

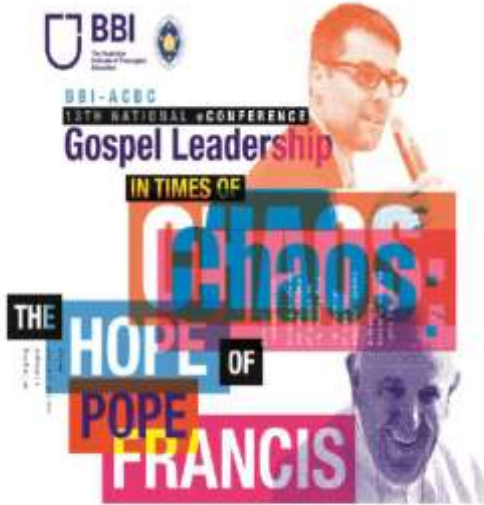
Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill



BULLETIN

Transfiguration of our Lord - 6th August 2017



Thursday 10th August 2017

Time: 10am to 3.00pm

Address: Parish Centre

BYO Lunch to share

RSVP: 8th August 2017 by contacting the Parish Centre

for Registration on

5382 1155

PARISH CONTACTS

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Ss Michael & John Primary

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St Brigid's College

Principal: Peter Gutteridge

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Our Lady Help of Christians

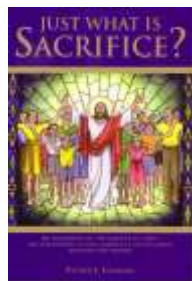
Principal: Gary Tpuszak

We welcome Fr John.
Fr Peter will be back on
Saturday 12th August from his
holiday.

A big thank you to Fr John for
his valued ministry to the our
Parish.

NATIMUK ANOINTING MASS

The Natimuk Nursing
Home Anointing Mass will
be held on **Thursday 10th
August** at 4.15pm



We welcome **Fr
Pat Flanagan**
to our Parish this
weekend.

Today Horsham and
Murtoa Masses will be
celebrated by Fr Pat
Flanagan. He will be
promoting his book

“Just What Is Sacrifice?”

Copies of the book will be available
after Mass. Cost \$13.00

Please make Fr. Pat welcome

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.

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 8th Aug	5.30pm	Mass
Wednesday 9th Aug	9.30am	Mass
	1.30pm	Funeral Prayers for Mac Honeyman
Thursday 10th Aug	4.15pm	Natimuk Anointing Mass
Friday 11th Aug	9.30am	Marie Murphy Anniversary
Saturday 12th Aug	10am	Mass

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Eddie Arundell—Warrnambool, Sr Mary Myers csb, Desmond O'Callaghan, Mac Honeyman

ANNIVERSARIES: Maurice Gerdtz, Fr Brendan Davey, Veronica Butler, Les Jones, Colin Cross, Kathleen Byrne, Marie Murphy

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 2nd Sunday of the Month
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th 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

5/6 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Rosie Taylor Sr Jacinta Rice Simon Lynch Micky Robarts Joan Parker Anne Newton Cathy Taylor	Tim Lannen Mary Dalglish Russell Reid Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett
11/12 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Kevin Dunn	Eileen McManus
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Michael Connellan
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 Dalglish
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar Gavin Hynam	Alistair Castle Sharon Creasey
Children's Liturgy		Lisa Hermans
Prayers	Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	13th August Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Mary Dowsley Margo Hogan	20th August Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 125.00
Horsham	\$ 840.00	Dimboola	\$ 58.00
Total			\$ 1023.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1340.00	Loose	\$ 71.10
Credit Card	\$ 2482.50	Direct Debit	\$ 1911.00
Total			\$ 5804.60

Making Connections: Spend time in reflecting this week on the statement of Peter: "How wonderful it is for us to be here."

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory will be the same ones who witness his agony in the garden prior to his arrest and crucifixion.

Marriage Tip: Marriage is until death do us part, not until we have a disagreement. Keep this in mind when you hit rough spots and work through them prayerfully and together.

Daily Prayer: O God, whose Son, your Beloved, was transfigured in a dazzling light, with reverent awe we enter your holy presence. Your presence cannot be contained in tents our hands have made but must be sought in your creatures and all that your hands have fashioned. Lead us from the high mountain to seek you in the lowly of the earth, serving them, after Christ's example, in peace and sacrificial love.

A Vocation View: If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today?

Sharing the Tradition: Moses was one of the great figures of the Hebrew Scriptures. He was God's instrument in freeing the people of Israel from slavery and it was to Moses that God gave his Law on Mount Sinai

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

The **“home”** represents the most precious human treasures, that of the encounter, that of relations among people, different in age, culture and history, but who live together and together help one another to grow. For this reason, the “home” is a crucial place in life, where life grows and can be fulfilled, because it is a place in which every person learns to receive love and to give love.

-Pope Francis

A Prayer for Winter

Let us huddle together this morning, our community a place of warmth in our lives as we share the flame of hope and connection. Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit.

We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this morning, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm. Let us wrap our prayers around them and each other like scarves, and wish each other safe journeys through the storm. May we be insulated from fear as the earth is insulated by the snow, and, like bulbs, may we continue to grow and open inside, despite the cold, ready for the spring, to stretch and grow towards justice.

Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for August Artists.

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

“We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.” We rejoice in the greatest victory. When we unite ourselves to Christ Jesus, we unite ourselves to his resurrection from the dead.

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.



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 is a geriatrician to the Ballarat Health Services Sub-Acute Service.

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

You are not alone

For information, support and advice:

CALL **1800 100 500**

OR 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: Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies

proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Gospel Reflection –Dianne Bergant CCS

Visions and dreams were considered avenues of divine revelation. The scene (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14) depicts the courts of heaven at the end of the ages. The major figures are the Ancient One and the one like a Son of Man. "Ancient One" implies both eternity and great wisdom. The one who comes on the clouds is described as one like the Son of Man. This mysterious figure is installed by God as ruler over the entire universe. He will be an everlasting kingdom, granted by God, not attained by means of conquest or political alliance. This figure may have been in heaven when he received his commission, he may even rule from some exalted place in the heavens, but his kingdom belongs to the earth. The psalm (96:1-2,5-6,9) opens with the traditional enthronement declaration. 'The Lord is king!' Behind this exclamation is the theme of divine kingship. It is appropriately followed by an exhortation: 'Let the earth rejoice!' God's rule is

constructed in the permanence of justice and judgment. It is impregnable and immutable. The universal kingship of the Lord is beyond question. The response with a proclamation of praise is addressed directly to the Lord. It captures the essence of the preceding verses. God is exalted above both heaven and earth. There is no threat of future upheaval or rebellion. God has no rivals. The divine king has been enthroned and the rule of this God will last forever. A defensive tone seems to surface in the second reading (2 Peter 1:16-19). The authenticity of the gospel message preached by the author appears to have come under attack. He witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. If Jesus could have been so transformed during his lifetime, surely he could return in the same glory. Furthermore, there is the prophetic message that foretold the coming of the messiah. Two very powerful metaphors are used to describe the Parousia of the Lord; both characterise it as the coming of light out of darkness: the dawning of the

eschatological day of fulfilment; and the rising of the morning star. The Scriptures themselves bear witness to the truth of the gospel message. The gospel narrative (Matthew 17:1-9) recounts a theophany, a self-revelation of God.. The once popular interpretation of this as a post-resurrection story read back into the time of the public ministry of Jesus has been challenged by most commentators today. Rather, they believe that it describes an insight into the identity that was his during his public life. Thus the transformation was a change that took place when Jesus' inner reality shone forth and transfigured his outer appearance. Moses and Elijah, the representatives of the law and the prophets, confirm Jesus' authority and the legitimacy of his teaching. While these men converse with Jesus, the voice from the cloud speaks to the apostles. They are the ones who seem to need the identification of Jesus and the directive from God.

Next Sundays 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.'

