



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

## BULLETIN

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time - 8th November 2020



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

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

### Saturday Devotions:

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

**Parish Bulletin is online** [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://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.**

### Covid Safe Plans for coming to Mass or Church include:

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

This weekend we might hear the premier ease restrictions, and then they'll all be swarming out of Melbourne. Some will love it, especially people missing family and people running businesses who need the visitors and their money. Others will be fearful that they'll bring Covid with them. Two edged sword. Business is back. People are getting ready. We're wondering whether we, in ourselves, are ready. Still a bit cautious? Take your time moving into the 'Covid normal.' Rushing madly as we did before is not how it has to be. Go quietly, it's been nice. Welcome family and visitors from Melbourne. Coming out of the lockdown we have all been in, coming out to the regions and not feeling welcome. A bit like the bridesmaids in today's Gospel, "go and buy your own oil!" or just not being allowed in. So let's be ready, ready to be our welcoming selves, lamps full of oil waiting for family arrival. Still be masking, sanitizing, distancing. Covid normal.

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

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Thursday November 19th, 7.30-8.30, Parish Centre

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** on Thursday November 19th at 5.30pm.

**CRAFT GROUP:** Monday - Parish Meeting Room. Mornings 9.30 to 11.30am Evenings 7- 8.30. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation.

**MEDITATION GROUP:** Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.

**CHOIR PRACTICE :** Second Wednesday in the Church 6pm.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** To enrol contact Parish Office 53821155.

+ Grace Panozzo Funeral Mass Wednesday 11am (private)

• Fr Peter in Nhill Wednesday 4pm for First Reconciliation, Friday interviews

### Sacrament Masses at SMJ Church.

**Sunday November 22nd and 29th both at 12 noon. We will gather under the verandah at the front of SMJ Church. Please bring a lunch for your family to share. 10 students at each Mass, plus Sponsor and Parents. 50 allowed.**

**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 10	5.30	St Leo the Great. Anthony Bissinella anniv.
Wednes 11	<b>9am</b>	St Martin of Tours. Kevin Walsh anniv.
Thurs 12th	9.30	St Josaphat
Friday 13th	<b>9am</b>	Holy Souls.
Saturday 14	10am	Jack Foley anniv.

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

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

**Recent Deaths:** Angela Walsh, Grace Panozzo

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Walsh, Jack Foley, Nell Perrett, Bill Jones, Joan Becker, Diosma Chandler, Patrick Brennan, Gerry Griffiths, Anthony Bissinella, 1991 Dili Massacre of 271 people,

**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 & Christine Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen,

**Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 53821155**

**Finances:** Thank you for those who have dropped in envelopes or who have gone online to our BSB or CDF Accounts for Planned Giving Program, Presbytery. In these difficult times, with so many not having an income. Any contributions to any of these Collections, is gratefully received.

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

**Collections:**

**Presbytery (plate):\$1309.40**

**Planned Giving Envelopes: \$1276.00**

**Missions: \$40.00 BCAF \$45.00**

**Credit Card (for month of October): \$2064.17**

**Direct Debit (for month of October): \$2020.00**

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:** The lamp oil represents those resources we have to meet the challenge of being ready: our actions, our faith, our service to others, our prayer, how much we have loved. It is not that the sensible virgins are being selfish; it is simply that this kind of oil, the way we live our lives, cannot be exchanged. We have to rely on our own resources to be ready. **Did you Know?:** A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return. **Marriage Tip:** When was the last time the two of you laughed so hard you cried? Think of a way to help your honey laugh today – even if it's embarrassing. **Daily Prayer:** Lady Wisdom, O God, bids us keep watch, for she is surely found by those who seek her; and your Son warns us to keep awake for the Bridegroom's return. Because we know not the day nor the hour, keep us ready as history's vigil unfolds. Let the light we were given at baptism shine bright, your church resplendent with justice and love. **A Vocation View:** We prepare for big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare ourselves even more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

*Take fresh Courage...*

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY MACKILLOP'S CANONISATION

**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 All Saints Day**

**Gloria:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**CREED:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**Intercessions:** Cel: God's word has drawn our attention to the gift of wisdom which is given as a gift in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

That wisdom, given to us by the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, will help us all as we make both important and simple daily decisions in life.

That wisdom will be like a light in the lives of those who have responsibility in the Church and in society, so that their decisions are made for the common good of all.

That wisdom will be given to our priests as they give leadership in reconnecting with and reshaping parishes and communities in this time of slowly emerging from the Covid 19 pandemic.

That wisdom will reside in the women and men and youth of our parishes and communities, so that in this new way of being Church, they will share leadership and help build up the Kingdom of God with mercy and charity.

That wisdom will be shared with all who mourn so that they do not grieve like those without hope, but find hope in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

That wisdom and peace be with Students in their exams over these weeks.

That those who have died in Christ, Angela Walsh, Grace Panozzo, will meet Jesus in the heavens and live in eternal joy. We remember Kevin Walsh, Jack Foley, Nell Perrett, Bill Jones, Joan Becker, Diosma Chandler, Patrick Brennan, Gerry Griffiths, Anthony Bissinella, 1991 Dili Massacre of 271 people, whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all of our deceased loved ones in this month of November.

Cel: Almighty God, we long for you, we thirst for you, we pine for you. Nourish us with the food of the Eucharist until we share the heavenly banquet.

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The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable on how to live a Christian life, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent.

### **COUNTRY MASS TIMETABLE:**

**Saturday Nov 14th:** Murtoa 5pm.

**Sunday Nov 15th:** Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.

**Saturday Nov 21st:** Murtoa 5pm.

**Sunday Nov 22nd:** Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.

### **From January 15th 2021,**

**Monsignor Glynn Murphy**, currently Administrator of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Parishes, will be the **new Parish Priest** of Horsham, Nhill, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun.

**Fr Jim McKay**, currently Assistant Priest in East Wimmera Parish, will be Assistant Priest in these Parishes.

\* The parish office will be based in Horsham,.



### **From Sr Manuela and Sr Jesusita:**

Typhoon Rolly battered Catanduanes island with maximum sustained winds of 225 kph near the center and gustiness of up to 280 kph. Storm Signal No. 5 was also raised in the area on Sunday November 1, 2020. More than

10,000 homes were damaged as Typhoon Rolly spawning storm surges, hit Catanduanes over the weekend. The damage is 65% among houses made of light materials and 20% of larger homes were destroyed. In total, 15,000 families were displaced by the super typhoon. 90% of infrastructure has been damaged based on their assessments. After Catanduanes the typhoon also ravaged the towns of Albay including Tabaco where we also have our Children's Home. Our buildings in the Children's Home, School and Retreat House in the Bicol region suffer damages following the wrath of super typhoon Rolly. But, we thank God because the Sisters and the children are fine even if they have to experience a lot of discomforts due to the loss of essential utilities and necessities. There will be a lot to recover from the damages, yet we are hopeful that the Lord will not abandon our communities which mission is to help the children and the poor. If you would like to extend your help your kindness and generosity and remember you to the Lord.

**Please send your donation to:** (For Dollar Account)

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

### **ACU Short Courses in Theology "Revelation, Revolution and the Reception of the Bible"**

presented by international scholars Dr Kylie Crabbe, Dr Emmanuel Nathan, Dr Gareth Weame and Dr Jonathan Zecher. Wednesdays, November 11, 18, 25, December 2 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (AEDT). For more information and to register go to <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/faculties-directorates-and-staff/faculty-of-theology-and-philosophy/short-courses/short-course-in-theology-series>

**Masses at Cemeteries:** Once numbers for Masses are lifted and restrictions removed, we will set dates for these.

*"God carries us through the storms" Mary MacKillop.*

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

### **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".

**Diocesan e-news is published every two weeks** and distributed via email. To register: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) and click 'News & Events'

### **Help Stop Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking:**

**ACRATH's 2021 calendar** is now

available. Apart from outlining all the important dates for the year, it also lists practical ways we can get involved and be a part of the solution to put an end to modern slavery and human trafficking. To date ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) have sold the calendar for \$10.

HOWEVER, this year they acknowledge that many are directly affected by COVID-19 are giving the calendars for **FREE**. Order a calendar by emailing your name and home or work/school address to Dr Rachel Smith at [social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au) to receive the calendar via mail.



**Marist House** is a residential program for young adults engaging in tertiary study. Situated in three terraced houses in Fitzroy, Marist House is ideally located for those studying at Australian Catholic University, Melbourne University, RMIT and Monash Parkville. It offers a safe, supportive, stable communal setting for young people desiring to live together; open to exploring their Catholic / Christian faith and engaging in service to the wider community. For more info please visit - <https://maristyouthministry.com/marist-house-fitzroy/>

### **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: Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**Responsorial Psalm; Ps 62:2-8**

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.  
O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

**Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42, 44**

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

**Gospel Reflection: SunAOrd32 Veronica Lawson rsm:**

How many times were you told as a child to be ready for an outing, for arrival of visitors or for dinner or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? There are times when it matters little whether we are ready or not. COVID-19 is teaching us that sometimes it really matters and today's gospel parable gives a situation where it is important to be prepared. Wisdom resides in readiness, foolishness in failure to prepare. The event in today's parable is a wedding celebration. The betrothal period is over and the bridegroom has left to bring the bride from the home of her parents to his family home. Ten young women of his household will watch for the arrival of the couple and will light their way into the wedding feast. They can expect to be welcome at the feast. Five are well prepared for the arrival and five are not. The five who bring (olive) oil for their lamps are designated "wise" while the other five who bring no oil are said to be "foolish". Negotiating the terms of the marriage contract takes longer than expected so that the bridegroom is delayed. The women wait and wait, then fall asleep. At midnight, the bridegroom's arrival is signalled and the young women rise to trim their lamps in readiness for their role of lighting his way. The bride is invisible in the telling of the story, presumably because the

focus must be on the bridegroom alone. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (9:15), Jesus is depicted as "the bridegroom". The attentive reader of the gospel is aware that the parable is about Jesus and that it forms part of Matthew's end-time discourse (24:1-25:46). The delay of the bridegroom evokes the community's expectation that Jesus who has died and been raised will return at an undisclosed time. The members are to be actively watchful and ready, living in the spirit of Matthew's first discourse (5:1-7:29) with its emphasis on right relationship. Matthew 7 concludes with reference to wise and foolish decisions: the foolish build on sand while the wise build on rock. The behaviour of the "wise" in today's parable is as puzzling as that of the "foolish". The "foolish" fail to prepare: they have no oil and cannot expect to light the way without it. The "wise" have prepared and they receive their reward. Is there any wisdom, however, in sending their "foolish" companions to buy olive oil at midnight? There are more unanswered questions than we can address here. We can identify with both the wise and the foolish, with the foolish in our inattention to the plight of our planet, with the wise insofar as we have the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God's Earth, represented by the olive oil, is received as gift and used in right measure and in right relationship.

**Next Week: SunAOrd33 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

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We pray for our VCE Students as they begin their exams this Tuesday with English.

*"Christ has no body on the earth now but yours, no hands but yours; yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which he walks to do good; yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world."* -St Teresa of Avila

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

**Taking Place This Week:**

Monday: Anniversary of the demolition of the Berlin Wall  
Tuesday: St Leo The Great. World Science Day for Peace and Development. Wednesday 11th: St Martin of Tours. Remembrance Day, end of WWI.  
Thursday: St Josaphat, Anniversary of Dili Massacre, Timor