



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—11th August 2019



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We welcome Fr John and Fr Damian.

#### CWL 90TH BIRTHDAY

The CWL will be holding their 90th Birthday Celebration and reunion in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 20th October** after 10.30am Mass. All current and former members are invited to a luncheon to rekindle old friendships.  
**RSVP:** 1/10/19 to Marina 5382 1047, Tess 5381 1785 or Frances 5382 1546

### COLUMBAN MISSION SOCIETY

We will welcome Fr Robert McCulloch to our Parish on the weekend of **August 24th/25th**. Fr Robert will celebrate Horsham and Murtoa Masses. There will be a LEAVING COLLECTION at these Masses to support his work in Pakistan. Our Diocese has a long and close link with the Columbans. A number of vocations have come from the Diocese of Ballarat, including Fr Robert and Fr Phil Crosby, the Penciling Priest from the Korean War. Our Diocese has also had a long link with the Columbans through our shared missionary commitment to South America since the late 1960s. Fr Damian Heath, Fr Paddy Mugavin, Fr Peter Murphy and Fr Mick McKinnon, have all had the good fortune to been able to work with the Columban in South America. The Shared Table, has continued to make a significant contribution to projects supported by the Columbans in Peru. Fr Robert invites us to continue this support through a subscription the Columban magazine The Far East, or the yearly purchase of the Columban Calendar. Acknowledging our support for the Columban Missions, I also urge people to consider this invitation as a practical means of both supporting this mission and helping to promote the Columban effort.

#### Episcopal Ordination of the Bishop of Sandhurst

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Shane Mackinlay will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 12.00noon in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

#### 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.

#### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASSES

St Brigid's College, St Michael & John's and Our Lady Help of Christians schools will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption in the Church on Thursday 15th August at **9.30am**. There will also be a Mass at **5.30pm**

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

|                           |                                |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tuesday 13 August         | 5.30pm                         |                                |
| Wednesday 14 August       | 9.30am                         | St Maximilian Mary Kolbe       |
| <b>Thursday 15 August</b> | <b>9.30am</b><br><b>5.30pm</b> | <b>Feast of the Assumption</b> |
| Friday 16 August          | 9.30am                         |                                |
| Saturday 17 August        | <b>NO MASS</b>                 |                                |

#### 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:** Chris McDonald (Hamilton—son of Carmel & Neville), Martino Carbone (Swan Hill), Victims of the mass shootings in America,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Niehus, Colin Cross, Maria Murphy

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, John McNamara, Margaret Cotter

**Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688**

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th August 2019**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **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.



**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.** 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

| 10/11 August   | Vigil 6.30pm   | Sunday 10.30am  |
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| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                         | Cathy Taylor<br>John Parker<br>Geoff Simpson<br>Simon Lynch<br>Bob Hayes<br>Anne Newton<br>Sr Tirsa Bale                 | Lynda Hutchinson<br>Rosie Taylor<br>Zita Cannane<br>Mary Dalgleish<br>Andrea Cox<br>Faye Wills<br>Bob Pritchett             |
| <b>Commentator</b>                                   | Maree Plazzer  | Dianne Noy  |
| 17/18 August   | Vigil 6.30pm   | Sunday 10.30am  |
| <b>Readers</b>                                       | Kevin Dunn   | Kingsley Dalgleish  |
| <b>Commentator</b>                                   | John Parker  | Alison McKinnon   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                         | Anthony Amor<br>Sr Jacinta Rice<br>Bernadette Trounce<br>Joan Parker<br>Lorraine Clancy<br>Pat Glaubitz<br>Maree Plazzer | Tim Lannen<br>Alison McKinnon<br>Kingsley Dalgleish<br>Karen Hill<br>Anna Robertson<br>Neville Strachan<br>Lynda Hutchinson |
| <b>Projector</b>                                     | Peter Gutteridge   | Shayne Keenan   |
| <b>Musicians</b>                                     | Chris Robarts  | Combined Choir  |
| <b>Welcomers</b>                                     | Judie & Hugh Delahunty   | Sharon Creasey<br>Mary Dowsley  |
| <b>Prayers</b>                                       | John & Joan Parker   |   |
| <b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>        | <b>18th August</b><br>Pauline Barber<br>Gwen Antonucci<br>Carmel O'Connor<br>Kate Hernon-Spasic                          | <b>25th August</b><br>Lucille Pekin<br>Helen Bush<br>Bernadette Delahunty   |
| <b>FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):</b> |  |   |
| Natimuk  | \$   | Murtoa \$ 108.00  |
| Horsham  | \$ 852.00  | Dimboola \$ 58.00   |
|  |  | <b>Total \$ 1018.00</b>   |
| <b>2nd Collection (Parish Account)</b>               |  |   |
| Envelopes  | \$ 1027.00   | Loose \$ 78.95  |
| Credit Card  | \$ 2169.17   | Direct Debit \$ 1824.67   |
|  |  | <b>Total \$ 5099.79</b>   |

## 15 August—Feast of the Assumption of Mary

The feast day of the Assumption of Mary celebrates the Christian belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into heaven following her death. According to Christian tradition, it is the principal feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is celebrated in many countries around the world in different ways, for example in Italy, colourful processions through the street and fireworks mark the celebration, while in Sicily and rural areas outside of Rome, a bowing procession is the main event.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour, because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

(Luke 1: 39-56)

### Country Mass Times:

Aug 11: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
Aug 18: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am  
Aug 24: Natimuk 8.30am. Murtoa AWC 9am. Nhill 10am  
Dimboola 11.30am

### MORE NEWS ON FR PETER'S TRAVELS

Fr Peter is continuing to enjoy his travels which now see him on Safari in Africa.



He will return to Australia on Friday 16th August, and will celebrate Masses next the weekend.

### Catholic Women's League Social Afternoon

"God never sleeps" - come along to a spring afternoon tea and hear **Nhill's John and Margaret Millington OAM** inspire you with their life story of faith which has enabled them to transform family tragedies into work for the community. Free entry, door prizes and afternoon tea. **Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 1.30pm** in the Mary Glowrey Room St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. Enquiries to Carmel, ph. 0401175045 or email [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com)

### The Invention of Melbourne

- This exhibition presents a rare opportunity to see some little-known treasures of gold rush Melbourne and to reflect on the careers of two remarkable men – James Alipius Goold, first Catholic bishop of Melbourne, and William Wilkinson Wardell, architect of St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. This free exhibition is being held at the Old Treasury Building Melbourne from August 1, 2019 - March 2, 2020 <https://www.oldtreasurybuilding.org.au/whats-on/exhibitions/>
- The book "Invention of Melbourne - A Baroque Archbishop and a Gothic Architect" edited by Jaynie Anderson, Max Vodola, Shane Carmody, is available to purchase from Melbourne University Publishing <https://www.mup.com.au/books/the-invention-of-melbourne-hardback>



### 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 Parish Coordinators:

We are seeking parish coordinators for the next stage of the process, "Listening and Discernment." These parish coordinators will lead the Listening and Discerning encounters in your parish/community. The role of these coordinators will be to facilitate the Listening and Discernment encounters associated with the six themes. Each parish will need at least two coordinators who would be willing to become leaders/facilitators for the Listening and Discernment encounters. Larger parishes will probably need more facilitators depending on the number of communities.

**Could you please advise Jane Collins at [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au)**

Meetings to be held in the Parish Centre on Monday 26th August at 6pm and Tuesday 27th August at 10.00am. You will only be required to attend one of these meetings.

### World Wide Global Rosary

This World Wide Global Rosary will be prayed for world peace, penance and reparation for the world on October 13, 2019 - the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. There will also be a 54 day Novena commencing on August 15 and concluding on the feast of the Holy Rosary, October 7 - a week before the Global Rosary.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Thursday 15th August in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm  
All men and sons welcome.

**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)

**First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9**

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22**

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12**

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain

unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Gospel: Luke 12:32-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as

soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

**Gospel Reflection – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a "little flock". He tells them that there is no need for fear. God, their "father", has delighted in giving them "the kin-dom" and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (eleēmosunē). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also." The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued

in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a gospel image of God. In this problematic passage, the Lukan Jesus is engaging his hearers' experience of slavery in order to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave enjoys a relative happiness in comparison with the fate of the other slaves. The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have been met with scepticism by its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is just not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than

by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are awake enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal. The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They need to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. These verses are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my dis-

treasure till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and

two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'