



# Ss Michael & John's Parish

Dimboola – Horsham – Murtoa – Natimuk - Rupanyup - Nhill

## BULLETIN



### 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th June 2018



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**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday**  
June 21st at 5.30pm.  
Please have reports into Anita by Wednesday.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST this Thursday June 21st**  
in the Parish Centre, 7.30 to 8.30am

All men and their sons are welcome. Talk, prayer.

We pray with OLHC School Murtoa as we have Interviews for their new Principal this Thursday.

**Rupanyup Mass**  
this Wednesday 20th,  
6.30 at Weideman's

**Plenary Council:** The Plenary Council gives us all an opportunity to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia. We are going to build the agenda for the Plenary Council together, through dialogue. Every one of us is invited to listen to God by listening to one another. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? Everyone's experience of faith and the Church is unique and it is important that the Plenary Council hears responses from as many people as possible. In the coming weeks/months the Diocese, and our Parish, will organise preparation opportunities. The Parish Council Meeting this Thursday will discuss how we continue this process, as well as to prepare for Bishop Paul Bird's Visitation to our Parish from August 24-27.

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Fr Peter attends the Diocesan Council of Priests Meeting in Ballarat this Tuesday. We celebrate with and congratulate our **Jubilarians**

25 Years: Kevin Lenehan.  
40 Years: Gerry Prunty, Kevin Maloney and John Fitzgerald.  
50 Years: Denis Dennehy, in Ireland  
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Next Sunday, June 24th, is the Feast of St John the Baptist. SMJ School will lead our Ministries at 10.30am Mass.

Next Sunday is the Feastday of the Baptistine Sisters. During 10.30am Mass Sisters Tirsa and Manuela will renew their Religious Vows.

**We invite you to stay after Mass for a cuppa and to congratulate**

#### **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 care in their own homes, those who work in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort when they experience pain, their source of hope in times of 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.

#### **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

**7pm to 8pm.**  
All welcome every Monday  
Now moved to **16 George**



**Street, Horsham** during the winter months.

Eileen McManus 5382 4745

*A time of prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Wisdom to guide our Church to the Plenary Council*

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday 19th June	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday 20 June	<b>5.30pm</b>	Dominik Wajszel anniv
Thursday 21st June	9.30am	Brent Williams, Julie Buwalda, Paul Smith, Brendan Keilar, Keiran Watt, young people
Friday 22nd June	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Lutheran Home Anointing Mass</b>
Saturday 23rd June	10.00am	Marj Martin anniv, Jenny Lynch 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:** Elaine "Laine" McPhee

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Julie Buwalda, Gwen Valmardre, Elizabetha Colosimo, Dominik Wajszel, Brent Williams, Paul Smith, Keiran Watt, Brendan Keilar, Nola Attwood, Jenny Lynch, Marj Martin

**SICK:** Brian Rice, Carmel Cannard, Jean Ivess, Joan Glen Debbie Nolan, Lorrain Holland, Ken Dowsley, Felicity Taylor, Fleur Armstrong, Peter Kelly, Una Bartlett, Heather McPhee, Maurice Brennan, Sr Geraldine Stapleton, Kobe Davidson, Corey Panozzo, Ruby Spasic, Rosetta Cafarella, Carmel Herson, Betty Fitzgerald, Bill McGrath,

**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 12h Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4th Sunday of the Month 24th June**

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

Dimboola **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Murtoa **Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Natimuk **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

**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** Every Monday - Parish Meeting Room. Mornings - 9.30 -11.30 Evening - *Contact the Parish Office* - BYO Craft - Gold Coin Donation.

**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.** 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. For appointment contact Parish Office 53821155.

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group** meets in Winter at Eileen's home, 16 George St, every Monday from 7pm - 8pm. For further information contact Eileen McManus on 5382 4745

**CHOIR PRACTICE** 2nd Wednesday 6pm in the Church

**A Child Safe Parish:** Bishop Bird asks that all volunteers in Parish life and ministries provide their parish with a current Working with Children Check (WWC). If you are a volunteer in any ministry we ask you to complete this task. We fully appreciate the time you give in the service of our parish, as without your voluntary efforts our parish simply would not be able to operate. Please rest assured these changes and requests are to ensure that our Parish is accountable and have the correct procedures in place. If you need help with the process or require further information or if you don't have one, please don't be alarmed as the parish will help you with the process. please contact Anita at the Parish Office. Details of the need for volunteers to sign a Code of Conduct Letter will be on the Bulletin next weekend.

**ROSTERS**

<b>16/17 June</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
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<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Micky Robarts Maree Plazzer Bernadette Trounce Anne Newton John Parker Lorraine Clancy Pat Glaubitz	Andrea Cox Cate Rigby Tim Lannen Mary Dagleish Sr Manuela Zita Cannane Rosie Taylor
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<b>Commentator</b>	Tess Hayes	Angela Murphy
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<b>23/24 June</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
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<b>Readers</b>	Tess Hayes	SMJ School
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<b>Commentator</b>	Kevin Dunn	SMJ School
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<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Tess Hayes Geoff Simpson Anthony Amor Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Joan Parker Cathy Taylor	Kingsley Dagleish Karen Hill Neville Strachan Lynda Hutchinson Anna Robertson Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon
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<b>Projector</b>	Peter Gutteridge	SMJ School
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<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	SMJ School
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<b>Welcomers</b>	Garry & Betty Heinrich	SMJ School
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<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Emelia	
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<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
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<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>24th June 2018</b> Pat O'Connor Win Stephens Barbara Connellan	<b>1st July</b> Carolyn Boseley Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor Anna Carberry
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**FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):**

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 62.00
Horsham	\$ 765.00	Dimboola	\$ 84.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 909.00</b>

**2nd Collection (Parish Account)**

Envelopes	\$ 1386.00	Loose	\$ 77.75
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1463.75</b>

**Making Connections:** Be attentive this week to how the seed of God's word and love is growing within you. Foster this growth in as many ways as you can and try to plant the seeds of faith in the hearts of others.

**Daily Prayer:** From your bountiful hand, O God, you have sown generously in our hearts the seed of your truth and your grace. May we welcome with humility and confidence what you sow in the soil of our lives and cultivate its growth with the patience the gospel teaches, trusting completely and knowing full well that peace and justice increase in this world every time your word bears fruit in our lives.

**Marriage Tip:** Children are a great gift, and as desired as children usually are in a marriage, raising them can also bring stress. Don't let arguments over child discipline sap your energy and alienate you from each other. Take a break. Build a list of a few reliable sitters.

**Vocational View:** A vocation is like a mustard seed which, when planted in the heart, is like a childhood dream. Yet once we begin to believe that God is calling us, we begin to blossom into the dream of a lifetime. People will want to live in the shade of our loving response.

We thank you, God, for the rain this week, may it bring growth and life to our seeds, crops and land

### COUNTRY MASS TIMES:

Sunday Jun 24: Natimuk 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Murtoa 10.30  
Sunday July 1: Murtoa Mass 8.30. Dimboola AWC 8.30  
Sunday July 8: Murtoa 8.30. Dimboola 8.30. Nhill 10am



### St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal

Envelopes available at the Piety Store in the Church for donations. This year we have had 80 calls for assistance from people in distress - this takes many forms,

eg: financial, homelessness, with requests for help with bills, medication and food.

We welcome donations of quality clean clothing, clean second-hand fridges, washing machines (in working order). Donations can be left at the Centre or call 5382 4003. *Pat Strachan President.*

**Donations of non-perishable food can be left in the Church at any time**

### Sharing the Word ELibrary of Educational Resources for Catholic Ministry

An ELibrary of Catholic resources has been made available with the support of Catholic Mission Australia. The initiative is called the Sharing the Word Project. The material can be read on screen, downloaded to your e-devices, often in various formats, or be printed. This growing elibrary, started in 2014, provides links to the full text of over 10,000 open source ebooks, periodical titles, periodical articles, theses, documents, podcasts, etc. as well as major relevant websites. The ELibrary can be accessed at [www.sharingtheword.info](http://www.sharingtheword.info)

The reign of God begins in ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide, it unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world, growing our world.



### Joy+ Youth Festivals!

The Ballarat Diocese is holding three Sunday Festivals called **Joy+** for youth and young adults 15 to 30  
Sunday 5 August in Robinvale,  
Sunday 2 September in Warrnambool West,  
Sunday 25 November in Ballarat

**Free!** With Genevieve Bryant and band, workshop worship, food and friends

This is an initiative for the **Year of Youth - Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy!** Free Registration opens soon. Info and rego on: [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

- There will be no Youth Camp in Halls Gap in July
- 50 students from SBC will join other Secondary Students in Ballarat on July 27 for a Year of Youth Schools Festival at Federation University.

The Australian Bishops say to us **EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE** as we discern and pray for the needs of our Church, what we keep, what we need to change or adapt



### Plenary Council 2020

*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'* Mt 22

The role of the 2020 Plenary Council is to provide for the pastoral needs of us and our Church in Australia and how we can fulfil our mission of sharing the good news of Christ with all ages, backgrounds etc.

The Plenary Council website for more information: [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### Refugee Week

2018

Theme: With Refugees



### 17-23 June: Refugee Week.

This week informs us about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian and all societies. It aims to create better understanding between

different communities and to encourage successful integration enabling refugees to live safely and make a valuable contribution to Australia. We need a global movement to demand the safety and rights of refugees are protected. It is the responsibility of all Governments, and each one of us, to ensure people forced to flee from their homes can live with dignity and with hope. In a world where violence forces thousands of families to flee for their lives each day, we stand with refugees. The UN Refugee Agency has launched the #With Refugees Petition to send a message to governments that they must work together and do their fair share for refugees.

**Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees invite us to an Evening with Sr Brigid Arthur, co-Founder of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project,** to support refugees in detention, **this Wednesday June 20th in the Green Room Welcome Centre, 145 Victoria Street Ballarat East, at 7.30pm.** Admission free. Gold coin donation for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project.



### WORLD REFUGEE DAY MORNING TEA

10.30am this Wednesday 20th June.  
Grampians Estate Cellar Door,  
1477 Western Highway, Great Western  
Gold Coin Donation

Hosted by the Grampians-Gariwerd Branch of Rural Australians for Refugees

### 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)

**Child Safety Standards.** Bob Pritchett is our 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.



**1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16**

Lord it is good to give thanks to you. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. Planted in the house of the Lord they

will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

**2nd Reading; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

**Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel; Mark 4:26-34**

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

**Gospel Reflection. 11th Sunday Ord Time Yr B - Veronica Lawson RSM**

The first of the parables in today's gospel reading has no parallel in the other gospels. It compares God's kingdom to a trusting sower who scatters the seed by day, sleeps by night, and simply observes the "earth produce of itself" until it is time to harvest the grain. The sower's actions of scattering, sleeping, rising, and going in with his sickle are paralleled by his "not-knowing how" the seed is transformed into grain. We may, in our times, have a more sophisticated, more scientific understanding of the process of growth. We have no less reason to stand in awe at the wonder of it all. In an era of urbanization, supermarket chains, and online shopping even for groceries, we can easily lose sight of the source of food and the miracle of food production. This little parable might serve as a reminder of the goodness of the Earth and of the God who sustains our planetary home. It

might inspire us to contemplate the myriad ways in which the Earth speaks to us of God and God's empire or kingdom. At another level, we might ask about the identity of the sower. We might question how the sower's actions and attitudes provide an image of God's reign. Is it in the sower's trusting that all will be well while "not-knowing"? Is it in the observation that the grain is ripe for the harvest? Is it in the prompt action to bring in the harvest? Parables are meant to tease their hearers/readers. They are open-ended and challenging. The second parable appears in all three synoptic gospels. Matthew and Luke both parallel the mustard seed parable with a parable about a woman mixing yeast into flour. Mark, in contrast, juxtaposes his mustard seed parable with that of the trusting sower. Mustard seeds were tiny, although they were not the smallest of seeds and have never been known to become the largest of shrubs. The idea that God's reign

provides shelter for the birds to make their nests is a challenging one at a time when so many species are becoming extinct precisely because their habitats are being destroyed by human activity. Some scholars have pointed out that the mustard seed was a weed. To compare God's reign with a weed may have brought a smile or two. It would certainly have exercised the minds of Jesus' audience. Maybe Jesus' disciples were in need of encouragement even in the early stages of the Galilean ministry. Maybe the curious and hostile were in need of a reminder to take this movement seriously, for extraordinary things can come from the most inauspicious beginnings. Opposition to Jesus had surfaced at the outset. Mark's community may also have been experiencing opposition and feeling the need for the wisdom that comes from a carefully crafted and perfectly timed story.

**Next Week's Gospel: Luke 1:5-17**

In the days of King Herod of Judaea there lived a priest called Zechariah who belonged to the Abijah section of the priesthood, and he had a wife, Elizabeth by name, who was a descendant of Aaron. Both were worthy in the sight of God, and scrupulously observed all the commandments and observances of the Lord. But they were childless: Elizabeth was barren and they were both getting on in years. Now it was the turn of Zechariah's section to serve, and he was exercising his priestly office before God when it fell to him by lot, as the ritual custom was, to enter the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense there. And at the hour of incense the whole congregation was outside, praying. Then there appeared to him the angel of the Lord, standing on the

right of the altar of incense. The sight disturbed Zechariah and he was overcome with fear. The angel said to him, 'Zechariah, do not be afraid, your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth is to bear you a son and you must name him John. He will be your joy and delight and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord; he must drink no wine, no strong drink. Even from his mother's womb he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and he will bring back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah, he will go before him to turn the hearts of fathers towards their children and the disobedient back to the wisdom the virtuous have, preparing for the Lord a people fit for him.'

Memorial Mass for Lanie McPhee at SMJ this Wednesday 20th at 2pm. There will be a private burial before the Mass. Rosary on Tuesday at 6.30pm in SMJ. ++++++  
**The next E Conference on *Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change* will focus on engaging communities in Australia in discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church. On Wednesday, August 8th from 10.00am - 3.00pm in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.**