



Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

BULLETIN

Feast of the Epiphany - 3rd January 2021



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We welcome Fr Michael McKinnon: who will be celebrating our Masses, until our new Parish Priest Fr Glynn Murphy & Assistant Priest Fr Jim Mackay arrives officially on the 15th January 2021.

We greatly appreciate your patience, support and understanding with us during this transition, and as we continue to plan and re-organise various elements in our Parish Communities for the merging of the Horsham, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Nhill Parishes.

PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick brothers and sisters 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 when they experience pain, their source of hope in moments of despair, sorrow, woundedness, their inspiration and solace when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them all 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 and value to You.

Give them patience as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needy 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, as they walk the path of pain and sadness with the sick.

Bless the **ministry** of those who take Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and those in Homes and in Hospital.

Have a happy, hopeful, peaceful, and blessed New Year. God be with you and keep you safe.

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name. Amen.



Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to you God entrusted His only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became Man.

Blessed Joseph, show yourself a Father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, courage and trust, and defend us from every evil.

“Light and Life to all He brings”

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



Catholic Health Australia launches new Mission Scholarship Program for future Aged Care leaders

Catholic Health Australia is offering a new scholarship to attend the prestigious Ministry Leadership Program at the Australian Catholic University. The scholarship is open to people working at a managerial level in the Catholic aged care sector and will help expand the successful mission program to new participants. To find out more about the program and the scholarship criteria go to <https://cha.org.au/mission/69-mlp/mission/911-the-father-gerard-arbuckle-catholic-health-australia-scholarship-program>

Piety Stall: 2021 Columban Calendars \$8

NO WEEKDAY MASSES AND SATURDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Making Connections: How has Christmas changed the way you act or think? In what ways do you encounter Christ in your life?

Marriage Tip: “As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” (Col 3:13) A big part of being a holy family is giving and receiving forgiveness. “I’m sorry / I forgive you”. Never hesitate to say healing, forgiving grateful words

Daily Prayer: By the light of a star, O God of the universe, you guided the nations to the Light of the world. Until the Redeemer comes again in glory, we, with the Magi, seek the face of the Saviour. Summon us with all those who thirst now to the banquet of love. May our hunger be filled, our thirst quenched with your word of truth.

A Vocation View: Many people continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Let us as God’s people show who lights up life, and how we walk a different way with Jesus. Reflect on the new road you walk, may the Spirit guide you.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Jenny Boyko, Jenny Issell

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, John McNamara, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davison, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen.

MINISTRY ROSTERS

2/3 Jan 2021	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anthony Amor Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
9/10 Jan	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Betty Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	...
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Roberts Sartori
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Pat Strachan Joan Whiley	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	10th January Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	17th January Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

Notice sheets & rosters

Over January please be aware of any vacancies to rostered ministries. If you are there and can help, please do so. It would be greatly appreciated.

FINANCE:

Christmas Masses: 1st Collections

Horsham: \$2457.35, Murtoa: \$291.65,

Dimboola: \$111.00

Bishop's Appeal (2nd Collection): \$1941.30

Last Sunday 27th December 2020: 1st Collection:

Horsham: \$ 818.00, Murtoa: \$216.00, Dimboola: \$61.00

Planned Giving: \$1382.00

Horsham Mass Times:

Saturdays: 6.30pm

Sundays: 10.30am

Country Centres Mass Times:

January 3rd: Murtoa 8.30am, Dimboola AWC 9am

January 10th: Dimboola 8.30am, Murtoa AWC 9am

Child Safety Standards:

Bob Pritchett & Jill McGinnisken are our Parish Safeguarding Officers.

A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** exists for all who work in the Parish.

Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share

the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

