



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—14th July 2019



#### PARISH CONTACTS

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We welcome Fr John  
We wish Fr Damian a  
speedy recovery as he is  
not able to be with us this  
weekend.

#### CWL LUNCHEON

"Glen Logan"

Dooen Road, Horsham  
Tuesday 23rd July 2019  
12.30pm \$25.00 per head.  
RSVP: no later than **14th July**  
Phone: Tess 5381 1785 or  
Frances: 5382 1546  
All Welcome.

### More news from Fr Peter



Carrying the relic  
of St Thomas  
Beckett at the  
annual Catholic  
Mass at  
Canterbury  
Cathedral to  
honour the  
Translation of his  
relics to the main

Altar after he was murdered /  
martyred in the Cathedral in  
1220.

### Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul Bird's 70th birthday.

Mass to celebrate Bishop  
Paul's 70th birthday will be  
held on Friday, July 19, 2019  
at 12.05pm at St Patrick's  
Cathedral, Ballarat.  
All are welcome to attend.



### PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving  
God, You are the source and  
creator of all healing power. We  
entrust our sick to your loving  
care.

We pray your blessings upon all  
in their own homes, in hospitals,  
nursing homes, hospice care,  
palliative care. May You be their  
source of comfort in pain, their  
source of hope in times of  
despair, sorrow, woundedness,  
their solace and inspiration when  
they are unable to lift their  
hearts, minds and voices to You  
in prayer. Bless them with  
courage and faith to place their  
trust in your healing touch and  
love.

Bless **caregivers**, as channels of  
your love, they are your very  
hands on earth. Give them  
gentleness as they help the sick,  
to respect their dignity and value  
to You.

Give them patience and courage  
as they manage their time, to  
best serve those who are needful  
of their care, to continue to serve  
when weakened by constant  
demands and when they need  
your enduring help. Give them  
love and understanding to be a  
caring companion, on the path of  
pain and sadness with the sick.  
Bless the **ministry** of those who  
take Holy Communion to the  
sick, elderly, and those in Homes  
and in Hospital.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 16 July	5.30pm	
Wednesday 17 July	9.30am	
Thursday 18 July	9.30am	
Friday 19 July	<b>No Mass</b>	
Saturday 20 July	10am	

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, my creator, breathe on me,  
renew me, refresh me, extend my  
abilities, comfort me in adjusting  
to changes in health, mobility  
and activity. Body of Jesus Christ  
flow through every fibre of my being.  
Keep me well, and hope filled, always.  
Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for  
the good of others. Amen



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nancy Taig, Agostino Masiero, Joan and Jack Coffey.

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Shilpa Joe, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, John McNamara, Owen Duncan.

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st July 2019**

Horsham **Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

**Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Wednesdays at 4.30pm. All welcome.**

### Regular Activities in the Parish

**Craft Group** Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room Mornings - 9.30am to 11.30am. Evening - 7pm to 9pm. BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation. Contact Anita at Parish Office

**Meditation Group:** Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2.00pm.

**CWL Meetings** 1st Tuesday of Month 1.30pm. Meeting Room.

**Men's Group** Meeting will be at the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455

**St Vincent de Paul Conference.** Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-12pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

**BAPTISM PREPARATION.** For enrolment and appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

**Child Safety Standards.** Ss Michael & John Parish has **Bob Pritchett** as our Safeguarding Officer. 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 in the Parish. Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish

### 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, Anita Masiero (Sec)

## ROSTERS

13/14 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Peter Gutteridge Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Peter Gutteridge	Kingsley Dalglish
20/21 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Anthony Amor	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Michael Connellan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Tess Hayes Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor John Parker	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Masiero	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bill & Josie Phelan	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
<b>Prayers</b>	John and Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>21st July</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	<b>28th July</b> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

### FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 94.00
Horsham	\$ 841.00	Dimboola	\$ 44.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 982.00</b>

### 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1368.00	Loose	\$ 88.95
Credit Card	\$ 3514.17	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 5071.12</b>

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

Ask yourself that fundamental question: what must I do to inherit eternal life? Who is your neighbour? Identify those who suffer today. Go and do the same yourself: what does this mean in our world?

## SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

There is a timelessness in today's parable. The pathos of the image of the injured man calls us all to come to the aid of wounded humanity. We are asked to respond with compassion and generosity to those in need. We are called to grow in awareness of the real demand of faith in a God of Life rather than rest in simple adherence to ritual obligation.

**A verse from today's psalm is a suitable prayer this week:**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

### Country Mass Times:

July 14: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
 July 21: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
 July 28: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30.  
 Murtoa AWC 9am  
 Aug 4: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30  
 Aug 11: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
 Aug 18: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am

### Announcement of National Themes for Discernment for the next phase for Plenary Council

The six National Themes for Discernment flow from that primary goal of being a Christ-centred community of people, and we are invited to reflect, to pray and to consider what God is calling our Church in Australia to be

#### The 6 themes are:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

The discernment process will involve establishing working groups for each National Theme for Discernment. People in faith communities across Australia will also be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters. The outcomes of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda for the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020. For information go to [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

A comprehensive report on what people said in their submissions in March, will be released on 28 July.

### 100 Years of Catholic Education St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill

St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill are looking for photos or memorabilia that could feature in displays and publications about their history. If you can help, please contact Kate Quin or the school office, ph. 5033 2541.

**SBC, SMJ, OLHC welcome 2020 enrolments now.**

**Fr Richard Leonard SJ** will lead our Parish in a Mission from November 23rd to 27th this year.

### NEW PARISHIONERS, CHANGED ADDRESS, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS FORM

Please fill in and place on the collection plate or drop in to the Parish office.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE

(HOME)..... (MOBILE).....

I wish to join the Planned Giving Program. **Yes** **No** (Please circle)



### The St Vincent de Paul WINTER APPEAL is held in the Winter months



This appeal coincides with the time of year that many of our least fortunate in society need assistance the most. Funds raised will be dedicated to rebuilding lives – to providing blankets for warmth, assistance in paying utility bills and rent and the provision of food for people in chronic need this winter. Please give generously (**envelopes can be found at the Piety Stall counter**). More information about the appeal can be found at <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au/>

### Position Vacant – Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups. For more information, visit [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenary\\_council](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenary_council), the Office for Employment Relations website [www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au) or contact Ms Olivia Lee, ph. (02) 9919 7822, email [olivia.lee@catholic.org.au](mailto:olivia.lee@catholic.org.au). Applications close on July 22, 2019.

### National Sea Sunday Appeal – July 14, 2019

Masses this weekend acknowledge Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. You may assist the Apostleship of the Sea in their ministry to seafarers through volunteering or donating online by credit card, bank transfer or cheque at [bit.ly/SeaSundayAppeal](http://bit.ly/SeaSundayAppeal) – or you may simply post us a cheque, payable to "Apostleship of the Sea". Please include your name and contact details and send to: Apostleship of the Sea, Sea Sunday Appeal 2019, GPO Box 368, Canberra, ACT, 2601. All donations above \$2 are tax deductible. For more information about its work, visit [www.aos-australia.org](http://www.aos-australia.org).



**SBC Students are asking you to save the BREAD TAGS from your plastic bread bags, please.** You can leave these in the box in the Church marked "Bread Tags".

These tags are recycled and made into seedling trays, the proceeds will help to provide wheelchairs for people in need in South Africa.

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11**

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

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**Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20**

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers—all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation: cf John 6:63, 68**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert

Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

**Gospel Reflection – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

The present ecological crisis calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire 14 billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is the Source and the Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments. Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who

questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. He addresses Jesus as "teacher" and Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed a teacher when he puts the question back to his interrogator and invites him to answer his own question. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and love of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" The lawyer would know very well that the neighbour for a Jew was another Jewish male. Jesus responds with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the bandits?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely, "the one who showed mercy". The Samaritan

in the story is said to be "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by". Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, on the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove and on the silver coins formed of material extracted from the earth and engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.

**Next Week's Gospel Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister

is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

