

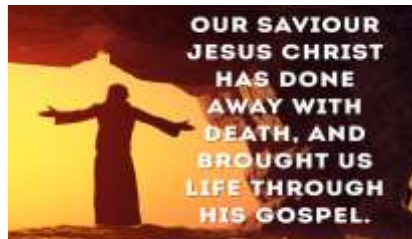


Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th October 2018



OUR SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST
HAS DONE
AWAY WITH
DEATH, AND
BROUGHT US
LIFE THROUGH
HIS GOSPEL.

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We welcome Fr John.

Fr Peter will be in India and USA from November 3rd to 28th. Fr John will live in the Presbytery in this time for Masses and Funerals. I thank Fr John for this. Anita is back in the Office from this Monday

At 5.30 Mass this Tuesday October 30th we welcome into the Teenage RCIA Jasmine Smith, a Year 9 student at SBC. We welcome her family, Les Butler and her sponsors Bridget Mackley and Isabel Overman. Please pray for Jasmine.

November is Holy Souls Month

Holy Souls Mass on Friday November 2nd will be at 10am at the Entrance to the Horsham Lawn Cemetery.

Please bring a chair .

Holy Souls Envelopes are in the Church Foyers.

If you wish to have a Mass offered for your loved ones, please write their names on the Envelope, and leave on the Collection or at the Parish Office.

Book of Remembrance:

The Book will be available throughout the month of November to record the names of deceased family members and friends you wish to remember.

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions.

We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised ?

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 pray for all VCE students sitting for exams. English is on Wednesday 9.15.

We pray and congratulate VCAL students successful in gaining apprenticeships.

♦ Yr 7 Mass in SMJ Church on Monday at 11.30am.

♦ Yr 9 Mass in SMJ Church on Tuesday at 2pm.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP 7pm to 8pm.

All welcome every Monday at 16 George St. Eileen McManus

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 30th Oct	5.30pm	Jasmine Smith RCIA Welcome
Wednesd 31 Oct	9.30am	VCE Exams. Robert Vincent anniv.
Thursday 1st Nov	9.30am	All Saints Day
Friday 2nd Nov	10am	Mass at the Cemetery front gate. All Souls
Saturday 3rd Nov	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: Jack O'Connor (Geelong), Jean Inglis (in Adelaide, Jeanette Grigg's mother), Gary McEldrew (Nhill)

ANNIVERSARIES: Ray Bush, Eileen Arnott, Neville Hobbs, Robert Vincent,

SICK: Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Cathy Mintern, Fleur Armstrong, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Rosetta Cafarella, Betty Fitzgerald, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Carmel Herson, 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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Sunday of the Month 4th November 2018**

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

Dimboola **Sunday AWC 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

**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 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

Jeparit Church Closure

Fr Peter celebrates the Closure Mass in Jeparit today, Sunday, at 1.30pm. There will be Afternoon Tea in the State School Hall after Mass.



We pray for the success of the final JOY + Festival Ballarat on Sunday November 25th.

Our Horsham Youth will attend this Festival. Les Butler at SBC will organize numbers going and transport for the youth going.

For young people aged from 15-30, in the Cathedral Hall 2.00pm - 8.00pm. The festival will include fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, with special guests.

ROSTERS

27/28 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes Ann Hermans Peter Gutteridge Sr Tirsia Bale Micky Robarts Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice	Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lanen Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Alison McKinnon
3/4 November	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Emelia Sudholz	Michael Connellan
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Tess Hayes Peter Gutteridge	Kingsley Dalglish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Welcomers	Gavin Hynam Judy Bryan	Beth Johnson Zita Cannane
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	4th November Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry	11th November Pauline Barber Kate Herson-Spasic

Finances

Rupanyup : \$55 Dimboola: \$80
Murtoa: \$58 Horsham: \$1074
Total: \$1267

ENVELOPES

Planned Giving: \$1259. Loose: \$74.30
Total: \$1333.30

Making Connections: What are you prepared to 'throw off' in order to follow Jesus?

Exploring the Word: Not only does the blind man recognise who Jesus is, but what he can do. He is the Messiah, therefore he can make the blind see.

Sharing the Tradition: All of us are in need of God's mercy and healing and the Church offers us this in the form of the Sacrament of Penance. Christians understand sin as a 'rupture of communion with God' which damages our communion with God. Bartimaeus has become a true disciple while those chosen to follow Jesus seem unable to understand what discipleship entails. The response of Bartimaeus is perfect. He follows Jesus on the road.


Daily Prayer: O God, light to the blind and joy to the afflicted, in your only-begotten Son you have given us a high priest who is just and compassionate toward those who groan beneath the burden of oppression and sorrow. Listen, then, to the cry of our prayer: May we recognise you in Jesus and gladly follow Jesus on the way that leads to you.

Marriage Tip: Are you a skunk, a turtle, or an owl? In terms of conflict resolution, skunks make a stink about it, Turtles ignore or hide from the problem. Owls look the problem over, think about it, find a solution. Choose wisdom!

Vocational View: 'Master grant that I may see'. The values we were blind to in our youth, now become clear. As children of God, we are called to do and witness goodness.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Nov 4: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30
Sunday Nov 11: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10
Sunday Nov 18: Dimboola Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9a
Sunday Nov 25: Natimuk Mass 8.30. Murtoa AWC 9am
Dimboola AWC 8.30
Sunday Dec 2: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am



**Religious, spiritual?
The shape of faith amongst
Australians**

Reports from the researchers at the National Church Life Survey reveals information on Australians views about faith and church life.

A summary of the two reports and further information the National Church Life Survey can be found at

www.ncls.org.au/news/enewsletter

Results reveal that Australians fall into four groups:

- Religious and spiritual (practising religious and spiritual) (26%)
- Moderately religious, spiritual (non-practising religious and spiritual) (26%)
- Spiritual but not religious (13%)
- Neither religious nor spiritual (35%).

Australians' views on the role of churches:

Only three roles were chosen by a majority of Australians as suitable for churches to fulfil in society. These roles are:

- Conduct weddings, funerals, baptisms, (56%)
- Encourage good morals (also 56%)
- Support the poor (54%).

The second group of roles was supported by around four in ten Australians. They are:

- Provide opportunities for worship (43%)
- Give meaning and direction to life (42%)
- Provide chaplains for hospitals and other institutions (40%)
- Provide social services (e.g. aged care) (38%)
- Allow community groups to use church buildings (37%)
- Challenge injustice in society (35%)
- Run social activities (35%).

The overall results reveal that in terms of the role of Christian churches in particular, most Australians preferred that churches have an embedded role, investing in fostering cohesive communities and a good society

Caritas Asia Appeals

Flooding in Kerala, India Typhoon Mangkhut, Philippines, Sulawesi Earthquake and Tsunami,

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.*

*Everything is on the
table*

Plenary Council 2020

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."



Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020 – Listening and Encountering Have your say – respond online

The Listening and Dialogue Encounter happens in many ways. Invite your friends and family to have a conversation about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Ask everyone – “What do you think God is asking of us at this time?” And have them send in their responses online.

Go to plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

To promote our own prayerful thinking about our responses in our Parish to the question – what is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in Australia? - opportunities to gather together will be offered in November by the Adult Faith Group and Men’s Group.

Catholic Theological College - Open Day

Wednesday 7 November.

Two programs: 4.30pm-6.30pm or 6.00pm-8.00pm.

RSVP jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

PALMS are looking for fresh volunteers to send out in 2019! We are looking for some fresh volunteers. If you are looking for a change of routine, or know someone who is, check out our current opportunities at www.palms.org.au



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SMJ School had a student competition to design a motto for our patron Saints Michael and John. Sean McDonald in Year 6 designed the art here. Congratulations to Sean and all students who entered excellent pieces

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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord

worked for us! Indeed we were glad. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in

another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever. **Acclamation: cf 2 Timothy 1:10** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Gospel Reflection. 29th Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson

What is it that we fail to see? Today's gospel reading brings to closure a long section of Mark's gospel that focuses on the journey of Jesus and his disciples from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Jericho in the south. Jericho is the final staging point in the journey to Jerusalem where the final act of the gospel drama will be played out. This section of the gospel (8:27-10:52) is prefaced by the story of a blind man who comes to sight in stages and ends with the story of another blind man, Bartimaeus, who comes from blindness to sight, as well as from insight to greater insight, and joins Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. On the intervening journey, Jesus endeavours to lead the Twelve out of their metaphorical blindness into an understanding of what it means to follow a suffering messiah. They remain for some time in their blindness, as

subsequent events will demonstrate. The narrator creates an impression of urgency at this point in Mark's gospel. "They" come to Jericho and then leave. The intervention of Bartimaeus, who tries to attract the attention of Jesus by calling out from the roadside, threatens to delay the journey. When he cries out for mercy, many "rebuke" him. This is a strong word. It is used of people in the crowd who neither share the depth of Bartimaeus' faith nor grasp the nature of Jesus' mission of gathering in "the remnant of Israel, among them the blind and the lame" (Jeremiah 31:8). Those who try to silence Bartimaeus are a bit like the family of Jesus who tried to protect him from himself (Mark 3:31). When it is clear that the perception of the "many" is not shared by Jesus, we have an almost comical scene in which they do a complete about-face. It seems they want to please the authority figure no matter what. Bartimaeus offers a

stark contrast to these people. He knows that Jesus has the power to bring the mercy of God into his life and the lives of those who wait by the roadside with faith in their hearts. He receives the assurance from Jesus that his faith has made him well. We can probably find some reflection of ourselves in all the characters in today's story. At times we are aware of our blindness and wait desperately by the roadside for the right person or circumstances to come along and give us the heart to rise up and live the journey of faith. At times, we are like the many who think we know what is best for others and who try to silence the voices of those who interfere with our plans. At other times, we respond to the cries for mercy and stretch out our hands to gather in those whose disabilities might otherwise exclude them.

Next Week's Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love

your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more. +++++
SMJ Mission Fete Day raised \$1886.30 plus \$90 for Aussie Farmers. Well done for it was all the students work.

Mission Appeal envelopes in Foyers

Reflection "Beautiful is the moment in which we understand that we are no more than an instrument of God; we live only as long as God wants us to live; we can only do as much as God makes us able to do; we are only as intelligent as God would have us be." **Saint Oscar Romero of San Salvador, canonised a Saint on October 21st 2018**