

Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Lent – 17th March 2019



Project Compassion Sets of Envelopes and Boxes are in the Foyers



- We have 62 people studying and praying the Lenten Program.

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We rejoice in welcoming Sr Florentina from the Philippines, as she comes to be with Srs Tirsa and Manuela on a 3 month visa.



Ss Michael and John Parish FAITH ON TAP resumes this Monday March 18th in the Beer Garden at the Vic Hotel.

Come for a meal at 7pm, Fr John Corrigan will talk at 7.45pm.

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

Contact James & Ema-Lee Rowe
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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 when they experience pain, their source of hope in moments of despair, sorrow, woundedness, their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them all with the courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and 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 and value to You.

Give them 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.

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SCHOOLS

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Our Lady Help of Christians
Acting Principal: Cathy Grace
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We welcome Fr John

PROJECT COMPASSION

As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope."



Indonesia this 2nd week of Lent .

Tati lives in a remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. She works on a rubber farm, where her Dayak culture has relied on rain-forests for income for years. Due to land clearing, indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods.

Through eco-tourism, with training supported by Caritas Australia, Tati can send her children to school. With new hope and commitment, Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Through your generosity to Project Compassion , you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. *Lives change when we give 100%.*

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WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 19th Mar	5.30pm	St Joseph
Wednesday 20th	5.30pm	CEO Mass
Thursday 21st	9.30am	Joy Flynn
Friday 22nd Mar	9.30am	Harold Ballinger
Saturday 23 Mar	10am	Clarice Hogan anniv Fr Paul Gardiner sj

Today's St Patrick's Day. Being a Sunday of Lent the Feast is transferred to Monday 18th March.
Enjoy your St Patrick's Day celebrations



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism today

Willow Mae Agustin

daughter of
Mary and Jayson

We welcome this Wednesday and Thursday the Catholic Education Office, Principals and Priests of the Diocese for a Conference, both days at the Church of Christ centre.
Mass in SMJ Wednesday at 5.30

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: Patricia Hayes

ANNIVERSARIES: Joy Flynn, Annie Elizabeth Ryan, Clarice Hogan, Fr Paul Gardiner, Harold Ballinger

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Debbie Nolan, Fleur Armstrong, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Rosetta Cafarella, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Betty Fitzgerald, Heather McPhee, Rachel O'Connor, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, John McNamara,

Emergency Care: Contact Betty 53826688

Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass (10.25)

**Each Saturday Morning:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20
Rosary 9.30. Prayer of the Church 9.40. Mass 10am**

**Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Month
1st Sunday in Lent 24h March 2018**

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

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

**Rosary, Litany of Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
HORSHAM 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. 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Affordable Counselling from Centacare Ballarat, for families, individuals. **Free Call** 1300 303 988 for appointment

Plenary Council Update The Listening and Dialogue phase is over. What happens now? The National Centre for Pastoral Research will continue the deep listening process, conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes that have emerged. In May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will work together with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment. Those themes will become the focus for the Listening and Discernment phase, which will begin from June 9, and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda. More later

The Season of Lent is a time of prayer, self-denial and for helping others. In this way the whole Church prepares for Easter. On Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any of the following **Prayer:** Mass attendance; family prayer, visit to the church read the Bible, make the Stations of the Cross, pray the rosary. **Self-denial:** not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments. **Helping others:** take the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visit the sick, the lonely.

ROSTERS

16/17 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Peter Gutteridge Maree Plazzer Micky Roberts Tess Hayes	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Commentator	John Parker	Anthony Dowling
23/24 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Peter Gutteridge	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Micky Roberts	Les Butler
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale	Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Filipino Choir	Full Choir
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar Gavin Hynam	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	24th March Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	31st March Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Rupanyup	\$ 65.00	Murtoa	\$ 50.00
Horsham	\$ 762.80	Dimboola	\$ 77.20
Total			\$ 955.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1063.00	Loose	\$ 50.00
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total			\$ 1113.00

Making Connections: 'Listen to him.' What might Jesus be saying to you at this time? Use today's collect as your prayer this week: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly with your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Moses and Elijah are two of the greatest heroes of Israel. They represent the law and the prophets - two of the most important sections of the Hebrew Bible. Like Jesus, both of them suffered rejection during their lives.

Daily Prayer: Countless as the stars, O God of Abraham, are the faithful whom you have led into the land of promise. Dazzling as the snow, O God of Moses and Elijah, is your glory shining on the face of Jesus, who forever prays on our behalf, the people for whom he accomplished the exodus of the resurrection. It is good for us to be here! Let us listen to your Son, your chosen One, so that we may have a share in Christ's transfigured glory.

Marriage Tip: Love is not proud. Be the first to extend the olive branch when disagreements arise.

Vocational View: After the transfiguration, Peter, John and James wanted to stay up the mountain. But Jesus said, "Move," with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbours,

**MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday 21st
7.30am to 8.30am in Parish Centre. All men and youth are welcome. Pray, chat, eat.**

Country Mass Times:

March 24: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30.
March 31: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am.
April 7: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am.
April 14: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.
April 21: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, through reflection, prayer and penance, concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.



**Life in the Spirit Seminar
every Saturday from 3-4pm
in the Meeting Room.** All welcome.
Contact Sr Tirsa 0498284711

LENTEN PRAYER in the spirit of St Patrick's prayer

“Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I arise,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.”

May Christ be with you, this Lenten Season. Amen.

Bishop Paul Bird has announced these Clergy moves effective 6th May.

Fr. Van De Camp will retire from Koroit and Port Fairy Parishes. **Fr. John Fitzgerald** will continue as Parish Priest of St Joseph's and will also be Parish Administrator of Port Fairy and Koroit. **Fr. John Corrigan** will be Assistant Priest in Port Fairy, Koroit and St Joseph's Warrnambool. **Fr. Anthony Nagothu** (currently at the Cathedral) will be Assistant Priest in Casterton, Coleraine, Edenhope, Hamilton Parish of St Mary MacKillop.

SMJ Catholic Church Family Catch-up next Sunday 24th March 11:45 onwards

All Parish Families are invited to the Botanical Gardens for a BYO lunch catch-up after Mass, and the kids can play in the park.

Contact Rebekah Rowe 0434 913 189

This is a Parish sanctioned event

Pope Francis' Lenten Fast Guide

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Horsham CWL celebrates 90 years in 2019.

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

LENTEN GROUPS Eileen McManus has 2 Lenten Groups on a Monday. Group 1, 10am to 11.30am Group 2 7pm to 8.30pm. At 16 George Street. Contact Eileen on 5382 4745

British Dominican Theologian Fr Timothy Radcliffe:

The Catholic Church should not be afraid of crisis; through crisis, it will grow and spring new life. If you look at human beings, we grow up through crisis. It is our way. And I believe, it is the fate of the church...we do not have to be afraid of crisis.” Father Radcliffe pointed toward the ‘biggest crisis’, the Last Supper. The apostles “had abandoned Jesus”. Judas had sold him. Peter was about to betray him. There was no future. And then in that darkest moment, Jesus did this extraordinary thing. He said, ‘This is my body, I give it to you’. We should ask what new thing will come to be? In the ongoing debate about the church groups challenge the authority of the bishops. Cardinal (John Henry) Newman, about to be canonized, recognized there are many authorities in the church. You have the authority of the bishops, which is mainly interpretation of tradition. You have the authority of the scholars, the theologians, and they have authority because of reason. You have the authority of experience, which baptized persons have, because the Holy Spirit is given to them. The challenge is to find a way to evolve toward a rich sense of a more diverse authority. The biggest problem the church has at the moment is how we talk to each other. How do laity and the clergy talk. Left and right. Scholars and people who aren't scholars. We need a model of Church where we are able to have conversations that transcend barriers. Whether young or old, or whatever. This requires the Holy Spirit, patience and intelligence. We are not showing it at the moment. Look at how conversations thrive in today's Western societies, the development of social media strongly encourages dialogue with people you already agree with. Our society fears difference. This is being reflected in the church, by the way people can be dismissive of others they don't agree with. Society discourages profound conversation. Look at President Trump. Look at tweets. A world run by slogans. To better understand somebody, one must look at what they fear. Fr Radcliffe sees many fears gripping people in the church. We pray not to be afraid.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

will be on celebrated on

Wednesday March 27th: 5pm to 6pm

Thursday March 28th: 5pm to 6pm, 7pm to 8pm.

**Eucharist and Confirmation Masses will be in
Horsham on** June 15th & 16th, June 22nd & 23rd .

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris Roberts (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)

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

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1,7-9,13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation
The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?
O Lord, hear my voice when I call;

have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!
The Lord is my light and my salvation

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make gods of themselves and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 17:5
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Gospel Reflection –

Last week, the wilderness was a character in the gospel reading. This week, we find a mountain and a cloud featuring in the narrative. The prophets of old (Moses and Elijah) link Luke's story of Jesus to the Israelites' covenant relationship with God. Wilderness, mountain and cloud also remind us that God's Earth is the locus of mystery where humanity and Earth are transformed through encounter with the divine. For Jesus, the mountain is already a place of encounter with God, a place of prayer. Luke has Jesus spending a night in prayer on an unidentified mountain before he chooses the Twelve. Jesus now takes three of his closest friends up another unidentified mountain where the aspect of his face changes and his clothing becomes dazzling white. Elijah and Moses, the key prophetic figures of Israel, "appear" and

enter into dialogue with Jesus, God's definitive prophet. This episode seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he accepts his likely fate: if he continues to challenge oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with this realisation in the wilderness and comes to terms with what it involves on the mountain. The voice of God reaffirms the identity of Jesus and calls for a response: "Listen to him". These words are reminiscent of Moses' instruction to the Israelites: "Your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet" (Deut 18:15). For Luke, Jesus is the prophet-like-Moses whom they must heed. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" and settle down. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. The

tents evoke once more the Israelites' wanderings in the wilderness. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of glory. We also need the good sense to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience. If we are to hear Jesus in our times, we have to come to terms with the personal costs involved. We need to go to a mountain top or place of extraordinary beauty to discover again the strength that comes from encountering the divine. I grew up in the shadow of Mt Macedon. I once climbed within view of Everest. Every now and then, I climb Mt Buninyong. At such times, I know the wonder of God revealed in the beauty of the earth itself even as I sense its fragility and susceptibility to destruction.

Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 13:11-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose Blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said To them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more

guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He- told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for five years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it

one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down

**Stations of the Cross:
Fridays in Lent at 4.00pm
in SMJ Church.**

Harmony Day this Thursday 21st
celebrates the diversity of cultures.

Another Supermoon this Thursday.