



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th August 2018



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### FAITH ON TAP

in the Vic Hotel  
 Beer Garden  
**this Monday  
 August 6th.**

7pm meal, talk 7.30

Guest Speaker  
*We talk all things faith,  
 theology, living as a  
 Christian in our society.*

Contact James & Ema-Lee  
 Rowe 0431053345

*All over 18yo are welcome*

**CWL Meeting this Tuesday  
 August 7th at 1.30pm** in  
 the Meeting Room. All welcome

### 14th Annual BBI eConference: Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change.

Focus on engaging communities in a discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in Australia.

**this Wednesday August 8th,  
 10.00am - 3.00pm  
 in the Meeting Room**

All are welcome.

BYO Lunch, and a cuppa will be provided.

**If you are coming please let Anita know in the  
 Office, for catering.**

♦ *List of Speakers on page 3 on this Bulletin*

### Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist

Year 3 students photos  
 are on display in the  
 Church. Please pray for them

**Sacrament Mass Dates:**  
 Saturday Aug 11th at 6.30  
 Sunday Aug 12th at 10.30  
 Saturday Aug 18th at 6.30  
 Sunday Aug 19th at 10.30



♦ The rehearsal for the Sacraments this  
 Thursday August 9th in SMJ Church 10am.

♦ **We welcome the Children Masses this  
 weekend as we present them to the  
 Parish for their Sacraments coming up**  
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**Rupanyup Mass** this Wednesday Aug 8  
 at 6.30pm at Sue Tylers.

Feast of St Mary MacKillop this Wednesday  
 SMJ School Yr 4's will attend 9.30 Mass.

**Natimuk Nursing Home Mass Thursday 4.15**

*Congratulations to SMJ School on the  
 success of their School Review and on  
 the wonderful Grandparents Mass and day.*

### 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 do  
 care in their own homes, those who  
 work in hospitals, nursing homes,  
 hospice care, palliative care. O God  
 be the source of comfort to those in  
 pain, be 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 at  
16 George St.  
 Eileen McManus 5382  
 4745

♦ Fr Peter attends the Northern  
 Zone Priests Meeting in  
 Robinvale on Tuesday.

**Feast of the Assumption  
 August 15th. Masses:**  
**SMJ 11.30**(with Schools), 5.30  
 OLHC Murtoa 2pm.  
 St Patrick's Nhill 9.30am

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 7th August	<b>AWC 5.30pm</b>	
Wednesday 8th August	9.30am	<b>St Mary MacKillop</b>
Thursday 9th August	9.30am	UN Day for Indigenous Peoples.
Friday 10th August	9.30am	St Lawrence. Marie Murphy anniv.
Saturday 11th August	10.00am	St Clare. Jack & Michael Hogan annivs

### 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:** Russell McLean (Tom's brother), Patricia Sanders (Kaniva), John Bowd (Sr Jacinta's cousin), Luciano (Lou) Sartori,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ann Downs, Jack & Michael Hogan, Dirk Agee, Fran Morris, Marie Murphy, Kathleen Byrne, Veronica Butler, James & Mary Hynes, Sr Dorothy Finnigan

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Felicity Taylor, Peter Kelly, Fleur Armstrong, Una Bartlett, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Kobe Davidson, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Ruby Spasic, Carmel Herson, Cathy Mintern, Rosetta Cafarella, 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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2nd Sunday of the Month 12th August**

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  
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 in the 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.** For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

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

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



We wish St Brigid's College students, staff and families all the best for their Play "The Little Mermaid, this Thursday, Friday, Saturday Tickets on sale at the Town Hall.

**ROSTERS**

4/5 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Geoff Simpson Maree Plazzer Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton	Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Anna Robertson Andrea Cox Cate Rigby Faye Wills Bob Pritchett
<b>Commentator</b>	John Parker	Bob Pritchett
11/12 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Garry Heinrich	Kingsley Dagleish
<b>Commentator</b>	John Parker	Bob Pritchett
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<b>Projector</b>	Gerard Natividad	Alison McKinnon
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bill & Josie Phelan	Beth Johnson Zita Cannane
<b>Prayers</b>	John & Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>5th August</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	<b>12th August</b> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McLnerney
<b>FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):</b>		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 71.00
Horsham	\$ 823.00	Dimboola \$ 101.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 995.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection (Parish Account)</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 1310.00	Loose \$ 66.50
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$ 1685.17
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1376.50</b>

**Making Connections:** What must you do to do the works that God wants? Make time each day this week to reflect on the real nourishment you yearn for. What sustains your life?

**Living the Word:** What feeds our bodies is transitory; what feeds our souls is that which is our real sustenance. Pray for each other in your search for 'the food that endures to eternal life'.

**Daily Prayer:** O God, whose gift to our ancestors was manna in the wilderness, we believe in the One whom you have sent, on whom you have set your seal. Nourish us on the bread of Christ's teaching, clothe us in your likeness. May we live a life worthy of our calling to bear witness to God  
**Marriage Tip:** "In sickness and in health..." Whether it's chronic mental or physical illnesses, seasonal colds and flus, or getting up in years, pain and sickness will happen in married life. In all this, be thankful that you have a spouse to love, even when it hurts.

**Vocational View:** "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for August** The treasure of Families That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity. "Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."



### COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

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 11.30  
Visit Nhill: Mass and Tea at 5pm.

**Monday 27th:** Men's Breakfast 7.30-8.30, Parish Centre  
Visit SMJ School, OLHC Murtoa.  
Lunch and Meetings.



### Joy+ Youth Festivals!

The Ballarat Diocese  
**3 Sunday Festivals**  
for youth, young adults 15 - 30  
We pray today for the  
success and blessings on the  
first Festival day at Robinvale.

Sunday 2nd Sept : Warrnambool West  
Sunday 25th November in Ballarat  
**Free!** Mass, Genevieve Bryant and band, workshop  
food and friends. **Our Youth will go to Ballarat**

### Speakers at Wednesday's eConference.

**Archbishop Mark Coleridge**, Archbishop of Brisbane Chair of the Bishops Commission 2020 Plenary Council.

**Topic:** *Leaders that Listen: Synodality in Practice.*

**Mrs Lana Turvey-Collins**, Plenary Council Facilitator

**Topic:** *Synodality in Practice-Preparing for the Australian Plenary Council.*

**Professor Massimo Faggioli**, Professor of Historical Theology, Villanova University, Philadelphia, USA **Topic:** *Structures of Synodality: Insights from Pope Francis.*

**Professor Richard Lennan**, Professor of Systematic Theology, School of Theology, Boston College, USA. **Topic:** *Change and the Church's Tradition.*

**Dr Gemma Cruz**, Senior Lecturer, School of Theology, Institute of Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University

**Topic:** *Synodality, Community and the Margins.*

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



**Plenary Council 2020**

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

**Diocesan wide Regional Gatherings to prepare leaders and interested people for dialogue sessions in Parishes will be held in mid-October and will be facilitated by Lana Turvey Collins, Plenary Council Facilitator. The Horsham Session will be either October 9th or 10th**

**Plenary Council questions for contemplation:**

- 1.What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What are your questions about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you would like to share?

**Feast of Mary Mackillop.** Bishop Paul Bird has given permission for our Diocese to donate to the on-going work of our first Australian saint. **Envelopes will be available for this, later in August**  
More information: [marymackilloptoday.org.au](http://marymackilloptoday.org.au).

**POPE FRANCIS ON DEATH PENALTY** Vatican City: Pope Francis has changed church teaching about the death penalty, in a new policy published on Thursday August 2nd. More details on this as the Papal Document is made available to us.



### Corpus Christi College Seminary Raffle 2018

6,000 tickets. **Each ticket is \$10**  
*The Raffle supports vocations to the priesthood*  
**Prizes: 1st. \$15,000 Travel, plus 4 other prizes (Prizes valid until August 2019)**  
**Ticket Order Forms in Church Foyers**  
*Raffle drawn on Friday August 31st*

**Write to senators to oppose euthanasia.** The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message <http://www.noethanasia.org.au/sign>

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (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: Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15**

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25.**

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and

understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might.

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17. 20-**

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

**Acclamation: Matthew 4:4**

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that

comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 6:24-35**

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. Who comes to me will never be hungry; who believes in me will never thirst.'

**Gospel Reflection. 18th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson**

We have become so familiar with the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements in the text or the environment and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for God's incarnate Word. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life. Note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee

and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities. Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching

for Jesus. The question, "Rabbi, when did you come here?", has to do with time and place Jesus is addressed as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. It is his response to this question that introduces the discussion about bread. This in turn opens up a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking. The words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us again and again to value and respect the material world. The more we do so, the more attuned we will be to accepting that Jesus is the bread of life.

**Next Week's Gospel: John 6:41-51**

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,

and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the

bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.



Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'