



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th August 2018



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Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist

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

We welcome the children, their families, Sponsors, for the second weekend of our Sacraments:

Saturday 6.30pm:
 Iris Sudholz, Charlie Wilson

Sunday 10.30:
 Scarlett Abbott, Liam Carracher, Tayla Hudson, Cliona McDonald, Riley O'Loughlin, Hannah Plazzer, Elke Sparke, Darcy Taylor, Judah Pumpa, Dominik Trebicki.

Thank you to families for your work and preparation with your child, to SMJ School and Staff for their support, and to Alison McKinnon my sincere thanks as Parish Sacramental Co-Ordinator

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.

Bishop Paul Bird makes his Official Visit to Horsham Parish from this Friday August 24 to Monday August 27

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 at 10am.
 Visit the sick and elderly.
 SMJ Mass 6.30pm and cuppa after

Sunday 26th: Mass Murtoa 8.30. Cuppa after Mass.
 SMJ Mass 10.30

Lunch with Parishioners in the Parish Centre 11.30. Parishioners, please bring a slice for dessert. Soup, meat, salads supplied

Visit Nhill: Mass and Tea at 5pm.

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



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL 7pm to 8pm.

All welcome every Monday at 16 George St.

Eileen McManus 5382 4745

All Parishioners are welcome to the Parish Lunch with Bishop Paul next Sunday at 11.30 in the Parish Centre. Lunch is supplied (if you can bring a slice please, great). You can chat with and meet the Bishop

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 21st August	5.30pm	St Pius X
Wednesday 22nd August	9.30am	Queenship of Mary
Thursday 23rd August	9.30am	St Rose of Lima. Yr 6 attend 9.30 Mass
Friday 24th August	2pm	Anointing Mass 2pm St Bartholomew
Saturday 25th August	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:

ANNIVERSARIES: John Sheridan, Clarrie Sheridan, Monique Wren, Doreen Booker, Walter McPhee, Eliza McPhee, Carmel Howe Fr Rodger Shepherd,

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, 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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th Sunday of the Month 26th August**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 5.00pm**

**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

SBC Yr 10 Class Masses: Wednesday Yr 10B at 10.10 in Rm 5. Thursday Yr 10A 12nn Rm 5.

Fr Robert McCulloch, Columban who worked 34 years in Pakistan, will celebrate the SMJ Masses on the weekend of September 1st & 2nd.

We welcome back Cathy Grace to OLHC Murtoa after her long service leave and as she begins her time as Principal.

Feast of Mary Mackillop. Bishop Paul Bird has given permission for our Diocese to donate to the ongoing work of our first Australian saint.

Envelopes will be available for this.

ROSTERS

18/19 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anthony Amor Ann Hermans Geoff Simpson Maree Plazzer	Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon Faye Wills
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Kingsley Dagleish
25/26 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Peter Gutteridge	Anthony Dowling
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Tirsa Bale Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz	Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Anna Robertson
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Welcomers	Pat Strachan Joan Whiley	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Darryl and Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	26th August Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan	2nd September Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk:	\$	Murtoa	\$
Horsham	\$ 1133.00	Dimboola	\$ 67.00
Total			\$ 1200.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1008.00	Loose	\$ 118.60
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1126.80

Making Connections: Find ways this week of bringing life and nourishment to others. Provide them with what they need. Recall significant meals you have shared. Reflect on why it is that food and drink are part of human celebrations. Imagine what a celebration would be like without the fellowship of eating and drinking together

Living the Word: Bread is the food of life. Food is essential for our bodies to function. But food and drink also give pleasure and satisfaction. When people come together to celebrate, food and drink are part of the celebration. As food and drink are to the human person so Jesus is to those who believe in him. Reflect on the world and the 'life' that it needs
Daily Prayer: Here in our midst, O good and gracious God, Wisdom has built herself a house, she has set her table and mixed her wine: The flesh and blood of Christ become our food and drink. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may be a canticle of praise to you, and for our brothers and sisters a feast of joyful love.

Marriage Tip: Self-deprecation can be disarming. Tell a silly story about yourself from your youth. If you have children, they may be relieved that you made mistakes, too. Teens often appreciate the role reversal.

Vocational View: John's Gospel reveals God's promise of the Word made flesh. This is revealed through the sacrifice made by Christ: "I am the living bread, come down from heaven, the bread I give is my flesh for the life of the world"

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

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
Sunday Sept 2: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
Sunday Sept 9: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.
Sunday Sep 16: Dimboola AWC 8.30. Murtoa Mass 8.30
Sunday Sep 23: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10.
Sunday Sep 30: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30

Fr John is on holidays from July 20th to September 20th, including supplying for Fr Eric in Stawell.
Fr Damian will be here weekend of September 8/9
Fr John will be back with us on September 22/23.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests will be on the weekend of September 1st & 2nd.

To all CWL members. Will we continue as a branch or not? Attend the meeting on Tuesday 4th September at 1.30pm and have **your say** on this decision.

CWL Ladies, a plate please for the Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre next Friday 24th after the Anointing Mass. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2018. Australian Catholic schools and parishes have joined in solidarity with the world's poor by donating more than \$10.8 million to Caritas Australia's 2018 Project Compassion. Money raised this year goes towards Caritas Australia's humanitarian and long term development programs in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific and with Australia's First People, plus to natural disasters.

Refugee & Migrant Week 20th August to 26th August. **WELCOMING, PROTECTING, PROMOTING AND INTEGRATING MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**



Our Parish is made up of parishioners from many cultures: Ireland, Scotland, England, India, Italy, Netherlands, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Philippines, Italy, Nigeria, South Sudan, South Korea, China, Poland, Vietnam...

Next Sunday 26th August at 10.30 Mass with our Bishop we will celebrate the cultural diversity of our Parish and our nation. You are invited to bring memorabilia of the country of your birth to display.

Please bring a plate to share, perhaps a 'special' dish from your homeland, to share with us at our Lunch with the Bishop following the 10.30am Mass

Pope Francis: "Every person who seeks a home here is an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with them". The Holy Father says this "encounter" is fourfold - welcome, protect, promote, integrate.

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 Regional Gatherings to prepare Parishes.

Lana Turvey Collins, Australian Bishops' Plenary Council Facilitator, will be in Horsham on Thursday October 11th for a Parish Meeting, and will stay here for Friday morning to meet with us.

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?

When Fr Damien is here on September 8/9 he will speak about "the signs of the times" approach to the Plenary Council so that we can respond as a Parish in an organised and systematic fashion, and give us the process as to the most beneficial way for us to understand what the Plenary Council means, how our input is welcomed and vital to its outcomes, and how to express our input to know that we are being heard.

99 Happy and blessed birthday and prayerful best wishes to MONICA BREEN who turned 99 on August 15th.

Congratulations to SBC students, staff, families, and support crew on the magnificent production of "The Little Mermaid"

SS. MICHAEL AND JOHN'S PRESENT:

FAITH ON TAP

Monday Sept 3rd at
Vic Hotel Beer Garden,
7pm Tea, talk 7.45

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 Parish 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: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 10-15

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acclamation: John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh

and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Gospel Reflection. 20th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

In this week's gospel passage, we continue our reflection on John 6. John's gospel was written towards the end of the first century. The Bread of Life discourse probably reflects the interpretation of the gospel writer rather than the actual words of Jesus. This is important for making sense of statements in the discourse that would seem to be out of place from the lips of Jesus during his lifetime. The hearers of these words have lived and worshipped as followers of Jesus for some decades. They have gathered each week for the breaking of the bread and reflected deeply on the mystery of the Word made flesh, the mystery of life in Christ. If there were eucharistic overtones subtly present in last week's gospel passage (John 6:41-51), they become quite overt as the Johannine Jesus

responds to yet another objection from his opponents in this week's gospel. Like the Israelites of old in the desert wanderings, these people are more than ready to grumble: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (6:52). Jesus does not really respond to the question "How....?" Rather, he goes on to tell those who want to hear that "life" for them depends on their eating his flesh and drinking his blood. The Johannine Jesus uses the present as well as the future tense. The life they experience in eating his flesh and drinking his blood is a present reality for them as well as a promise of on-going life. Life for the Israelites was in the blood: blood poured out meant life poured out. Clearly "life" is being used in John 6 for the quality of life the believers have come to experience through their incorporation into the community of the baptised, the sort of life that is not destroyed by

death. Life in the community unites the believers intimately with Jesus as well as with the God of Israel, whom the Johannine Jesus generally calls "Father". Today's first reading reminds us that metaphors such as Wisdom were available to those of Jewish heritage for imaging the divine. Wisdom is a female way of imaging the divine. In John's discourse, Jesus becomes Wisdom extending an invitation to the banquet of life. We keep accepting that invitation. It is well to remember that one never enjoys a banquet alone. It is always shared with others who accept the same invitation. In the strength of the sustenance we receive in this banquet, we are also invited to bring a quality of life to all beings that struggle to exist, the human and the other-than-human. The potential for this is as boundless as the generosity of our God "enfleshed" in Jesus.

Next Week's Gospel: John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and

stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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Joy+ Youth Festivals!

Ballarat Diocese

2 remaining Sunday Festivals

for youth, young adults 15 - 30
Sunday 2nd Sept : Warrnambool West
Sunday 25th November: Ballarat

Each Festival has Mass, Genevieve Bryant and band, workshops, food and friends.
Our Horsham Youth will go to Ballarat