

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th October 2018



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We welcome Fr Damien.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING this Thursday October 18th at 5.30pm.

Could members please have their reports into the Office by this Wednesday

Mass this Thursday 18th is at 5pm.

MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday October 18th from 7.30 to 8.30am in the Parish Centre.

All men, their sons and single men are welcome for a free brekky, prayer, chat.



Today, Sunday October 14th at Murtoa Mass we celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion for Hugh Weidemann, Tilley Goodin, Max Finnigan Luke Weidemann, Shanyka Mitchell. We pray for the children and their families.



Next Weekend October 21st is Catholic Mission Appeal Sunday

This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis' call to be a part of mission, and how we can support mission globally.

This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an "education revolution", and the potential impact is far-reaching.

Our Mission Appeal at all Masses next weekend will be a Leaving Collection.

SMJ School will lead us in our Ministries at 10.30 Mass next Sunday

OLHC Murtoa Grandparents Mass
 Thursday Oct 25th at the School at 9.30.

SMJ School Mission Mass Friday 26th 9.30

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.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism

Macie Ellen McBride
 child of Bryce and Melinda

We pray for SBC Year 10's

on Retreat in Melbourne this Wednesday to Friday. Fr Peter will be with them Wednesday and Thursday am



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP 7pm to 8pm.

All welcome every Monday at 16 George St. Eileen McManus

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 16th Oct	5.30pm	St Margaret Mary Alacoque
Wednesday 17 Oct	AWC 9.30	St Ignatius of Antioch
Thursday 18th Oct	5pm	St Luke. John & Dorothy Drum anniv
Friday 19th Oct	9.30am	Joe Rice anniv
Saturday 20th 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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Jock Panozzo, Fr Dan Boylan, Joe Rice, Sharon Edgar, John & Dorothy Drum

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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd Sunday of the Month 21st October 2018**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **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 7pm. *Contact 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 Breakfast 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre, 7.30 to 8.30am 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. 3rd Thursday of the Month 7.30 in Meeting Room.

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.

If you have any photos of your time in Jeparit or any history information of the Church in Jeparit, if ok, please bring it into the Office and we can copy it

A Mission for Life presented by Fr Richard Leonard SJ Our Lady Help of Christians, 480 Gillies St, Wendouree October 29-31. **Topics** "Going out into the world we need all the help we can get", "Nine steps to making better choices for my life", "Where the hell is God - Holding on to Faith through the tough times." Each day either 9am or 7pm

ROSTERS

13/14 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Sr Tirsia Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Ann Hermans Joan Parker	Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Andrea Cox
20/21 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Eileen McManus
Commentator	John Parker	Anna Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers	Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch	Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Joan Whiley Connie Besselaar	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Prayers	Lesley Price & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	21st October Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	28th October Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan
FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):		
Natimuk:	\$	Murtoa \$ 75.00
Horsham	\$ 875.00	Dimboola \$ 63.00
Total		\$ 1013.00
2nd Collection (Parish Account)		
Envelopes	\$ 1203.00	Loose \$ 143.90
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit \$
Total		\$ 1346.90

Making Connections: 'Jesus looked steadily at him'. Rest now quietly in the gaze of Jesus and know you are loved. What are you prepared to leave behind to follow Christ? Undertake works of charity this week. Be generous with your talent, time and your attention to those who are in need.

Symbols & Images: The gospel highlights the tension between merely observing the law and really giving oneself totally and wholeheartedly to the way of Christ. Jesus makes the point that undue attention given to the material things of life will ultimately mean too little attention given to the spiritual dimension of our relationship with God.

Daily Prayer. More precious than gold or silver, O God, more enduring than health and beauty, is the spirit of your wisdom: in her hands, uncounted wealth, in her company, all good gifts! Send this wisdom from your holy heaven that we may hear and follow the Good Teacher, Jesus, who looks on us with love, and forsake all for the treasure of your kingdom

Marriage Tip: What's your decision-making style? Slow or fast? Do you weigh the pros and cons? Go with your gut feeling? How does your style mesh with that of your spouse? Being similar can make life easier, but being different can often help see different angles of the situation.

Vocational View: If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream. Jesus asks for total dedication, promising in return rewards that no one else can promise.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

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.**

Advent Reflection Book

This year's reflection book, **Saviour**, provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God and hear him declare to us as the angel declared to the shepherds. Saviour is a 76 page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (2 December 2018) through to the Baptism of the Lord (13 January 2019).

The cost is \$4 per booklet.

If you would like to order a copy please put your name on the list available in the Church Foyers.

Delivery expected late October.



NATIONAL APOLOGY TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE:

Prime Minister Scott Morrison will deliver an apology on behalf of our Nation on Monday 22nd October to acknowledge and apologise for the appalling abuse endured by vulnerable children from those who were supposed to care for them, leaving immeasurable and lasting damage. The National Apology will pay tribute to victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, many of whom have so bravely shared their stories through the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse, with the aim of ensuring such shameful practices are never repeated.

The Australian Government has requested there be no visible involvement of Institutions at this National Apology out of sensitivity to survivors.

Bishop Paul will make reference to the National Apology in the next edition of *Our Diocesan Community*.

Caritas Asia Appeals

Flooding in Kerala, India
Typhoon Mangkhut, Philippine
Sulawesi Earthquake and Tsunami, Indonesia -

Donations are tax deductible

the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au.

Place in an envelope marked **CARITAS** on the Collection or leave at the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

October is CATHOLIC MISSIONS MONTH that supports these causes



Anti-Poverty Week 14th to 20th October

This is a week when we call all to do something about poverty. Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor. The main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to: Strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and Encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations, governments.

www.antipovertyweek.org.au

On the 17th October 1987, in the presence of people from every socioeconomic background and continent, a plaque was unveiled at the Human Rights Plaza in Paris.

"Whenever men and women are condemned to live in poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty".

Plenary Council. Lana Turvey-Collins, the Bishops' Plenary Council Co-Ordinator, was excellent in her presentation. 22 people attend both sessions very disappointing response. The word "plenary" means all, complete, the WHOLE Church has a say. The Agenda for the Council comes from you the people. Your responses on line - either as an individual or as a group - are read and will form the agenda. So please write your responses to the 3 questions: . 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 on line replies to : www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

I will invite Lana to revisit our Parish for one Sunday in February 2019 for us all to hear her



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: Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:12-17

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your works to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Acclamation: Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said,

'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Gospel Reflection. 28th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

Most people honour and care for their parents in their old age. Most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth. The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must do in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from

Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This prepares the way for what follows. First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that this person's wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives. The concluding verses are puzzling. In declaring that those who have left everything and

followed him are to have an abundance of this world's goods as well as eternal life, is Jesus modifying his earlier position? Is he reverting to a tradition that saw wealth as God's reward for righteous living? Is he suggesting that those who share their goods find they have more than enough? It is hard to know. The twist in the tale is that they will do it hard: "not without persecution". It is likely that Mark is describing his own experience within a persecuted community of believers some forty years after the death of Jesus. The happy ones were doubtless those who took the risk of sharing their goods with those in need. Our lucky country has still to learn that lesson. Welcoming the stranger and sharing wealth with the dispossessed may demand of us a simpler way of life. Who knows what blessings it will bring if we dare to take up the challenge?

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to

them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority

felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'