



St Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—4th February 2018



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SCHOOLS

Ss Michael & John Primary
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We warmly welcome Bishop Emeritus Peter Connors and Fr John here to celebrate Masses this weekend.

St Vincent de Paul Conference

wishes to thank all who donated food and gifts during the Annual Christmas Appeal—6 families and 10 children benefitted.



The Conference is the Assistance area of SVDP and helps in many ways when called upon. Interviews are face to face to assess type of assistance, help with food, clothing, furniture, fuel, travel (bus tickets), scripts (provided by vouchers), home visits follow up all contacts.

We help and negotiate with utility, phone and rent accounts.

We support Mini Vinnies and Young Vinnies and offer one Bursary to each of the above yearly.

We help encourage the Sleep Out at St Brigid's annually by providing supper and breakfast.

We sent 4 children to Vinnies Camp at Halls Gap which is run by the Young Vincentians annually over Victoria.

We baked and supplied 70 gift pack to our elderly parishioners in Horsham, Dimboola and Natimuk.

We man and stock the piety store and say Rosary for deceased parishioners when requested.

We are a small group of 8 and would love more Volunteers.

Natimuk Anointing Mass

Thursday 8th February
4.15pm All welcome

Feast Day of St Alfonso Maria Fusco

Founder of Baptistine Sisters
Wednesday 7th February with
Mass at 9.30am followed by a
cuppa. All Welcome



Our Lady Help of Christians

Opening of school
year Mass on
Tuesday 6th
February at 9.30am



Ss Michael & John's Primary School

Opening of school year
Mass on Friday 9th
February at 9.30am

PRAYER FOR 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, their source of hope in moments of despair, sorrow, woundedness, 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, 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 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 Hospital.

We welcome in Baptism
to the Family of God:

Ava Maree Seers

daughter of Andrew and
Jenna



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

Monday 5th Feb	12 noon	Funeral of Rene Reinhard (Prayers)
Tuesday 6th Feb	1.00pm	Funeral of Cathleen (Betty) O'Connor (Mass)
Wed 7th Feb	9.30am	Feast of St Alfonso Maria Fusco
Thursday 8th Feb	9.30am	Jim White & Jack Mullins
	4.15pm	Natimuk Anointing Mass
Friday 9th Feb	9.30am	SMJ school Mass
Saturday 2nd Feb	10.00am	

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: Rene Reinhard, Cathleen (Betty) O'Connor

ANNIVERSARIES: Evelyn Schaefer, Andrew Taylor, Jim White, Jack Mullins, Irene Gannon

SICK: Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Kobe Davidson, Peter Kelly, Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joy Flynn, Joan Glen, Judy Francisco, Xavier Reicha, Jean Ivess, Terry Turvey, Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Ken Dowsley, Jill & Christine Higginbottom, Maureen Ryan, Peter Oakley, Fleur Armstrong, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Maurice Brennan, Fr Peter Hudson

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 2nd Sunday of the Month
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th February 2018

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 9.00am**

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 - 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. 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155. **Please Note: there will be no preparation during the month of March**

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

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

Daily Prayer: To this house, O God, the Teacher comes to preach and to heal. Life's emptiness is filled, its misery transformed. Lift us up from self-concern and set us free for service to others. May we go forth renewed and refreshed to proclaim the good news.

A Vocation View: The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? "To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds." How do you choose to respond?

ROSTERS

3/4 Feb 2018	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Hermans Lorraine Clancy Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor	Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dalgleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Shayne Keenan
10/11 Feb 2018	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Micky Robarts	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Bernadette Trounce Ann Hermans Anne Newton Bob Hayes Joan Parker	Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Faye Wills
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Zita Cannane Sharon Creasey
Prayers	Mary Brown & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	11th February 2018 Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	18th February 2018 Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 40.00	Murtoa	\$ 85.00
Horsham	\$ 890.00	Dimboola	\$
Total		\$ 1015.00	

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1876.00	Loose	\$ 58.00
Total		\$ 1934.00	

Making Connections: How can human beings describe the realities of good and evil? In Mark's Gospel, when we see and hear Jesus binding the power of the 'devils' and 'demons', we are witnessing the beginnings of the victory of good over evil. Jesus takes on the sin and suffering of the world and overcomes it. Make a special effort this week to extend a helping hand to someone in need. If you know someone who is gripped by some 'demon', offer them a word of encouragement.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore.

- Capernaum was a thriving town and was a centre for the local fishing industry.
- The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday. As the day of God's rest, work was not permitted. That is why Jesus only begins his work of healing after sunset.

Marriage Tip: Perhaps your children are grown and it's just the two of you again. Has your attention to each other grown stale or routine? Take up a new hobby, sport, or volunteer effort together.

Country Mass Times:

Feb 11th—Murtoa AWC—9.00am
Dimboola Mass 8.30am,
Nhill Mass—10.00am
Feb 18th—Murtoa Mass—10.30am
Dimboola Mass 8.30am

***subject to change**

LITURGY DAY 25th FEBRUARY 2018

Program for the day:

10.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR
12.00noon Welcome
12.05pm Introduction by Bishop Paul
Introduction of Diocesan Sacramental Program,
“Let the Children Come”
1.00pm Lunch – will be supplied by parish
1.45pm – 2.45pm Workshop
2.45pm – 3.45pm Workshop
3.45pm – 4.30pm Plenary & Prayer of the Church

Funeral Ministry Workshop will be presented over the two workshop sessions:

● **Funeral Ministry:** *This workshop will consist of a detailed presentation of resources for use for those involved in funeral ministry, and for those wishing to learn more about it. Website links and some hard copy material will be available to participants.*

Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program and Formation for Lectors workshops are offered

twice so participants can attend both:

● **Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, “Let the Children Come”:** *In this session we will look at the key features of the recently revised booklets in the “Let the Children Come” collection, to help us in preparing children for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.*

● **Formation for Lectors:** *The ministry of Lector (often called reader) is that of proclaiming the Word of God. The quality of the proclamation determines whether the assembly is helped or hindered in its listening to the Word. This workshop will explore the practicalities of proclaiming the Word.*

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER

Registrations are required for materials and catering purposes.

They can also be handed into the Office.

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

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

ROSTERS FOR CATERING LADIES

Would the catering ladies who *haven’t collected* their new rosters please take them home from the Narthex. Thanks Betty Heinrich.

Lent begins on with Ash Wednesday on 14th February.

There will be a group during the day run by Eileen McManus starting on Thursday 15th February after Mass (10am—11.30am).

An evening group will be run by Lesley Price starting Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in being a part of either group or run your own group.

Lenten Books are \$10 each if you wish to do it alone at home.

CWL Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 6th February at 10.30am

**Please note date and time*

All Welcome.



PROCLAIM Conference 2018—Sponsorship opportunity

The Diocesan Foundation has again offered sponsorship for six people from the Diocese to attend the PROCLAIM 2018 Conference in Brisbane from July 12 -14

(www.proclaimconference.com.au)

Further information is available on the Diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
Applications close Friday, February 16, 2018.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Resp Psalm Ps 146:1-6

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. he fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The

Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

Acclamation Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Gospel Reflection – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of life. Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and

life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented. Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up their wounds. Paul was a

messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the brokenhearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the brokenhearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.

Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to

anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

