

# St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd July 2018



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We welcome to the family of God in Baptism today  
 Adaline Emmee Harris daughter of Aaron and Stephanie

**CWL Irish Dinner this Tuesday July 24th at the Commercial Hotel at 12 noon.**

All are welcome to attend. \$15 for a two course meal. Bookings please contact Mary Lawson 53825126 or Frances Plazzer 53821546

This Wednesday July 25th we welcome to Horsham the Ballarat Diocesan Schools Advisory Council (BDSAC). With Bishop Paul the Council will visit our Schools and meet with our own local School Advisory Councils.

◆ SMJ School SAC Meeting Tuesday at 7.30  
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**Rupanyup Mass this Monday July 23 at 6.30pm at Sue Tyler's home.**  
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Secondary Schools' Year of Youth Festival in Ballarat this Friday July 27th at Federation University.

24 Students from SBC will attend.

The Festival will conclude with Mass.

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In preparation for Bishop Paul Bird's Parish Visitation in August, over the next few weeks we will have visits from **Mark Bromley** to review Parish Finances (this Thursday) and to review our Parish Occupational Health and Safety procedures.

**Amanda Smith** to help us prepare for the amalgamation of our Parish with Nhill, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun, and to review the *Diocesan Looking Forward Program*.

**Michael Myers** to meet with our Parish Safeguarding Officer, to review our Parish response to Child Protection guidelines.

*We pray with each other for God's blessings on these preparations and for the future direction of our Parish*

### PRAYER : SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust the sick to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon those who care in their own homes, those who work in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain, their source of hope in times of despair, sorrow, woundedness. Be their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with the courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and your healing 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. Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are in need of their care. Give them courage 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, to walk with the sick in pain and sadness. Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.



### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

**7pm to 8pm.**

All welcome every Monday Now at 16 George Street,

during the winter months.

Eileen McManus 5382 4745

*A time of prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Wisdom to guide our Church to the Plenary Council*

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 24th July	5.30pm	Kieran Hallam anniv.
Wednesday 25th July	9.30am	St James, Apostle. Jack Slattery anniv.
Thursday 26th July	9.30am	Sts Joachim & Anne. Brian Moynahan.
Friday 27th July	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Lutheran Home Anointing Mass</b>
Saturday 28th July	10.00am	Trevore Severin recent death.

### 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:** Bernard Moynahan, Sr Camillus Sheehy (a Cluny Sister, who cared Seminarians at CCC Werribee and Glen Waverley), Trevor Severin

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack Slattery, Marjorie Haebich, Kieran Hallam, Margaret & Ron Rigby, Celeste Turri, Bill Harrison

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Ken Dowsley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Peter Kelly, Una Bartlett, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Ruby Spasic, Rosetta Cafarella, Carmel Hemon, Betty Fitzgerald, Bill McGrath

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Saturday Devotions: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am. Rosary 9.20. Morning Prayer of the Church. Mass 10am. CONFESSIONS 10.25am**

**Next Sunday 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5th Sunday of the Month 29th July**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

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

**Regular Activities in the Parish**

**Mother's Prayer Group** Fortnightly Every Wednesday 2.00pm Church Meeting Room Contact Marina 5382 1047

**Craft Group** Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room. Mornings - 9.30 - 11.30 Evening - Contact the Parish Office - BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation.

**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.** 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group** meets in Winter at Eileen's home, 16 George St, every Monday from 7p - 8pm. Further information contact Eileen McManus 5382 4745

**CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church**

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



We invite inquiries from those interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic

Faith. The RCIA is the program that guides this journey. If interested or if you know someone who is interested, please see Fr Peter, Leslie Price, or Sr Manuela. The Program will begin in August.

On Wednesday, July 26, we celebrate the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. To all our grandparents, and special friends, thank you for all the gifts of life and faith you have given to your children, grand and great grand children.

**ROSTERS**

21/22 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes	Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby
<b>Commentator</b>	Maree Plazzer	Andrea Cox
28/29 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Betty Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Sr Tirsia Bale Ann Herman	Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Sr Manuela Andrea Cox Rosie Taylor Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Gavin Hynam Judy Bryan	Marina Manserra Mary Uebergang
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>29th July</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan	<b>5th August</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):</b>		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 64.00
Horsham	\$ 971.00	Dimboola \$ 64.00
		<b>Total \$ 1099.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection (Parish Account)</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 1770.00	Loose \$ 83.25
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$
		<b>Total \$ 1853.25</b>

**Making Connections:** Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the many competing demands on your time, attention? How do you find solitude and quiet in the midst of this busyness?

**Exploring the Word:** Jesus meets the needs of both the disciples and the crowds and thus becomes the 'good shepherd' who will look after his flock. In what ways is Jesus meeting your needs at the moment?

**Daily Prayer:** Lord God, faithful shepherd of the flock, in Jesus you long to gather into one fold the scattered sheep, the desolate crowd, the souls bewildered and confused. Work in us and through us to fashion a new humanity, proclaiming peace to those far off, gathering many into one through Christ's glorious cross.

**Marriage Tip:** Some spouses need to bite their tongues more; others need to loosen their tongues and share more. Which are you? With time, hopefully you can find the middle ground that is "just right."

**Vocational View:** When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.

**PARAMEDICS DAY July 19th.** We pray for mica and paramedics in their care for us in times of illness and accidents



### COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Jul 29:Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30  
Sunday Aug 5:Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am.  
Sunday Aug 12:Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am  
Sunday Aug 19:Dimboola AWC 8.30.Murtoa Mass 8.30  
Sunday Aug 26:Natimuk Mass 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30  
Dimboola Mass 10.30. Nhill Mass 5pm

**Fr John is on holidays from July 20th to September 20th, including supplying for Fr Eric in Stawell.**  
**Fr Damian coming on the 2nd weekend of the month**

### Bishop Paul Bird will make an Official Visit to Horsham Parish

**from Friday August 24th to Monday August 27th**

A preliminary Program for Bishop Paul's visit:

Friday 24th: Visit SBC in the morning.

Lunch with the Finance Committee 12n

Anointing Mass SMJ Church: 2pm

PPC Meeting and Tea 5.30pm.

Saturday 25th: Morning Devotions and Mass.

Visit the sick and elderly.

SMJ Mass 6.30pm and cuppa after

Sunday 26th: Mass Murtoa 8.30, SMJ Mass 10.30

Lunch with Parishioners in Parish Centre

Visit Nhill and Mass and Tea at 5pm.

Monday 27th: Visit SMJ School, OLHC Murtoa.

Lunch and Meetings.

### Eucharist Preparation Week One - Celebrating Being Christian

Remembering and celebrating stories of our faith has always been a strong tradition in the Catholic Church. These stories not only recall events and people from the Bible and history, but also give us our sense of belonging, meaning and identity as Christians. In celebrating Sunday Eucharist, Catholics gather as a faith community to celebrate God's life giving presence in our world and especially the presence of Jesus Christ. Christ is present within the community assembled, in the Word of God, under the signs of the consecrated bread and wine and in the priest who presides. In the session the aim is for the children to gain the following understandings:

◆ Families celebrate significant occasions in their lives in particular ways:

◆ Through Baptism and Confirmation we are all members of the community of believers;

◆ That the children can identify the similarities between their gatherings and celebrations experienced by the community of believers, fully expressed in the Mass.

Our example to the children helps them learn from us with attention to the prayerfulness of our Mass; our warm greetings to each other; our listening and attending to the Word of God; our awareness of the gift of Eucharist. Yes, our example of Blessing ourselves with Holy Water, with our answering and singing, our genuine reflection, our warmth at the sign of peace, our respect to each other, are all ways the children can see us, reflect, and act upon our example



Happy and blessed birthday and prayerful best wishes to  
**MARY LAWSON**  
on her 90th birthday

The Australian Bishops say to us **EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE** as we discern and pray for the needs of our Church, what we keep, what we need to change or adapt



*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'* Mt 27

### BBI eConference: Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change.

The 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in Australia.

**Wednesday August 8th, 10.00am - 3.00pm in the Meeting Room** All are welcome.

BYO Lunch and cuppa will provided.

### Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

The Year 3 students photos will go on display in the Church.

#### Sacrament Mass Dates:

Saturday August 11th at 6.30 Mass

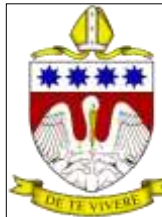
Sunday August 12th at 10.30 Mass

Saturday August 18th at 6.30 Mass

Sunday August 19th at 10.30 Mass

◆ The children will be presented to the Parish at SMJ Masses on August 4th and 5th.

◆ The rehearsal for the Sacraments will be on Thursday August 9th in SMJ Church from 10am



### Corpus Christi College Seminary Raffle 2018

There are 6,000 tickets. **Each ticket is \$10**  
*The Raffle supports vocations to the priesthood*

**Prizes:** 1st. \$15,000 Travel thanks to Ashmore and James Travel Associates.

2nd: \$500 gift voucher from The Good Guys

3rd: \$200 gift voucher from The Good Guys.

4th: \$100 gift voucher from The Good Guys

*(Prizes are valid until August 2019)*

**TICKET ORDER FORMS ARE IN CHURCH FOYERS**

*Raffle drawn on Friday August 31st at the Seminary*

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (Chair), Peter Gutteridge, Fr Peter, Andrea Cox, Lesley Price, Alison McKinnon, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Marg Lingham, Cathy Grace, Joan Lane-Storey, Anita Masiero (Sec)

**Child Safety Standards.** Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** for the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** exists for all who work with children in the Parish. Our Parish is always child safe.

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks! 'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks— when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence, and this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22**

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

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.

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

**2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18**

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of

the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**Acclamation: John 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 6:30-34**

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**Gospel Reflection. 16th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson**

In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and recreation. With so much pain and suffering in our world, the demands of living a gospel way of life can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us. The apostles have been busy - preaching, healing, driving out the "demons" as instructed. They report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. "Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while" The reference to desert evokes the

wilderness of Sinai through which the people of Israel travelled for forty years. For the contemporary reader, it evokes the diversity of life in the desert, and the desertification of so much of the earth's surface as a result of tree-clearing and mindless destruction of forests. The "rest" that Jesus proposes is short-lived: the crowds pursue him. His response to these crowds is a physical one: he is "moved with compassion". The Greek verb for being moved with compassion suggests a "gut" reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people who are "like sheep without a shepherd", and he is ready to do something about it. Jesus invites his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of the people in the desert. "You give them something to eat" is his instruction to those who would turn the people away.

Like the Israelites of old, the afflicted Earth community in any age needs good leaders or "shepherds" who will "practice justice and righteousness in the land", as the prophet Jeremiah reminds us. The Hebrew word for justice refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness is about right relationship at every level. Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness entail. As the Gospel unfolds, we find that Jesus' disciples are well-meaning, though slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with the compassionate heart of the "shepherd", and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice and right relationship in a world of unconscionable disparities and unprecedented displacement of peoples and of other-than-human species.

**Next Week's Gospel: John 6:1-15**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test

Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave

thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus,