



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th September 2018



The 2018 Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is entitled
A Place to Call Home:
Making a home for everyone in our land.
Copies of the Statement on sale \$1 ea

The Bishops consider the extent of our housing crisis and Australia's falling rates of home ownership. They focus especially on those in our society who are most vulnerable to housing insecurity and homelessness. The latest Census figures show that more than 116,000 Australians are homeless—something unacceptable for a rich and well-resourced nation like ours. We are reminded that safe and secure housing is a human right, asserted both by the Church's social teaching and international rights organisations. The Scripture basis of this year's Statement is Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-35), about the outsider who stops to help a man in desperate need, takes him to safety. The Statement examines the extent of Australia's homelessness and housing crisis. Secure housing is a human right and an incontestable public good, affirmed by both Catholic teaching and the Declaration of Human Rights. It issues a challenge to government, to Church and community and to us as individuals to bring about change and reform.

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 hope in 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.

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Principal: Cathy Grace
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We welcome Fr John.

This Thursday we welcome the Priests of the Northern Zone to a meeting here with the Catholic Education Office on Governance in our Schools.

In accordance with the Royal Commission guidelines a number of issues regarding the Priests' role in our Schools etc, will be discussed. I will keep you informed on the outcome of this Meeting, as the Parish owns the School not the Diocese. Meetings will also be in Ballarat and Warrnambool on these issues.

SS. MICHAEL AND JOHN'S PRESENT:

FAITH ON TAP

This Monday October 1st
Vic Hotel Beer Garden
Tea at 7pm. Speaker at 7.45.

Speaker:

Fr John-Paul Mount, from Werribee on the topic: Arguments for the Existence of God

We talk all things faith, theology and living as a Christian in our society.

Contact James and Ema-Lee Rowe
0431053345

For all over 18 yo.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism.

On Saturday:
Victor Alfred Mika,
son of Adrian and Edyta.

On Sunday:
Lottie Olora Burns,
daughter of Lisa and Dalton.

On Sunday at Murtoa:
Harry Patrick Delahunty,
Son of John and Eve

CWL Annual General Meeting this Tuesday October 2nd at 1.30pm. All members are welcome

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 1st Oct	5.30pm	The Guardian Angels
Wednesday 2nd Oct	9.30am	
Thursday 3rd Oct	9.30am	
Friday 4th Oct	9.30am	St Francis of Assisi
Saturday 5th Oct	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: Derek Bodycote (Pastor, Harvest Church), Jude McCredden (12yo, Beulah), Wilma Tagliabue, Max Miller (brotherinlaw of Carmel O'Connor)

ANNIVERSARIES: Gertie Brophy, Beverley Delahunty

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen, Peter Kelly, Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Cathy Mintern, Fleur Armstrong, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Rosetta Cafarella, Betty Fitzgerald, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Carmel Hemon, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Rachel O'Connor, Maree Frew

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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Sunday of the Month 7th October 2018**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill **Sunday Mass 10.00am**

**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: Mondays in the Meeting Room. Mornings 9.30 - 11.30 Evening - *Contact the Parish Office* - BYO Craft - Gold Coin .

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. Contact Parish Office 53821155.

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets in Winter at Eileen's home, 16 George St, every Monday from 7pm- 8pm

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Jeparit Church Closure

Fr Peter will celebrate the Closure Mass in Jeparit on Sunday October 28th at 1.30pm.

There will be Afternoon Tea in the State School Hall after Mass.

Please inform any former Parishioners of this day.

At our Mass today at Murtoa, we welcome the members of other Churches from Murtoa. On the 5th Sunday of each month the Churches will gather for an Ecumenical Service. We will have Mass and then the people can attend the Service

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

29/30 Sept	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz	Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Shayne Keenan
6/7 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	John Parker	Kingsley Dalglish
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton	Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson
Projector	Robert Sartori	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Garry Coutts Pat Strachan	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	7th October Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	14th October Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk:	\$ 42.00	Murtoa	\$ 63.00
Horsham	\$ 977.00	Dimboola	\$ 78.00
Total			\$ 1160.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1367.00	Loose	\$ 100.90
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1467.90

Making Connections: In recent times in our nation, there have been occasions when some people have rejected those who are 'not one of us'. Increasingly in our world, division between peoples are becoming apparent. How might these divisions be healed? Think of times when you welcomed someone outside your immediate circle. Were you enriched by the experience? This week's Opening Prayer is worth repeating: *O God, You manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning us and showing mercy, bestow, your grace abundantly upon us and make us hasten to attain your promises as heirs to the treasures of heaven.*

Living the Word: Pray today for all those in our society who are labelled as 'not one of us', those in leadership who have the power to influence both social policy and attitudes.

Daily Prayer: Beyond all human boundaries, O God, your deeds of power take place, and your healing mercy is at work. Ours is not to restrict the wonders of your saving grace but to give joyful thanks for your compassion wherever we may find it. Teach us to use well the riches of nature and grace to care generously for those in need and to look carefully to our own conduct.

Marriage Tip: How do you use the "waiting" times of your life? Waiting for your spouse to get ready? Waiting at the doctor's office, red lights, or check-out lanes? Use these times to pray rather than getting impatient.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Oct 7: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am
 Sunday Oct 14: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30
 Sunday Oct 21: Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 8.30. Nhill 10am
 Sunday Oct 28: Murtoa 8.30. Natimuk 8.30.
 Dimboola 10.30. Jeparit 1.30pm.



**Australian
 Christian
 Meditation
 Community**

Introduction to Christian Meditation

This day is open to all people with a practical introduction to the steps of Meditation in the tradition of the teachings of Jesus, and guidance to how meditation can be helpful in one's personal life.

**Ss Michael and John's Parish Centre
 Saturday 13th October**

10.45 a.m. to 12.45pm. 1.15 p.m.- 3 p.m.
 BYO lunch. Tea, coffee provided

Presenters: Ruth Fowler and Mirella Pace
who are experienced meditators and members of the Australian Christian Meditation Community, who have taught and lead Christian meditation groups.

Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 0414 337 807

Salesian Missions and Caritas Asia Appeals to assist the people of KERALA

after devastating floods there.

Donations are tax deductible

Send to Salesians Mission Office, PO Box 264,
 Ascot Vale, 3032; Phone 9377 6060 or to

the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au.

Place in an envelope marked **Kerala** on the Collection.

Prayer for People who are Homeless

Lord our God, You who so mysteriously call upon us to share in the sufferings of Christ, fill our hearts with compassion for those who lack the warmth of a home. We commend to you in prayer this day all men, women and children who suffer because they have no shelter; those who sleep in our streets and public spaces, those who have nowhere safe to lay their heads, and those who wander from place to place as a way of life. We pray for broken families who cannot pay the rent, for those who are the lost and abandoned, for those on the streets whose minds have been touched by illness or whose bodies are sorely affected by disabilities. We ask that your merciful Grace be poured out upon those with addictions, those who have given up in the face of enormous tribulations, and those driven into homeless life by crushing poverty.

God of Compassion, your love for us is revealed in your beloved son Jesus, who was born into homelessness, lived with nowhere to lay his head, and Who died for us in agony on the cross. Inspire us to act in justice, by all means at our disposal, to right the wrongs of peoples who are suffering the deprivations of homelessness, and to see in them the dignity of a brother and sister redeemed by Jesus. Let us have the commitment, as people of the Gospel, to be ever mindful of our obligations we have to the poor and marginalised, to work in your name, O God, to turn sorrow into joy and to bring all those who live in darkness into your own wonderful light. Amen.

Lana Turvey-Collins,
 the Bishops' Plenary
 Council Facilitator,
 will be in

**EVERYTHING
 IS ON THE
 TABLE**



Horsham on Thursday October 11th

for a Parish Meeting at 7pm in the Parish Centre, and on Friday morning October 12th at 10am in the Parish Centre to meet with us.

You can attend either Meeting.

She will give insights into the process of Listening and Dialogue that is now open to hear the voices of all. Lana will talk about the overall three year process of preparing for the Plenary Council 2020 and answer questions.

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have 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?

The hope is that Catholics, active and disaffected, will take the opportunity to help plan the future of our Australian Church.

More information and register for updates:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests.

Last year our parish contributed \$ 2158.00, which raised \$48,000 throughout the Diocese.

Our parish this year has raised \$2271.55 to date.

The Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or mark an envelope "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund"

A credit card facility is available for your convenience.

Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH
 COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY
 Thank you.**



Season of Creation concludes with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi this Thursday Oct 4 and the blessing of animals. We rejoice with all creatures we love. We pray Psalm 148, Matthew 6,25-29 rejoice with all animals that make our lives richer because of their presence.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Robarts (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: Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8. 10. 12-1

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.
The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me
From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.
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2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Acclamation: cf John 17:17
Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48
John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Gospel Reflection. 26th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

Sometimes we act and speak as though we have the monopoly on access to the power of God although we have no such monopoly. In today's gospel Jesus seems to be telling his disciples that God works through people of good will, irrespective of whether they are on the edge ("not one of us") or at the centre of the kingdom of. The same message is found in the first reading from the Book of Numbers which has Joshua, assistant to Moses, trying to exclude two men from prophesying on somewhat tenuous grounds. Moses does not take Joshua's advice. On the contrary, he prays that the Spirit of God might "rest on" and, by implication, work through all of God's people. Both Readings warn against attempts to control or domesticate the Spirit of God. The second part of the

gospel reading (9:42-48) brings a dramatic change of mood as it takes up the issue of scandalising the "little ones". The reference to "little ones" marks a return to the scene in the latter part of last week's gospel reading where Jesus takes a little child in his arms and instructs his disciples. The horror of harming the little ones is dramatised in a series of sayings, which are hardly intended to be taken literally. Cutting off offending limbs only deals with the symptoms. It may, however, offer some solace to those little ones who have suffered "scandal" or worse to know that there is no stronger condemnation in the gospels than that reserved for those who bring harm to children and to vulnerable others. We are impelled to do everything in our power to heal the hurts of the past and to create conditions that ensure the protection and safety of our

children. The provision of secure and affordable housing for vulnerable families is one response to this gospel challenge. Today is Social Justice Sunday. In their 2018-2019 Social Justice Statement, the Bishops remind us that everyone needs a place to call home. The escalating cost of housing and of rental properties has accelerated the problem of homelessness, which "is a challenge for all levels of society: for government, for Church and community, and for us as individuals. Each one of us can make a difference and, when we join with others, we can be a real force for change...." To take up the challenge of addressing homelessness is to accept the invitation of Pope Francis to live the eighth work of mercy. It means new possibilities and engaging in daily gestures that have the potential to bring life to the "little ones" of this world.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 10:2-12

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and

mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

7pm to 8pm.

All welcome every

Monday at 16 George St.

