



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 15th September 2019



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We welcome Fr John here for Masses this weekend.

We pray for a safe and blessed School holidays for our Schools, as Term 3 ends this Friday September 20th. We pray for VCE students in their last few weeks of preparing for their final exams.

All the best to teams remaining in the various sporting finals.

SBC MISSION DAY
this Friday September 20th
Mass in the College Gym at 11am. Fete activities from 12.30 in the College grounds.



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The collection in our parish this year has raised **\$1287.05** to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests.

You can still contribute, by using the BCSF envelope available in the Foyers. The BCSF envelop has a credit card facility available for your convenience
Contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday September 19th at 5.30pm.

Members, please have your reports into Anita at the Office by Tuesday September 17th. Thank you.

Catering Ladies Meeting.

Thank you to those who attended and the many apologies. The ladies expressed their desire to continue the catering for Funerals. We seek your help to support them. **In the Foyer today is a form we ask you to take, men and women, and to indicate on the form ways in which you can help with the catering,** eg, making sandwiches, cakes, slices, donating food, joining one of the four Catering Groups, helping to set up or clear away tables. We have a list of many parishioners who have indicated to help in these ways. If you have been helping and do not wish to continue please indicate that on the form. Please return the form to the Office or leave on the Collection Plate at Mass. Thank you to all who help in any way. Anita in the Office will continue as Contact Person.

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.

Men's Breakfast
this Thursday September 19th
7.30am to 8.30 in the Parish Centre. Fathers, sons, single men welcome for breakfast, prayer, chat.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Finance Meeting listed for this Wednesday has been cancelled. Mark Bromley will give us a date to attend as soon as Mark is available.

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 17 Sept	9am	
Wednesday 18 Sept	AWC 9.30am	
Thursday 19 Sept	5pm	
Friday 20 Sept	9.30am	
Saturday 21 Sept	No Mass	

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: Domenico 'Mick' Scutti, Danny Frawley, Pat McBean (nee Boyle—sister of Lyn Starr)

ANNIVERSARIES: Danny Magee, Fr Peter Claridge, Jack Ivess,

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Betty Fitzgerald, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, John McNamara

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 5382 1155

**Next Sunday 4th Sunday of the Month
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd September 2019**

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

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 11.30am**

**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.



**Baptistine Sisters
Foundation Day
Thursday September 26th
Mass at 5.30pm in the
Church**

**All Parishioners are
welcome to join**

**Sisters Tirsa and Manuela for a shared tea in the
Parish Centre after Mass.** You are welcome to bring a plate of slices or salad

The Shared Table. Brochures are in the Church Foyers to explain how your \$1 a week can help the people of Lima, Peru, set up kitchens to cook good food. Please return your form and money to 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

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

14/15 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy	Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Andrea Cox
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Louise Kemp
21/22 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Anthony Amor	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Micky Robarts Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Filippino Choir	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Pat Strachan Joan Whiley	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Lesley Price	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	22nd September Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	29th September Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 127.00
Horsham	\$ 770.00	Dimboola	\$ 44.00
Total			\$ 941.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 960.00	Loose	\$
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 1409.67
Total			\$ 1480.67

Making Connections: Make an effort this week to seek out someone who may be feeling a little lost or alone. Help them to experience the love of God in the kindness you offer.

Marriage Tip: Time spent with your spouse is precious! Try to be truly present to him/her by detaching from social media and other technologies as much as possible.

Daily Prayer: What do you look like, O God of compassion? A shepherd who carries the lost sheep home; a woman who sweeps the whole house to find a single coin; a father mistreated who never gives up hope that the child who hurt him will come home to be loved. So in Jesus you have come searching for us. May we never forget how much we are loved. May we never refuse to love others as much.

A Vocation View: We are like the lost sheep when we have not found our place in life. Are you part of the herd, lost from the herd, or a leader of the herd?

A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children

Gracious God you said let the children come to me. The hurt of those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us, and trust is eroded. Lord God, we your Church stand in need of your healing and help, to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children. Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

Country Mass Times:

Sept 22: Natimuk 8.30. Murtoa 8.30am. Nhill 10am. Dimboola 11.30am.
 Sept 29: Murtoa Mass 8.30am. Dimboola AWC 8.30.
 Oct 6th: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. **Nhill 5pm**
 Oct 13th: Murtoa Mass 10.30. Dimboola Mass 8.30.
 Oct 20th: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
 Oct 27th: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
Nhill 5pm.
 Nov 3rd: Murtoa 10.30. Dimboola 8.30.

CWL 90th BIRTHDAY Sunday Oct 20th

The CWL 90th Birthday Celebration and Reunion is on **Sunday 20th October** at 10.30am Mass, and a Lunch in the Parish Centre after Mass.

All current and former members are invited to Mass and Lunch to celebrate the 90th birthday and to rekindle old friendships.

RSVP: by October 1st, to Marina 5382 1047, Tess 5381 1785 or Frances 5382 1546
CWL AGM Tuesday October 1st 1.30pm.

Thank you to all who are involved in Liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, and who volunteer time and talents to these and community organizations. U are important.

You cannot spell Ch_rh without u.
 Ad_It without u. Yo_th without u.
 S_ccess without u.
 S_unday Mass without u.
 Comm_nity without u.
 The Community and Church needs u. **THANK U**



The National Police Memorial Service is on Tuesday October 1st at 11am, march before at 1.30



From September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation - through prayer, changes in lifestyle, advocacy. Themes for the month are Ocean, Fauna & Flora, today Storm, Cosmos, Blessing of Animals. **Storm** refers to the world of the weather, gales, wind, lighting, cyclones, hurricanes, downpours, flash floods. Storm means the weather we need to renew our planet. Storms may be events that frighten us, but they are also events that we celebrate in the weather cycle that sustains Earth as a living planet. A special focus for this theme: We enter into God's presence appearing in a storm as God did on Mount Sinai. In the Old Testament, God is depicted as riding on clouds with the winds, at other times God's voice is portrayed as thunder. For Elijah, God was not present in the storm or the earthquake, but in the silence. We also learn that God discovers the Wisdom imbedded in creation especially in the wind, the rain and the lightning. Each element has its God-given way. We are aware that global warming has changed weather patterns around the world. Jesus at the last supper and on the cross, is present also in the stillness of life. He knows the way of the storm.

Christmas Crib Display. From Tuesday December 3 to Sunday December 8th, Fr Andrew Hayes, Fiona Tonkin and Kevin Linard will bring to our Parish more than 300 nativity scenes in a stunning exhibition. There are figurines, cribs and mangers of all shapes, sizes, ages and histories, and many of the nativity scenes have fascinating stories behind them. One of the oldest items dates back to 1750, a sheep from Germany 254 yrs old. **The Display will be in Nhill on Tuesday 3rd, and in the Parish Centre from Wednesday 4th to Sunday 8. Schools will attend the Display. If you have a Crib scene you may wish to display for this time, you are welcome to bring it. Please see Fr Peter beforehand.**



Plenary Council 2020

The 6 Themes we are asked to reflect and pray upon up to April 2020 are:

1. Missionary and evangelising.
2. Inclusive, participatory and synodal.
3. Humble, healing and merciful.
4. Prayerful and Eucharistic.
5. A joyful, hope-filled and servant community.
6. Open to conversion renewal and reform.

A Discussion Sheet covering each of these Topics will be prepared for our reflection each month.

Next weekend, September 21/22, Lesley Price will give details on how we can gather to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation in order to discern the first theme:

"How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is missionary and evangelising?"

The fruits of what is discerned during this time will help shape the agenda of the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020. This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on 29th September.

The Social Justice Statement entitled ***Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world.*** In this year's Statement, the Bishops reassert Pope Francis' call to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. The statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements online that can be harmful. Information overload, social isolation, marginalisation of the vulnerable, consumerism and fake news are just some of the challenges. As individual users and as people and communities of faith, we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but to be active citizens shaping it for the good of all.

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

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-13,
I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more

and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice, a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and

ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinth 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Gospel Reflection – 24th Sunday.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Diverse creatures of the earth as well as earth elements feature in the gospel for this third Sunday of the Season of Creation. These evoke, once more, the eighth work of mercy with its call to contemplate God's creation with gratitude and to engage in simple daily gestures that have the power to transform our world. There is joy in living this way. While all three parables in today's gospel reading invite us into the experience of loss, loss of a valued creature, of a woman's means of survival, of an adult child's respect and presence, they likewise invite us into an encounter with God who seeks and "saves" the lost, be they human or other-than-human, and who rejoices big time when the lost are found. The parables are prefaced by an account of the criticism Jesus endured for hosting "the lost" of the human community, namely

the toll collectors and those who were categorised as "sinners". The critics in the story are those who consider themselves "righteous". They have no room in their hearts for compassion or forgiveness and no capacity to accept the goodness of a prophet who acts in ways that cut across their expectations. "What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it?' asks Jesus of his critics, who would eschew any identification with "unclean" shepherds. The lost sheep is found and ultimately embraced by the community. The ensuing celebration is likened to the heavenly banquet where there is more joy over one who repents than over those who have no need of repentance. Repent/repentance may seem a strange choice of words since all the action is taken by the shepherd. The lost sheep simply responds to the initiative of the

shepherd who goes after it and returns it to the fold. "Or what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it?' is Jesus' second question to his critics. The pattern is repeated. The drachma, representing a day's wages, is lost, sought, found and the community rejoices. Occasionally in the biblical tradition, as here, God is imaged as a woman. God is not only the good male shepherd as in the first parable or the good male parent as in the third parable. God is also the diligent female householder who seeks and saves what is lost. No single image can contain the compassionate, loving God presented in these parables. The invitation to the believing community is to find ways of opening our hearts and the hearts of the unforgiving in our world to God's action of seeking and saving the lost here and now, not simply in the afterlife.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?'

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Rupanyup Home Mass this Monday Sept 16th at Will and Magda's at 6.30pm

The Holy Hour will now be on Sunday September 29th after 10.30 Mass from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, time for personal prayer. All welcome.