



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—28th July 2019



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Children's Liturgy Information Session.

We are currently looking for Children's Liturgy Volunteers. Are you interested in helping out? Children's Liturgy is such an important Ministry within our Church. We hope to continue running it, however we are in urgent need of volunteers. With only 3 volunteers available, we have only been able to run it on occasion

An Information session will be held:
TODAY Sun 28th July, after 10:30am
Mass in the Children's Liturgy Meeting Room, next to the Kitchen. This meeting will explain what's involved in helping with this very important Ministry. It's very simple but rewarding.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to be involved.

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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.

We welcome Fr John.

PRAYER

Reveal to us, Father, the mystery of love and presence which Jesus your Son taught us, when, as our brother and saviour, he taught us how to pray. Give us your Holy Spirit so that our prayer may be filled with the childlike trust and unwavering perseverance we hear in the prayer of Jesus, and that we may grow in a living experience of your steadfast love and abiding presence.
AMEN.

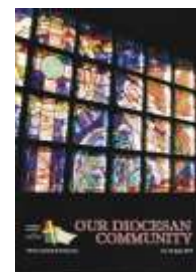
Congratulations

We congratulate and pray for Bungaree Parish Priest, Fr Shane Mackinlay, whom this week Pope Francis announced as the new Bishop of Sandhurst (Bendigo) and whose episcopal ordination is expected to be in mid October. We wish him every blessing in this new venture.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY:

Live your life in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you.



Our Diocesan Community— July Edition is now available in the foyer. Collect your copy today

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 30 July	5.30pm	
Wednesday 31 July	9.30am	St Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday 1 August	9.30am	St Alphonsus Liguori
Friday 2 August	9.30am	
Saturday 3 August	10am	St Dominic Sue Toohey Anniversary

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: Ray Coutts, Bill Kennedy, Vera Bigham, Des O'Callaghan, Lou Sartori, Toni Besselaar, Mac Honeyman, Sue Toohey, Margaret Jones

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, Margaret Cotter

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Next Sunday 1st Sunday of the Month
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th August 2019

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

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

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.

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.



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 seeding trays, the proceeds will help to provide wheelchairs for people in need in South Africa.

Child Safety Standards. St 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

27/28 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Andrea Cox
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson
3/4 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Peter Gutteridge	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Anna Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Peter Gutteridge Micky Robarts	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	4th August Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	11th August Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 75.00
Horsham	\$ 830.00	Dimboola	\$
Total		\$	

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1016.00	Loose	\$ 37.50
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total		\$ 1053.50	

Next Week's Gospel Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Marriage Tip: Love is a choice, not a feeling. Choose to love your spouse today, especially when it is challenging.

Country Mass Times:

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



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/>

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #5

How is God calling us to be a Christ- centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God’s kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action and to recognise Jesus. Find out more at

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons – July 30

July 30 marks the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Please consider a donation to our member organisation, Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH), so that it can continue its work with the community towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and globally <https://acrath.org.au/>

Letter from Bishop Paul Bird



Dear Friends,

Fr Peter Sherman has indicated that he will not be continuing his ministry as a priest.

In a letter that he has written to the priests of the diocese, Peter refers to his sorrow in coming to this decision. We, too, feel sorrow in receiving Peter’s letter of resignation from ministry.

I’m sure the priests and people of the diocese will also feel with him as he shares his sorrow. At the same time, Peter wishes to express his thanks to the priests with whom he has served and the people with whom he has worked.

We express thanks for the service that Peter has rendered, both in parishes and in various diocesan organisations.

I ask you to join in prayer for Peter as his future unfolds.

Kind regards.
Paul Bird

2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019. All-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals will be available. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. More information is on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the Diocesan Website or contact Patrick 5337 7160.

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, the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee, ph. (02) 9919 7822, email olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on July 22, 2019.

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)

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Romans 8:15
Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Gospel Reflection – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying and about God's generous giving. There are two teachings on prayer forming a frame around an enigmatic parable. In the first cameo, Jesus has finished praying and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond. He evokes the words of the Jewish blessing prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world. May God's kingship be established in your lifetime." Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the saving power of God over against the destructive power of the Roman emperor. The prayer continues with an acknowledgement that bread, the fruit of the earth, is the gift of God: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." This is not a prayer for more than is needed, but for just as much as is needed to sustain Earth's beings. The

final petitions in the prayer are for forgiveness of sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and for freedom from testing. We cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiving, from being forgiven and from the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial such as the present ecological crisis with all its demands for radical change. The parable that follows has raised questions for interpreters. Is it about persistence or about avoidance of shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek word *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is avoidance of shame. This makes sense in a culture where anyone would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of

friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night. Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. The translation "persistence" seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo. Here Jesus draws on the experience of his listeners: if flawed disciples know how to give "good gifts" to their children, then they should not be surprised that those who ask for the Holy Spirit will receive this best of all gifts from God as they seek to renew the face of the Earth.