

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th August 2017



We welcome **Fr Robert McCulloch** to our parish this weekend.
Fr Robert McCulloch will celebrate the Horsham Masses.
There will also be a leaving collection for the Columban Missions

PRAYER FOR THE SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick brothers and sisters 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 when they experience pain. May You be their source of hope in moments of despair, woundedness and sorrow. May You be their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them all with the courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and your healing love. Bless **caregivers**, as channels of your love for they are your very hands on this earth. Give them gentleness as they help those who are sick, that they respect the dignity and value of the sick to You. Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful 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, as they walk 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 the Hospital.

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Principal: Peter Gutteridge
Phone: 5382 3545

Our Lady Help of Christians
Principal: Gary Typuszak
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Email: 9th August 2017

Dear Friends,

Over the past few years, we have all been keenly aware of the proceedings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Commission has highlighted the need to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered abuse and to do all we can to ensure that children are safe now and in the future. The attached letter provides an update on what our diocese is doing in this regard.

I would be grateful if you could make copies available for parishioners.

God bless you all.
Bishop Paul



Paul Bird CSSR
Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat
Copies available in the foyer



Feast of the Assumption Mass Times

Tuesday 15th August
11.30am Mass with SMJ and SBC.
2pm Mass at OLHC Murtoa
5.30pm Mass—Horsham

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A big thank you to Fr John for all his help in the Parish whilst Fr Peter was away. We are so lucky to have him available to help us.

We welcome back Fr Peter after his well deserved holiday. Fr Peter will be saying Masses at Murtoa and Dimboola this weekend.

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



WEEKDAY MASSES (A funeral Mass will replace a week-day Mass)

Tuesday 15th Aug	11.30am 5.30pm	Feast of the Assumption
Wednesday 16th Aug	9.30am	Eliza & Walter McPhee, Carmel Howe
Thursday 17th Aug	9.30am	
Friday 18th Aug	9.30am	
Saturday 19th Aug	10am	

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Rigby—sister of Noreen Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES: Carmel Haby, Doreen Booker, Heather McPhee, Hugh Byrne, Eliza & Walter McPhee, Carmel Howe

SICK: Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, John Coleman, Madeleine Cameron, Joan Glen, Lynn Cooper, Francis Mitchell, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Joan Glen, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Lorrain Holland, Terry Turvey, Maureen Ryan, Ken Dowsley, Peter Oakley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Jean Ivess, Fr Dennis Dennehy, Fr Paul Mercovich

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass (10.25)

Each Saturday Morning:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20
Rosary 9.30. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am**

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th August 2017**

Horsham Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

**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 - 9.30am 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 Breakfast meetings 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30am in the Parish Centre. Contact Patrick 0428847455

St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meets twice monthly. Available Monday & Friday 11am-2pm for assistance. Phone 53812371

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

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Church Piety Stall. Gifts for all Sacraments, cards, medals

Affordable Counselling from Centacare Ballarat, for families, individuals. **Free Call** 1300 303 988 for appointment

PARISH DATES:

Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ from October 28th to November 1st. Theme: *Living a contemporary Church life of faith, hope, love.*

Parish Acknowledgement Dinner for Sr Jacinta Sunday November 19th at Coughlin Park at 12nn.

Sunday November 12th: SMJ School Spring Fete

Diocesan Liturgy Formation Day: Sunday 18th February 2018 with Bishop Paul Bird and others.

Sacrament Masses: Nhill Sunday September 17th
Murtoa Sunday October 15th.

ROSTERS

12/13 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer Bob Hayes John Parker Tess Hayes	Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Judy Reid Andrea Cox Faye Wills Kingsley Dalgleish
19/20 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Tess Hayes	Angela Murphy
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Anthony Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Silvanna Foster Anthony Amor Ann Hermans Lorraine Clancy Micky Roberts Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Bob Pritchett Anna Robertson
Projector	Anita Masiero	Alison McKinnon
Musicians	Embedded Music	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Mary Dowsley Nanette Freckleton
Children's Liturgy		Robert Plazzer
Prayers	Mary Brown and Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	20th August Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	27th August Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 79.00
Horsham	\$ 857.00	Dimboola	\$ 58.00
Total			\$ 994.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1123.00	Loose	\$ 59.00
Total			\$ 1182.00

Making Connections: Once again we see Jesus withdrawing alone to pray. The example of Jesus in quiet prayers can be a pointer to us in how to pray. As a Church we pray communally, but quiet reflection is also important. Take time this week to reflect alone. The disciples cry to Jesus in their distress, 'Lord, save me'. This week, allow yourself to hear Jesus' answer: 'Courage! Do not be afraid.' Make use of the Holy Hour on Mondays 10am-11am.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. In art, the Church is often represented as a boat. A boat carries its passengers through threatening waters but is not exempt from the turbulence of storms. The Church can bear through the storms of life but it does not exempt us from the stresses and struggles.

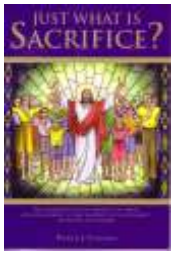
Daily Prayer: Strengthen our "little faith," and open our eyes to your presence at every moment of history and in every circumstance of life, that we may face with serenity times of testing and turmoil, and walk with Christ through every storm toward safe haven and true peace.

A Vocation View: Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

Parish Emergency Care Catering

Would all people who have plates or containers in the Parish Centre please pick them up as they are using cupboard space we need.

Thank you Betty



If you missed out on a copy of **“Just What is Sacrifice?”** last weekend and would like one, further copies will be ordered. **\$13.00 a copy.** Please fill in your details on the clipboard in the foyer. We will be ordering them next week.

Youth Synod Questionnaire:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Living the Word:

Just as God's word at creation drew order out of the watery chaos, so does the word of Jesus calm the storm. He has the mastery of the Creator over the elements of nature. Peter, on the other hand, symbolises our impetuous humanity, leaping out into the unknown and then becoming afraid and failing. But help is available in the person of Jesus who truly is the Son of God. *Lord, when the winds are contrary and the seas rough, when darkest night assails us, May your cry reach us: Take courage, it is I: do not be afraid.*

Pope's Prayer Intentions for August Artists.

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (Chair), Mary Marshall, Peter Gutteridge, Andrea Cox, Fr Peter, Gary Typuszack, Alison McKinnon, Lesley Price, Daryl Wren, Bob Pritchett, Garry Heinrich, Joan Lane-Storey, Margaret Lingham, Gary Coutts, Anita Masiero (Secretary)

Interested in learning more about
the Catholic faith?



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We welcome inquirers into the Catholic Faith, or anyone who may

wish to improve their knowledge of our Catholic Faith, to join our RCIA Program this year. The Program enables people to ask questions, and to be guided by our Parish Team, to be informed and understand the life, Sacraments, Prayer and pastoral outreach of our Church. Inquirers, or anyone who may be interested, are invited to contact the Parish Office on 53821155.



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DEMENTIA You are not alone

Come along and join us to hear a public lecture by Assoc Prof Mark Yates, Ballarat Health Services, who will talk about dementia healthcare in the region.

- Bring along the questions you would like answered.
- Visit our expo table.
- Talk to local people about support available.
- Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea.

WHEN

**WEDNESDAY 6
SEPTEMBER 2017**

1:30pm - 5:00pm
Registration and expo
3:00pm - 4:00pm
Public lecture, Assoc Prof Mark Yates

WHERE

Ss Michael and John's Catholic Church Hall,
Roberts Avenue, **HORSHAM**

COST

Free entry | Afternoon tea

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Register online:
horsham2017.eventbrite.com.au

For more information call 03 9816 5784 or
email dementiaawareness.vic@alzheimers.org.au



Assoc Prof Mark Yates is a consultant physician in geriatric medicine and Director Clinical Studies Grampians Clinical School, Deakin University.

He is also Chair of the University of Melbourne and Deakin University Joint Liaison Committee in Ballarat.

He has clinical roles in the Grampians Region Cognitive Dementia and Memory Service (CDAMS) and as a geriatrician to the Ballarat Health Services Sub-Acute Service.

You are not alone

For information, support and advice

CALL **1800 100 500**

VIA AN INTERPRETER

131 450

GO TO FIGHTDEMENTIA.ORG.AU/VIC FOR MORE ON DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH

The National Dementia Helpline and Dementia Awareness Month are funded by the Australian Government.

Child Safety Standards. Ss Michael & John Parish has appointed 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. We have uploaded onto the **Parish Website the Code of Conduct** that complies with Child Safety Protocols, for Parish staff, volunteers, Parish Council, Liturgical Ministers, Children's Liturgy, contractors.

Our Parish is committed to be a child safe community

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice

look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Acclamation Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Gospel Reflection –Veronica Lawson rsm.

The church knows what it means to be "battered by the waves". Over its two millennia history, there have been periods of discrimination and persecution against its members. Countless church members have died for their faith, while others have been and are being denied the freedom to practice their religion. There have also been times when the church has fallen far short of its own ideals and has quite seriously betrayed the gospel values it seeks to embody and proclaim. It is presently "battered" by huge even terrifying waves, largely of its own creating. Only God can bring order out of the chaos, and God works through the courageous witness and action of faith-filled disciples.

In today's gospel, Matthew tells of Jesus astride the waves like the God of Israel in Job 9:8. In Israel's mythology, the sea represents chaos. To walk on water is to have power and authority to bring order out of the chaos. Matthew presents Jesus as

exercising the power of God over the potentially destructive chaos. Jesus makes his claim to divine power explicit in words that echo God's words from the burning bush: "It is I" (literally "I am"). He tells the frightened disciples to take heart and not to be afraid. Peter, leader of the group, continues to doubt. He asks for a sign and is then prepared to take a risk in order to come to Jesus on the water. He begins to falter when he takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses instead on the threatening wind. Jesus reaches out his hand to rescue Peter. In a lovely gesture, Jesus takes him by the hand and holds him firmly in his grip. Jesus names Peter's problem as one of limited faith.

Matthew weaves the story of Peter into an earlier story from Mark's gospel. We can only speculate on the reasons for this. Were Matthew's communities going through hard times? Were they battered by the waves of conflicting loyalties as they found themselves excluded from Pharisaic Judaism? Was the pressure of separation

from the synagogue too great for some, even for those in leadership? This is a telling story for anyone who exercises leadership at any level in the church. It is a reminder to us as disciples to keep our eyes firmly fixed on the source of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty and on the crucial issues that face our planetary home.

Finally, this story invites us to consider the threatening waves created by the undeniable reality of climate change. The human community has created the problem. The human community must join hands to mitigate the damage. The growing commitment to renewable energy sources provides, for me, a contemporary image of a saving hand reaching out to the Earth communities that are in danger of being submerged.

Next Sundays Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And

his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to

the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.