



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—25th August 2019



COLUMBAN MISSION SOCIETY

We welcome Fr Robert McCulloch to our Parish this weekend.

There will be a **LEAVING COLLECTION** at Horsham and Murtoa Masses to support his work in Pakistan.

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PLENARY COUNCIL – the next step.

The six themes for the Plenary Council invite us, the People of God, to consider how we are called to be a Christ centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform.

This week all Parishioners are invited to one of two Meetings to receive information on this process through Formation Sessions.

This Monday 26th August at 6pm and Tuesday 27th of August at 10am in the Parish Meeting Room. Members of our Diocesan Plenary Council Team will lead these sessions. All are welcome.

The national coordinator will train parish coordinators in the Diocese from Sept 9–12, 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 encounters. Lesley Price is one co-ordinator we are seeking a second person to assist her. I invite you to generously consider to form or join a group in the future that will discuss these themes.

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, of hope in times of despair, woundedness, sorrow, 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 carers and helpers 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.

I thank Fr John for his caring and pastoral Ministry to our Parish whilst I was away. We are very grateful for his continuing Ministry with and among us.

Next Sunday September 1st is Father's Day.

SMJ Grandparents and Special Friends Mass is on Wednesday September 18th at 9.30am Mass.

We welcome Lily Walker's Yrs 3/4 to our 9.30 Mass this Wednesday.

Mark Bromley and Andrew Jirik from our Diocesan Finance Office have done an in-depth assessment of our Parish Finances. They have reviewed various Accounts and have made them more accessible to us. Mark will visit us in our Parish in the coming weeks and will meet with our Finance Committee and discuss plans for renewing our Planned Giving.

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 27 August	5.30pm	St Monica. Jeremy Pekin
Wednesday 28 August	9.30am 1.00pm	St Augustine. Barry Latanzio anniv. Funeral Prayers for Rose Maher
Thursday 29 August	9.30am	Passion of St John the Baptist
Friday 30 August	9.30am	Frank Delahunty anniv.
Saturday 31st August	10.00am	Frances Rowe anniv.

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: Rose Maher, Sean McKinnon, Tim Fischer, Gwen O'Connor (sister of Fr Pat Flanagan), Sr Ursula Caine RSM,

ANNIVERSARIES: Barry Lattanzio, Ellen Fewster-Hynes, Evelyn Duffus, Frank Delahunty, Gino Panozzo

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 Parish Office 5382 1155

**Next Sunday 1st Sunday of the Month
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st September 2019**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10am**

**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.

Fr Richard Leonard SJ will lead our Parish in a Mission from November 23rd to 27th this year.



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. St 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

24/25 August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Andrea Cox
31 Aug / 1 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	John Parker	Michael Connellan
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy	Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Embedded Music	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	1st September Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty	8th September Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Natimuk	\$	Murtoa \$ 78.00
Horsham	\$ 712.00	Dimboola \$
		Total \$ 790.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 860.00	Loose \$
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$
		Total \$ 860.00

Making Connections: Make choices for the 'narrow door' this week. Don't take the easy option which requires so little of us. The more difficult option is often the one which brings greater reward. Go out of your way to be of service to others. Make time for prayer and reflection. Put others first.

Marriage Tip: Do not be afraid when loving another becomes challenging, for "life is not about waiting for the storm to pass; it's learning to dance in the rain"

Daily Prayer: From east to west, from north to south, O God of all nations and tongues, you gather a multitude at your welcome table. Teach us how narrow the door by which we must enter, and for answering your summons.

A Vocation View: Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today.

St Augustine "Those are patient who would rather bear evils without inflicting them, that inflict them without bearing them."

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness."

Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere. Flood my soul with your Spirit and your life. Penetrate and possess my whole being, so utterly, that all of my life may be only a radiance of yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence within me. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus. (*John Henry Newman*)

Country Mass Times:

Sept 1st: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Sept 8: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Sept 15: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Sept 22: Natimuk 8.30. Murtoa 8.30am. Nhill 10am.
Dimboola 11.30am.
Sept 29: Murtoa Mass 8.30am. Dimboola AWC 8.30.

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



**BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND
There will be a 2nd Collection
at all Masses next weekend
August 31st / Sept 1st**

for Sick and Retired Priests.

Envelopes are in the Foyer today for you to use and to gain a tax deduction.

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.9 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$47,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US—THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Father Shane Mackinlay of our Diocese is the new Bishop of Sandhurst. His ordination will take place in Bendigo's Sacred Heart Cathedral at 12 noon Wednesday 16 October. Bishop Paul Bird has invited Diocesan parishioners to a celebratory Mass for Fr Shane Mackinlay on Wednesday 13 November at 7 p.m. in the Ballarat Cathedral followed by supper in the Cathedral hall. All are welcome.



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.

We welcome Fr Robert McCulloch SSC celebrating Masses in our Parish this weekend. His intention is to promote for the Columban Mission Society. Fr McCulloch has had an extremely interesting history of work among the people of Pakistan over many decades. He has made enormous contributions in the area of health, education and welfare, and has promoted extremely important dialogue between Hindus, Muslims and Christians in Pakistan. In recent years was awarded the Sitara-e-Quaid-Azam from the Governor of Sindh for his services to Pakistan, Pakistan's highest civilian award. This is a huge honor to be bestowed upon a westerner in Pakistan.

The recent release on bail of a young Pakistani girl Rimsha Misih, fraudulently accused of burning pages of the Koran, was assisted through mediation by Fr McCulloch and marked a turning point in the way government leaders may be willing to protect minorities accused under the country's harsh blasphemy laws. This received world wide publicity.

Fr McCulloch will speak to this and to his fascinating story and his wonderful personal insights into Pakistan and the importance of interreligious dialogue in our world today.

Roberts work with the Vatican and Canterbury inter Church dialogue will be highlighted in the celebration on July 7th 2020 with the 800th anniversary of the Translation of the Relics of St Thomas Beckett in Canterbury Cathedral. This will be attended by royalty, world and Church dignitaries.

Persecuted for their Christian Faith Fr Robert will talk on this at Nazareth House at 7 pm this Friday August 30th . Mass will precede at 6pm. Entry by donation. All welcome

Following the failure of Cardinal Pell's appeal against his conviction, Bishop Paul Bird has issued a Media Release in which he says "I recognise that the whole process of the trial, conviction and appeal have been distressing... particularly for victims and survivors of abuse and their families... I hope and pray that the finalisation of the legal processes will bring some sense of resolution to all those affected by the proceedings."

The full text of the Media Release is displayed on our parish notice board.

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.....

AD-.....

DRESS.....

TELEPHONE.....

(HOME)..... (MOBILE).....

I wish to join the Planned Giving Program. **Yes** **No** (Please circle)



First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

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Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11- Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Gospel Reflection – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Some people seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement. They put themselves first without regard for the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of overindulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family or workplace or community. Those who put themselves first will often find themselves last in that they are tolerated at best rather than welcomed into most circles. As Jesus moves from town to town on his way to Jerusalem, "someone" puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: "Are only the few saved?" Jesus treats this as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. The questioner rightly assumes that God is the one who saves. Jesus responds with a reminder that God's saving action

cannot be taken for granted. One must "strive to enter the narrow door". Hard work is involved in ensuring that God's saving power is there for God's world. While the question comes from one person, Jesus' response is "to them". The insistence of people in the crowd that they have eaten with him may suggest they are among those who have been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus' table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). The text makes it clear that they have heard his teaching: "You taught in our streets". Jesus' reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kin-dom belongs to Israel's ancestors and to all the prophets. Jesus' assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, "from east and west and north and south", might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as "first" in

the schema of salvation. Those who share in the banquet in God's kin-dom, the "saved", have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the "narrow door". Entry is by no means restricted to Israel's forebears. It belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or "salvation" of outsiders will cause grief among "evildoers". These flawed individuals include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God's reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the "door" to salvation may be "narrow", the Lukan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God, to those who "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (8:15).

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit

there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



FREE FAMILY FUN DAY, today Sunday 25th August, Sawyer Park 12pm to 4pm. Facepainting, animals, music, Dan Warlow, Sean Smith singers, Blue Ribbon ribbons and coloring competition, food, BBQ, children's train rides. Sponsored by the Hortham Churches. *All welcome.*