



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

Feast of Christ the King - 25th November 2018



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We welcome Fr John

Congratulations to The Brigidine Sisters who are today celebrating 130 years of their first foundation, Ararat, in the Ballarat Diocese



On the last day of the Church year **Thank You** for all that you contribute to the vitality of our Parish Family.
"God loves cheerful Givers"

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.



Fr Peter has enjoyed his travels to Chennai, India where the weather was very humid. He is currently in America visiting his brother Des. Here he has seen early snow in the town and celebrated his brother's birthday. Fr Peter will be back in our Parish on Thursday.

CWL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Royal Hotel, Firebrace Street, Horsham
12 noon—11th December 2018
\$25.00 per head.
RSVP: before 3rd December to
Tess 5381 1785 or Frances 5382 1546
All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a number of Planned Giving Envelopes that have yet to be collected. Can you please see if a person you know has not yet collected theirs and can you please deliver them. This will save on the postage of them. Thank you.

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.

Next Sunday we begin Year C in the Church with the First Sunday of Advent. At our 10.30am Mass the students from SMJ school will participate.

WEEKDAY MASSES: (Funeral Mass may replace weekday Masses)

Tuesday 27th Nov	5.30pm	Sojan Nov. Intentions
Wed 28th Nov	9.30am	Esperas family Nov. Intentions
Thursday 29th Nov	9.30am	
Friday 30th Nov	10.30am	Anointing Mass Lutheran Home
Saturday 1st Dec	10.00am	

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: David Marshall (Melb—brother of Ian Marshall),	
ANNIVERSARIES: Bob Arnott, Valeriana Bale	
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, Brian O'Loughlin	
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 1st Sunday of Advent 1st Sunday of the Month 2nd December 2018	
Horsham	Saturday - 6.30pm. Sunday - 10.30am
Dimboola	Sunday Mass 12.15pm
Murtoa	Sunday Mass 8.30am
Nhill	Sunday Mass 5.30pm
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 - <i>Contact the Parish Office</i> - 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	

Exploring the Word: What are some of the conflicts between the values of the kingdom of Jesus and the values of the society we live in? Symbols & Images: The absolute composure and assurance of Jesus in this text is contrasted with the defensiveness of Pilate who is locked into an earthly and political understanding of kingdom. For Jesus, real power lies in the redemptive love of the Father and his own redemptive self-giving.

Sharing the Tradition: The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively new one in the Church calendar. It was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI after the world had experienced the horrors of World War I and been shocked at the brutality and destruction of that conflict between so-called civilised and Christian nations. The role of the Church in social and cultural life was diminishing and there was greater separation of Church and State. This feast sought to confront growing secularism head on. Since Vatican II, the Church has seen itself in a new dialogue with the world and this feast now more strongly reflects upon the nature of Christ's kingship.

ROSTERS		
24/25 Nov	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Tess Hayes Geoff Simpson Cathy Taylor John Parker Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Anne Newton	Faye Wills Bob Pritchett Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Alison McKinnon Kingsley Dalgleish Karen Hill
Commentator	Peter Guthridge	Alison McKinnon
1/2 Dec	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Micky Robarts	SMJ School
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	SMJ School
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Sr Tirsia Bale Anthony Amor Sr Jacinta Rice Bernadette Trounce Ann Hermans Joan Parker	Andrea Cox Anna Robertson Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Rosie Taylor Zita Cannane Mary Dalgleish
Projector	Anita Masiero	SMJ School
Musicians	Chris Robarts	SMJ School
Welcomers	Pat Strachan Joan Whiley	SMJ School
Prayers	Alison McKinnon and Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	2nd December Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	9th December Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk:	\$	Murtoa	\$ 105.00
Horsham	\$ 908.00	Dimboola	\$ 67.00
Total			\$ 1080.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1223.00	Loose	\$ 48.40
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$ 480.00
Total			\$ 1791.00

Making Connections: Today's feast brings the Church year to a close. What have been the important moments for you in your personal life and on your journey? Who have been the important people for you this year? Have you noticed change and movement forward? This week, bear witness in your home or workplace to the truth that you are discovering.

Daily Prayer: Lord God almighty, you have anointed Jesus as the Christ not to rule a kingdom won by violence but to bear witness to the truth, not to reign in arrogance but to serve in humility and love, not to mirror this world's powers but to inherit a dominion that will not pass away. Freed from our sins by the blood of this faithful witness, shape our service of others after the pattern of Christ's self-sacrificing love.

Marriage Tip: "Fidelity to promises is truly a masterpiece of humanity!" – Pope Francis. Pray today for the grace to be faithful to all your promises, especially those made to your spouse and children.

Vocational View: Christ is King ... the faithful Witness. He loved us ... and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve His Father. Who are we to be called forth as the priests of tomorrow - prayerful men - leaders, ready to preach the Word of God.

COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Dec 2: Murtoa 8.30am
Dimboola 12.15pm
Nhill 5.30pm



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.

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

Free e-book for your computer/tablet/phone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1

This e-book, which may be downloaded **free of charge** to a computer/tablet/ phone, offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year C-1 beginning with the First Sunday of Advent (Dec 2, 2018). Each daily Gospel has with it a reflection of some 750 words. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher given when he was Bishop of Parramatta.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1 may be accessed at the following:

www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

St. Mary’s Church Community Association Inc. Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of St. Mary’s Church Community Association will be held immediately following 8.30am Mass on Sunday 9th December 2018..

All Welcome



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



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

Our Horsham Youth will attend this Festival.

Les Butler and students from SBC will be in attendance

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: Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:1-2, 5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the

kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Gospel Reflection. Christ the King Yr B - Veronica Lawson

The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kin-dom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century.

Rome was the dominant global force at that time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world. When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not pitting planet Earth or the

cosmos over against a purely spiritual world. He is referring rather to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers. Jesus' way of being in the world stands in stark contrast with the expansionist and frequently destructive ways of Roman rule. The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel, both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of

others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence and domination. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at

hand.' 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

