



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN



### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th November 2018



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Principal: Cathy Grace

### November is Holy Souls Month

#### 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.



#### The Advent Reflection Booklet "Savior" have arrived.

Those who ordered copies can pick them up from the Parish Office at \$3 each. Others who wish to purchase a Savior booklet please see Anita in the Office.

#### 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 Fr John and we wish Fr Damien a speedy recovery as he is unable to be with us today

#### CWL Advent Reflection Day with Sr Jacinta

**\* Change of Date \***  
**Tuesday November 20th at 1pm in the Meeting Room.**

**All welcome.**

There will be a short CWL Meeting after the Reflection

**Final Reminder**  
Membership and

Horizon Subs now due.

SS. MICHAEL AND JOHN'S PRESENT:

## FAITH ON TAP

This Monday November 12th  
Vic Hotel Beer Garden  
Tea at 7pm. Speaker at 7.45

Speaker:

Fr Joel Peart from Melbourne

*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. All Welcome

### St Vincent De Paul

will have their Thanksgiving Mass for all deceased members and volunteers on **Wednesday 14th November at 9.30pm**

This will be followed by a 'cuppa' afterwards.  
All welcome.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

are available TODAY in the Church Foyer.

Please collect your new envelopes.

Many thanks to all contributors.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES: (Funeral Mass may replace weekday Masses)

Tuesday 13th Nov	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Monica Breen
Wednesday 14th Nov	9.30am	SVDP Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 15th Nov	9.30am	Noreen Kennedy Nov Intentions
Friday 16th Nov	9.30am	Patrick Brennan Anniversary
Saturday 17th 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:** Beverley Threlfall (Louise Kemp's mother), Monica Breen,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nell Perrett, Kath Byrne, Dave Marshall, Wayne Mills, Patrick Brennan

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Joan Glen, Debbie Nolan, Ken Dowsley, Una Bartlett, Cathy Mintern, Fleur Armstrong, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Rosetta Cafarella, Betty Fitzgerald, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, 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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
3rd Sunday of the Month 18th November 2018**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday AWC 9.00am**

**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 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

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP 7pm to 8pm.** every Monday at 16 George St. Eileen McManus 5382 4745 All welcome



We pray for the success of the final JOY + Festival in 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. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, with special guests.**

**ROSTERS**

10/11 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Ann Hermans Geoff Simpson Sr Tirsia Bale	Mary Dalglish Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalglish
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Kingsley Dalglish
17/18 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Alison McKinnon
<b>Commentator</b>	Tess Hayes	Dianne Noy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz	Karen Hill Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalglish
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pat Williams Gary Coutts	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
<b>Prayers</b>	Lesley Price & Mary Dalglish	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>18th November</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	<b>25th November</b> Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty

**FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):**

Natimuk:	\$	Murtoa	\$ 87.00
Horsham	\$ 991.00	Dimboola	\$ 51.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1129.00</b>

**2nd Collection (Parish Account)**

Envelopes	\$ 1065.00	Loose	\$ 72.50
Credit Card	\$ 2246.66	Direct Debit	\$ 1798.67
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 5182.83</b>

**Making Connections:** Make a generous contribution of time, money, energy or service this week. Seek no acknowledgement for this.

**Did You Know? Points of Interest and Catholic lore:** Every Jewish male was required to pay an annual half shekel offering towards the costs of the Temple. Women were not obliged to make this offering. The offering of the widow was not required but freely given. The Jerusalem Temple was a massive structure with a large cohort of priests and attendants and its upkeep must have been a very expensive exercise.

**Exploring the Word:** The poor widow, is under no obligation to contribute to the Temple treasury, put all she had at the service of God. With nothing left with which to feed herself, she totally put her trust and confidence in the fact that God will provide all she needs. How far are we prepared to go?

**Marriage Tip:** Do you have a "mask" that you hide behind at work or for company? Sometimes putting on a "good face" is necessary, but don't let your spouse just get the dregs of your energy and good manners. Be your best real self with your spouse.

**Vocational View:** Honest, dedicated people. Jesus is looking for dedicated and humble people who will give the best they have in response to His call to service. Give what you've got when you are called.

### COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

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



### 'REMEMBERANCE POEM' THE ODE

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and  
in the morning  
We will remember them.  
**LEST WE FORGET!!**

### Christmas Mass Times 2018

Horsham Monday December 24th:

7pm: Children's Christmas Story

**Carols 9.45pm with the Choir**

Christmas Mass 10.15pm

**Tuesday December 25th Christmas Day:**

Horsham Mass 9am

**Monday December 24th Christmas Eve:**

Christmas Mass Murtoa 5pm

Christmas Mass Nhill 6pm

Christmas Mass Dimboola 7.30pm

### **Advent Anointing Mass**

**Thursday December 6th at 2pm in SMJ Church.** Cuppa in the Hall after Mass.

### **Advent Reconciliation Service**

Monday December 17th at 7pm in SMJ Church.

*Hymns, Prayers, Scripture, Examination of Conscience, individual absolution by Fr Peter and Fr John.*

### **End of the Year School Masses**

**SBC End of Year Mass and Yr 12 Graduation**  
Wednesday 12th December 6pm in SMJ Church.

**SMJ End of Year Mass and Yr 6 Graduation**  
Tuesday 18th December 12noon in SMJ Church.

**OLHC End of Year Mass and Yr 6 Graduation**  
Tuesday December 18th at 6.30 in the Church.

**St Patrick's Nhill End of Year Mass and Yr 6 Graduation**  
Wednesday December 19th at 6pm

**Daily Prayer:** O God, protector of the widow and orphan, safe haven for strangers, justice for the oppressed, uphold the poor who hope in you and sustain those who place their trust in your love. Let no one be deprived of the bread and freedom you provide, but may all people learn to share freely and generously of the good gifts you have bestowed.

*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](http://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.**

**Lesley Price and Garry Heinrich will prepare a short video and speak to this and the Plenary Council, at a weekend in November.**

**Palms** are looking for fresh volunteers to send out in 2019! At Palms, we are looking for some fresh volunteers to send out to various missions and places here and overseas in 2019. If you are looking for a change of routine, or know someone who is, check out our current opportunities at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### **“The Catholic Weekly” - Archdiocese of Sydney**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a new website for “The Catholic Weekly”. The new site offers a better user experience and much faster loading times of stories, images, videos and podcasts and it is also mobile friendly [www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)

### **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

### **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](http://www.caritas.org.au).

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

### **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)



**First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16**

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,

who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers

himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

**Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44**

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

**Gospel Reflection. 32nd Sunday Ordinary Yr B - Veronica Lawson**

Whether the longer or shorter gospel reading is selected for today's liturgy, the literary context deserves attention. Jesus is teaching the crowds in the Jerusalem Temple. He knows the vulnerability of many of the people around him and issues a warning about the grandiose behaviour of the Jerusalem scribes. The scribes were generally learned men on whom the people relied for rulings in matters of sacred law as well as for drawing up contracts and other important documents. They commanded the respect of many of the people. Jesus is not impressed by the behaviour of some of the scribes. He sees their pomposity as a mask for dishonesty and exploitation: they will receive the "greater condemnation". They "devour the houses of widows" and hide behind the pretext of long prayers. Widows included women who had lost their husbands through death or divorce as well

as single unmarried women. They were women alone without male protection in a patriarchal society and without the benefit of a social security system. They were dependent for survival upon the care of family and community. Jesus' words of condemnation are strong words that will understandably provoke a reaction. It is no surprise that the Jerusalem scribes are among those who later conspire to kill him (Mark 14:1). It is easy enough to be taken in by the posturing of those who present as superior and who look for status recognition. It is also easy to miss the goodness of those on the edge even if it is happening before our very eyes. The context presents Jesus as attuned to the plight of the widows. He now notices and draws the attention of his disciples to the action of one particular "destitute" widow. Her tiny contribution to the treasury of two copper coins for the upkeep of the Temple is far more significant than the big sums

contributed by the wealthy out of their excess. Is this woman being presented as the victim of an unjust system that extracts from her what she cannot afford, as some commentators insist? Or is the Markan Jesus presenting her as a free agent, a model of discipleship, who offers everything she has to live on? It may not be necessary to choose between these two interpretations. It is clear that this woman's action provides a striking contrast to that of the scribes, like the action of another woman who, a little later in the story, breaks a precious jar and pours an abundance of healing ointment over the head of Jesus as he faces the prospect of death. As the gospel draws to a close, then, we find two stories of extravagantly generous unnamed women, stories told in memory of their gospel foolishness.

**Next Week's Gospel: Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and

glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very

gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'