMJ Church will continue.

Those on Facebook, welcome to click "Join" on our group page, titled "Eucharistic Group".



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Congratulations to Penny Flynn and Claudia Haenel, on their successful election, to Horsham Rural City Council. We wish them well as they represent us and we ask God's blessing on them and on all Councillors.



Palms Australia: Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes...See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

Prayer for the last Sunday of the Church's Year

Lord of the past and the future: we thank you for the last Church Year with all its many challenges in Covid. We thank you for the fellowship and joy of our times when we could worship together as a community. We pray in hope for the coming year, that we may grow in the wisdom of the Church in faith and knowledge of You.
May we keep Christ in Christmas



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism this Saturday (21st November):

Rosie Ferguson

daughter of Hayden & Louise.

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: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

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. 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. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will

be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." They will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Gospel Reflection: SunAChristKing Veronica Lawson: "It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the title of King." These are the words of Pope Pius XI who established this feast between two world wars to counteract growing secularism "in public affairs and politics" and finding a way towards global peace. Peace would never be achieved, wrote Pope Pius XI, until and unless individuals and nations accept the "rule of our Saviour". In some ways, hope for the global reign of the Prince of Peace seems more remote than ever. The challenge of the so-called Islamic State in the Middle East, of Boko Haram in Africa and of the White Supremacist Movement in the United States have marked new low points in more than a century of violent and ongoing conflict which has claimed the lives of some 180 million people across the globe. COVID-19 has increased vulnerability to violence of those rendered poor by the inequitable economic system. From a Christian perspective, the world needs the sort of leadership that Jesus of Nazareth advocated in first century Palestine, the kind of leadership that Pope Francis is offering to our world. The Gospel provides a blueprint for Christian living in general and for leadership in particular. Matthew

presents Jesus as both shepherd and sheep: as judge and king on the one hand and as a suffering human ("the least") on the other. Works of mercy are the measure of justice or righteousness. Those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and set the prisoners free are "the righteous/the sheep" who will inherit God's empire or kingdom and have life. Those who fail in these respects are the unrighteous/the goats who fail to recognise the presence of the shepherd/king in the suffering of "the least". Why sheep and goats? While goats grazed with the sheep, they were never imaged as God's people, somewhat unfairly, I suggest. "Sheep", on the other hand, is a frequent biblical designation for the people of God's fold. It is the gospel source of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that have informed the Christian way of life for centuries. It focusses on suffering humanity. In proclaiming an eighth work of mercy, care for our common home, Pope Francis has asked us to expand our horizons and to extend our concern to the suffering of the whole Earth community, human and other-than-human. The Feast of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. It invites us to consider ways to achieve peace.

Next Week 1st Sunday Advent's: Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

SMJ Church open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm. for private prayer (keep a 2 metre distance).

Planned Giving Program 2021: New envelopes are available for pick up at the Church Foyer - Open Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, and for Weekend Masses.
Thank you.

We will have **Columban Calendars \$8, and Christmas Cards next weekend** at the Piety Stall. Also Sacrament Gifts.

