



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time — 3rd November 2019



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Fr Damian Heath will not be able to continue his Ministry to our Parish in 2020. His last weekend will be the second Sunday in December.

We are deeply grateful to Fr Damian for his ministry to our Parish since 2010, for his wisdom, scholarship and inspiration in his sermons and other contributions to our Parish.

We have a Farewell and Thank You Lunch with Fr Damian after 10.30 Mass next Sunday November 10th, in the Parish Centre at 12noon.

Please indicate on the sheet in the Foyers if you are able to come, and if you can bring a salad, dessert or a slice.

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 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 elderly, sick, in Homes or in Hospital

We welcome Fr John and we thank him for his ministry.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new Planned Giving envelopes are now available in the foyer.

Those who give fortnightly, monthly and yearly will find them in the white envelopes

November Masses.

You are invited you to write the names of deceased loved ones in the **Memorial Book in the Church Foyer** (if you have written names in previous years you do not need to include them again).

Holy Souls Mass Envelopes are in the Foyer.



You are welcome to these

Listening and Discernment Sessions

The theme of Missionary & Evangelising today Sunday Nov 3rd at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price.

and repeated on Wednesday Nov 13th in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.30pm

Materials for our participation will be given to you.

This is your time to have a say and be heard, please take this opportunity, for our Church and its future.



We welcome into the family of God

in Baptism today in Murtoa
Lucy Neve Smith

daughter of Daniel and Emily

Fr Richard Leonard SJ will lead our Parish in a Mission from November 23rd to 28th this year.

WEEKDAY MASSES: A Funeral Mass will replace weekday Mass

Tuesday 5 Nov	5.30pm	Keith Rowe anniv
Wednesday 6 Nov	9.30am	Jimmy O'Beirne anniv. Alison's Yr 3 & 4 attend.
Thursday 7 Nov	9.30am	Paul Mugavin, Kevin and Dennis Conheady anniv
Friday 8 Nov	9.30am	Holy Souls intentions for Lina.
Saturday 9 Nov	10.30am	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Kevin Walsh anniv

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: Mary Coutts - Geelong, sister of Garry Coutts

ANNIVERSARIES: Beverley Threfall, Monica Breen, Jimmy O'Beirne, Kevin Walsh, Roy Villafuerte, Jack Nevill, Tony Panozzo, Richard Fabian Walsh, Mollie McCallum, Irene Murphy

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

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 5382 1155

Saturday Morning Devotions:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 to 9.20. Rosary 9.20. Prayer of the Church 9.35. Mass 10. CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning 10.25am.

**Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of the Month
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th November 2019**

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
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.

CHOIR PRACTICE Second Wednesday in the Church 6pm.

Coughlin Park Bowls Social Committee

MENTAL HEALTH NIGHT

Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm

Coughlin Park Community Centre

Guest Speakers: John Sudholz and Gavin Morrow
Light refreshments served. Donations to Healthy Minds.

For further information: Judy Bryan 0408 824 870

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

2/3 November	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz Maree Plazzer Micky Robarts	Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish Andrea Cox Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Tim Lannen
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy
9/10 November	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	John Parker	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton Sr Tirsa Bale	Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Shayne Keenan
Musicians	Filipino Choir	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	10th November Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	17th November Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 30.00	Murtoa	\$
Horsham	\$ 880.00	Dimboola	\$ 70.00
Total			\$ 1038.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1070.00	Loose	\$ 113.70
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 400.00
Total			\$ 1583.70

Making Connections: Identify someone with whom you are acquainted but don't really know well. Try to move beyond superficial appearances and find out what sort of person they really are. Change your relationship with them. **Marriage Tip:** What is something you've always dreamed of doing? Make a bucket list with your spouse and talk about how you can fulfill those "someday" dreams.

Daily Prayer: God of the covenant, in Jesus your Son you came to seek out and save what was lost. Make us worthy of your call. Fulfil by your power our every good resolve, that we may have the joy of welcoming you in our home, and of sharing with all people the good things of earth and of heaven.

A Vocation View: Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today.

New Parishioners, Changed Address, PGP Form, Changed Phone Numbers FORM

Please fill in and place on the collection plate or drop in to the Parish office. *Thank you.*

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone Home..... **Mobile**.....

I wish to join the Planned Giving Program.

Yes No (Please circle)

Country Mass Times:

Nov 10: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am
Nov 17: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30am
Nov 24: Natimuk 8.30. Murtoa 8.30am.
Dimboola 10am. Nhill 2pm
Dec 1st: Murtoa 8.30am. Dimboola 8.30am. Nhill 10am

Plenary Council

Below are the Themes for the Listening & Discernment sessions, the dates and times for Gathering:

Missionary & Evangelising - today Sunday 11.30 in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price

◆ Wednesday Nov 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price

Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform -

◆ Sunday November 17th at 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Led by Lesley Price.

◆ Wednesday November 20th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Led by Fr Peter.

We will do the Themes : Missionary and Evangelising, and A Joyful, Hope-filled Servant Community in February and March.

Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Ordination of Rev Shane Mackinlay as Bishop at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13th at 7pm, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome to attend.

The Priests will meet with our Bishop that day for our Council of Priests Meeting.

All Souls Day Dimboola Cemetery Mass Tuesday

Nov 12 at 5pm then tea and Plenary Council discussion at the Church.

Rupanyup Mass Monday Nov 11th at 6.30pm

◆ Natimuk Community Mass at Liz & Geoff Both's home this Thursday 7th at 6.30pm

◆ 30 attended our Seniors Afternoon Tea. More are planned.

◆ **RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences** "*It takes a village*" The Diocesan Conference on Friday, November 15th from 5.30pm-9.00pm and the State Conference on Saturday, November 16th from 8.30am-4.30pm. Both will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. **Sr Manuela and Lesley Price will attend from our Parish.**

◆ **The Feast of Christ the King is November 24.**

◆ Booklets for the Advent Season "*The Way*" on the way

◆ SBC Yr 7 Mass in SMJ Church Friday 8th at 2.15pm.

◆ *Raffle Tickets for SMJ Yr 6 RACV Challenge at the School. Tickets on sale at our SMJ Masses next weekend*

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought in November.

We are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. More details at www.catholic.org.au/drought

Parish Finances

Regardless of whether one is a regular or irregular attender, we all need the church at some time in our lives.

The financial situation of our Parish is currently unsustainable; therefore we require assistance from our parishioners.

Planned giving is running approximately **\$18,500 behind**, to what has been pledged.

As well as this fact, there are a number of parishioners who do not support our Planned Giving Program. Many give to the loose plate.

Since the sale land at Coughlin Park, our Parish's operating finances (ex-interest and bequests) have been running at significant losses every year.

The 'Interest and Bequest' income cannot be counted as regular and continual income, however, this income can assist with non-urgent expenses that may arise.

We have to also budget for the future of our Parish when taking into account our aging population, and unfortunately the few that drift away from religion.

Our current year without any extraordinary expenses, predicts a loss of **\$15,000**.

We have to review all income avenues, as well, our operating expenses have to be thoroughly examined and trimmed where necessary.

We thank all who have supported the Planned Giving. Unless anyone is experiencing unforeseen difficulties, we ask you to please bring your pledge up to date.

If you are new to our parish and may not be part of our Planned Giving program, we encourage you, please, to contact our Parish office or any of the Finance committee.

If some 'cannot contribute money' towards the 'Planned Giving' program, then maybe they could donate their time for nothing. For example; helping out in the Parish office, gardening or one of our Ministries etc. This will assist with Salaries and associated costs of operation.

We are all part of our church; we are all responsible for the viability and sustainability of our church so that it will have a presence for the generations to come.

If anyone requires any clarification on the above, or has any disagreement with any issue, please contact any person on the Parish Finance Committee.

Parish Finance Committee:

Fr Peter Hudson, Jill Coutts, Kath Robertson, Rodney Clarke, David Cox.

The Finance Committee meets on November 20th

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned. so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11,
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the

Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: 2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Gospel Reflection – 31st Sunday.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

In 2015, a little book came my way and proceeded to turn my world upside down. The author of that book was German forester Peter Wohlleben, its title *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate— Discoveries from a Secret World*. I have long mourned the destruction of trees, local and global, including the threatened trees of the Amazon. I grew up loving, valuing and sometimes climbing the trees of the Macedon Ranges. I now live among the trees on the outskirts of Ballarat. Wohlleben's book brought home to me how much I had still to learn about these precious gifts of life and love. Luke's story of the toll-collector Zacchaeus provides me with yet another

opportunity to give thanks for the wonder of trees, their intrinsic beauty and the life they sustain. A sycamore tree is at the heart of this story and it provides the platform for a height challenged would-be disciple of Jesus to "see" in his human encounter with the holy. The Synod on the Amazon in Rome and the tropical forests of northern Australia are threatened by fire. The planet cannot breathe without its trees. We might keep this in mind as we turn to the human elements in the story of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus is a wealthy man, a chief tax collector. He wants to see what Jesus is like and he lets nothing get in the way. He runs ahead and climbs the sycamore tree. Jesus looks up and tells him to come down quickly, "for I must stay at your house today." Zacchaeus offers

hospitality "joyfully". Hospitality, joy, haste to respond to divine visitation, are constant themes in Luke. "All those who see" complain that Jesus chooses to stay with a sinner, no doubt considering themselves more worthy hosts for God's prophet. There are clues in the text that Zacchaeus has already changed his ways. He gives half his property to the destitute and, if he has cheated anyone, he pays back four times the amount. Jesus looks at Zacchaeus and assures him that salvation has come to his house, and acts to restore honour to Zacchaeus in the eyes of those who hold him and his kind in contempt. Zacchaeus is affirmed as a true descendant of his forbears in faith. Salvation for our house, our "common home", will only come with attention to what we have despoiled.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 20:27, 34-3

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him. Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the

dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

CATHOLIC MISSIONS
Collection to date \$568.10

Choir End of Year Fellowship (Snags and Wine) Meal. Wednesday November 13th 6.45pm - 7pm at White Hart Hotel Bistro immediately after monthly practice.

Coughlin Park Board Meeting this Wednesday 6th at 5pm

- SMJ School and SBC have school closure days for students this Monday Nov 4th and School holiday on Cup Day this Tuesday 5th
- We pray for all students in their exams in November, and success and happiness for those who will leave school this year for work or an apprenticeship or future studies.

31st Sunday . Luke 19:8. We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice.