



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Horsham-Dimboola-Murtoa-Natimuk- Rupanyup- Nhill

BULLETIN

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time - 15th November 2020



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Planned Giving Program 2021. For those doing their pledge via cash, new envelopes are in the Church. The Church is open Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, and for Weekend Masses. Thank you.

MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday November 19th, 7.30am-8.30, in the Parish Centre. Fathers, sons, single men welcome for Breakfast, prayer, chat

SMJ CHURCH CLEAN-UP. With numbers increasing to 100 from Nov 23, we ask you if you can **come and help clean the inside of SMJ Church on Tuesday November 24th from 10am** Windows cleaned, seats dusted and sprayed, materials supplied.

Parish Bulletin is online www.ballarat.catholic.org.au select Horsham Parish, click the yellow magnifying glass symbol, open Horsham which appears below. **Anointing of the Sick and Individual Confession, on request to Fr Peter.**

Covid Safe Plans for coming to Mass or Church include:

- Face masks must be worn. Legal requirements apply to these
- Social distancing is adhered to: 4 meter square rule.
- Names, contact numbers, **time attended, MUST** be recorded.
- Maximum number of people permitted: **20** plus faith leader.
- Hand sanitiser provided. Cleaning/Sanitising protocol displayed.
- Reminder, if people are sick or unwell, do not attend, get tested
- **To attend Masses next weekend 21/22, Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30, please book at the Office 53821155, or by email or leave a message.**
- **We can have 100 attend Masses, Funerals from Nov 23rd.**
- **Sunday Masses from Nov 28/29 will be Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 10.30am. Country Masses Murtoa 8.30, Dimboola 8.30, Nhill 10am. This is subject to be confirmed**

Next Sunday Nov 22nd is the Feast of Christ the King, which ends the Church's Liturgical Year.

Fr Richard Leonard will come to our Parish for an Advent Mission from Saturday December 5th to Wednesday December 9th. With the Border open, numbers 100 he is happy to come. Sessions Monday to Wednesday. Mass 9.30, then a Talk. Talk at 7: Parish Centre

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL at 5.30pm this Thursday November 19th. Please have reports into Camille on Wednesday. Agenda, Reports will be sent to you. **Can all members please attend**

MASS AT OUR CEMETERIES
Dimboola: Monday Nov 23 at 6pm
Horsham: Tuesday Nov 24 at 5.30
Rupanyup: Thursday Nov 26 6pm.
Nhill: Monday Nov 30th at 6pm.

The Advent and Christmas **ADORE** Daily Reflections booklets have arrived. Price \$5. We have 30. Please purchase your booklet from the Office in the mornings. You can use these individually, or in groups. Daily prayers.

Sacrament Mass at SMJ Church. With numbers increased to 100 from Nov 23, we can have our Mass inside. Our Mass in SMJ for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion children is Sunday November 29th at 12 noon, and then stay afterwards for a BYO lunch. The children who haven't celebrated First Reconciliation will do so this Tuesday Nov 17th at 4pm in SMJ Church.

I will be home for PPC on Thursday.

ONLINE MASSES: (Eucharistic Group Facebook page)
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm. Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: NONE this WEDNESDAY.

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| Tuesday 17 | 5.30 | St Elizabeth. Frank & Val Watt anniv. |
| Wednes 18 | 9.30 | Holy Souls . Clancy intens. |
| Thursday 19 | — | No Mass. Fr Peter with Nhill School Camp. |
| Friday 20th | 9.30 | |
| Saturday 21 | 10am | Presentation of Blessed Mary. Wayne Mills, Dave Marshall |

Thank you for Staying Connected with phone calls text messages, emails, dropping off food. Thank you to those who bring food to me.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Joan Lynch, Gavan Merrett, Frank & Val Watt, Nicolas Tonti-Philipini, Pat James, Wayne Mills, Dave Marshall, Kath Byrne,

Sick: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, John McNamara, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davison, Shane Kennedy, Norm Griffin, Rick Burchell, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen,

Emergency Care: Contact Parish Office 53821155

Saturday Devotions: Exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am, Rosary, Prayer of the Church, **Mass 10am**, Confessions 10.25

Meditation Group: Church Meeting Room Tuesdays 2pm
Choir Practice: Second Wednesday in SMJ Church at 6pm
Baptism Preparation: To enrol please contact Parish Office 53821155. Sessions Thursday once a month

Finances: Thank you for those who have dropped in envelopes or who have gone online to our BSB or CDF Accounts for Planned Giving Program, Presbytery. In these difficult times, with so many not having an income. Any contributions to any of these Collections, is gratefully received. **You can drop Envelopes or money into the Parish Office anytime: Office is open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 12.30pm**
Collections:
Presbytery (plate): \$985.00
Planned Giving Envelopes: \$948.00
Missions: \$150.00 BCSF: \$5.00
If you wish to give via our Parish BSB Account :
BSB: 083 680 Account: 515830337
REF: Your Envelope number/surname or put "Presbytery" for the plate collection/ or Parish if you have no envelopes.

THANK YOU

Making Connections: This week, use your talents for the good of others.
Daily Prayer: Give us the will and wisdom to multiply the gifts your providence has bestowed, and make us industrious and vigilant as we await your Son's return, so that we may rejoice to hear him call us "good and faithful servants" and be blest to enter into the joy of your kingdom.
A Vocation View: Don't bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness. live it to the full.
+Shifts in perspective are what leads to **conversion**. When we open our minds to a new way of looking at life, we are being **converted**. When our hearts become softer, when we discover new depths to our compassion, we are being **transformed**.
* "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much..." God expects us to develop the gifts He has given us and then generously give back with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard our gifts, but to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.

November is Holy Souls Month
Holy Souls Mass Envelopes in the Church, and Office, to have a Mass offered for Holy Souls.
Holy Souls Remembrance Book in the Foyer. Please add names of loved ones who have died in the past twelve months, or names you wish remembered in our Holy Souls Month Masses. There is a Remembrance Book also in the Office

To help us pray Mass for SunAOrd33

Gloria: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions: Cel: Today the Universal Church observes, with Pope Francis, the fourth World Day of the Poor with the theme: *Stretch out your hand to the poor* That the poor will feel the warmth of our care and compassion as we take the time to stretch out our hand to them with respect.

That the poor who carry a disproportionate burden of need and distress from the coronavirus pandemic will not be lacking in the necessities of life.

That those who have realized, through the pandemic, how spiritually poor they are, receive that grace by which they will know God better, and understand who their sisters and brothers really are

That the poor who suffer from uncaring policies of governments and inadequate working conditions imposed by unscrupulous employers, will have justice restored. That the poor will teach us the truth of Pope Francis' words: "prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable".

That the ancient culture and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will be honoured as we celebrate NAIDOC Week.

That students preparing for exams will remain calm and focused, not be overwhelmed by fear or anxiety, and find meaningful opportunities in the next phase of their lives.

That the poor who have died unknown, alone or unloved, will move from the darkness of loneliness and be transformed into children of the light in the heavenly home.

We remember Joan Lynch, Gavan Merrett, Frank & Val Watt, Nicolas Tonti-Philipini, Pat James, Wayne Mills, Dave Marshall, Kath Byrne, whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all of our deceased loved ones we remember this November.

Cel: Loving Father, help us to 'hear the cry of the poor' with you, and after the example of Mary, Mother of the Poor, may we always be servants of those in need.

The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time, on how to live a Christian life, to continue to follow the example of Jesus

COUNTRY MASS TIMETABLE:

Sunday Nov 22nd:Dimboola 8.30.Murtoa 10.30. Nhill 5.

Sunday Nov 29: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 5p

Sunday Dec 6: Dimboola 8.30. **Murtoa 10.30.** Nhill 10

Sunday Dec 13: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10

From January 15th 2021,

Monsignor Glynn Murphy, currently Administrator of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Parishes, will be the **new Parish Priest** of Horsham, Nhill, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun.

Fr Jim McKay, currently Assistant Priest in East Wimmera Parish, will be Assistant Priest in these Parishes.

* The parish office will be based in Horsham,.



From Sr Manuela and Sr Jesusita:

Typhoon Rolly battered Catanduanes island with maximum sustained winds of 225 kph near the center and gustiness of up to 280 kph. Storm Signal No. 5 was also raised in the area on Sunday November 1, 2020. More than

10,000 homes were damaged as Typhoon Rolly spawning storm surges, hit Catanduanes over the weekend. The damage is 65% among houses made of light materials and 20% of larger homes were destroyed. In total, 15,000 families were displaced by the super typhoon. 90% of infrastructure has been damaged based on their assessments. After Catanduanes the typhoon also ravaged the towns of Albay including Tabaco where we also have our Children's Home. Our buildings in the Children's Home, School and Retreat House in the Bicol region suffer damages following the wrath of super typhoon Rolly. But, we thank God because the Sisters and the children are fine even if they have to experience a lot of discomforts due to the loss of essential utilities and necessities. There will be a lot to recover from the damages, yet we are hopeful that the Lord will not abandon our communities which mission is to help the children and the poor. If you would like to extend your help your kindness and generosity and remember you to the Lord. **Please send your donation to:** (For Dollar Account)

Account Name: The Superior of CSSJB – Phil. Inc.

Account Number: 2574-0384-59

Bank: BPI North Green Hills, San Juan, M.M.

Swift Code (BIC): BOPIPHMM

Marriage Tip: "Do you know what romantic gestures your spouse loves the most? Is it candlelight, a shoulder rub, flowers, written notes, a favourite dessert or meal? Surprise him/her with a special gesture sometime this week.

When I have nothing left, I still have my heart, and with that I can always love.

"To live and to give to the world we have Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Taking Place This Week: Sunday: World Day of the Poor, World Day for Road Traffic Victims. Monday: International Day of Tolerance, St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude Tuesday: St Elizabeth of Hungary. Thursday: World Toilet Day Men's Day. Friday: World Children's Day. Saturday: Presentation of Mary. **Sunday: Christ The King**

VCE & University Students Exam Prayer

Lovingly Father, we bring before you our VCE and University Students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Livestreaming of Mass at SMJ Church will continue.

Those on Facebook, welcome to click "Join" on our group page, titled "Eucharistic Group".



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

8-15 NOV 2020

NAIDOC Week 2020:

Australians recognize, celebrate that our First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. We are invited to

embrace the ancient history of our Country.



Palms Australia: Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes...See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au



Marist House is a residential program for young adults in tertiary study. Situated in Fitzroy, For more info please visit - <https://maristyouthministry.com/marist-house-fitzroy/>

The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring Leadership Program for Women

invites Catholic women to apply for this (SAM) Leadership Program. Financial and personal support to mature-aged Catholic women offered as they undertake undergraduate or postgraduate theological/spiritual study at a recognised theological Institution. For more information go to [https:// www.goodsams.org.au/article/applications-invited-for-study-and-mentoring-sam-leadershipprogram/](https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/applications-invited-for-study-and-mentoring-sam-leadershipprogram/). Applications close November 29.

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. Camille Del Castillo (Sec)

Child Safety Standards. Ss Michael & John Parish has **Bob Pritchett** and **Jill McGennicken** as our Safeguarding Officers. 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 and vulnerable adults in the Parish.

Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.
O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life.

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Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day

Gospel Reflection: SunAOrd33 Veronica Lawson rsm:

As the end of the church year approaches, the liturgy presents us with texts that invite us all to consider the big questions of life and death, including the day of reckoning that will inevitably confront each one of us. Matthew's parable of the talents is about the final realities. It is sandwiched between the parable of the ten bridesmaids and their lamps, and the end time judgement of the nations (next week's Gospel) The previous story concluded with the warning: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This is usually interpreted as a reference to the second coming of Christ. Today's story continues this. It opens: "For it is as if a man going abroad summons his slaves and entrusts his property to them...." Once more, we find slavery taken for granted, let us commit ourselves to the elimination of all power over others. The slaves are entrusted with wealth: ten talents, five talents, and one talent respectively. A talent was a measure of weight rather than a coin and one silver talent was the equivalent of 1000 days wages for an ordinary labourer. The slaves receive no instructions, but later events

Next Week: Christ the King Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell

to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." The man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. Take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

indicate that the man expects a good return on his wealth. The first two slaves deliver and are invited into the joy of the master, another possible reference to the end time when God will embrace those who are faithful to their mission. The third slave buries his talent and provides a reasonable rationale: the master is a hard man who inspires a fear-ridden response in the slave. The master does not resile from this description. The seemingly unproductive slave loses even what he has and is banished to a place "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Is the master an image of God? There are some elements in the story that point in this direction. There are other features, such as the concentration of wealth in one person and the treatment of the fearful slave, that inhibit an affirmative answer to this question. In face of present inequities even within the most affluent countries, we may find ourselves in sympathy with the third slave insofar as he challenges the violent and exploitative actions of the master. Parables are open to multiple interpretations and the eternal truths cannot be encapsulated in one story or one image; They call us to reflect and take action for planetary life.

you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." They will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

SMJ Church open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm.
for private prayer (keep a 2 metre distance).