



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

Beulah - Dimboola - Hopetoun - Horsham - Kaniva - Minyip - Murtoa -
Natimuk - Nhill - Rainbow - Rupanyup - Warracknabeal

BULLETIN

1st Sunday of Advent - Yr C - 28 November 2021



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Upcoming Meeting/s:

Parish Finance Committee Meeting- 9th December, 5.30pm @ Parish office.

"It is the task of Advent to awaken in all of us: memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."
—Pope Benedict XIV

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS

- When planning to attend our Weekend Masses, please allow extra time before the Mass to check-in and have your certificate of COVID-19 vaccination (if applicable) ready to show to our Welcomers. Thank you~

Religious Ceremonies are now allowed to be held for up to our Churches' Density limits—for those fully vaccinated and can provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

For other services where vaccination status is unknown or incomplete - there can only be a maximum of 50 attendees.

The count excludes any ministers required to conduct the service.

The 10.30am Horsham Mass this Sunday will be livestreamed and a video recording will also be available to view on our Eucharistic Facebook group page which you can join at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



Mass Livestream Operators:

Our Mass livestreams help bring Spiritual Eucharist to those in our community who are unable to attend Mass due to COVID restrictions, ill health, etc.

Please consider helping us with this ministry. Training will be provided and is very simple. —**Contact Camille at our Parish Office on 53821155 to express your interest. Thank you.**

Seeking a new Prayer for Communion outside of Mass and for the Special Ministers in our Parish:

Our Parish, St Paul VI Wimmera Mallee - is currently seeking suggestions/submissions for a prayer for Communion outside of Mass which prays for and comforts those who are unable to be with us, whilst expressing appreciation to the friends, family members and Eucharistic ministers who visit and care for them.

All are welcome to enter - Please submit your prayers through the Parish office before Wednesday 1st December 2021, this can be in written form or via email (wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Each prayer and/or suggestion shall be considered by our Parish Priest and Pastoral Council. The completed prayer will be used in all our Mass centres on Sundays. It will also be shared on our Bulletin as a sign of community and solidarity within our Parish, and as remembrance for the many different lives it encompasses with Holy Communion.

We welcome Mons. Glynn back from Canberra this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 29th November	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 30th November - St Andrew	No Masses	Mons Glynn & Fr Jim in Mildura for Northern Zone Priests Meeting.
Wednesday 1st December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 2nd December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 3rd December - St Francis Xavier	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 4th December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

ROSTERS

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) —2021 LITURGY ROSTER

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
Nov. 28 - Mass	8.30am	M. Walder	-	Downes Family	B Bentley & L Downes	K Downes & B Evans
Dec. 4 - Mass	6.30pm	M Farrall	M Walder	P Winsall/M Walder	B Bentley & L Downes	M Muller & J McFarlane

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

27/28 Nov.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Michael Connellan
4/5 Dec.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Anthony Amor	Michael Connellan
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Robarts Lorraine Clancy Geoff Simpson	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Pat Williamson (please volunteer...)	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Mary Dalglish & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	5th December Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	12th December Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

Warracknabeal Church Cleaning - November:

P Winsall, S Martin, K Downes

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>November 28:</u> LLA 10am	<u>December 5:</u> LLA 10am
Reader & Prayers	D Munro	
Lay Leaders	M Mellington	
Eucharistic Minister	J Gurry	
Offertory	-	
Monthly Collector	E Cameron	
Cleaning	J Gurry	

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>November 28:</u> Mass 11am	<u>December 5:</u> Mass 9am
Readers	Marilyn Clancy	Cynthia Maiden
Offertory/ Lay-led	Claire & Kevin White	(please volunteer..)
Ministers	-	-
Church Cleaning	<u>December 3:</u> Mission Group & Junior Red Cross	<u>December 17:</u> Jacki Hogan

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

1st Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am,
- & Sunday 12noon (50 unvaccinated only)

Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am

Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm

Hopetoun: Sunday 9am

Rainbow: Sunday 11am

Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

Please note:
Any upcoming
changes in Victorian
COVID-19 restrictions
will apply.

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: Next date & location to be confirmed...

Rupanyup: Cancelled for this month (November).
Early December Mass date, time and location to be confirmed... We apologise for the inconvenience.

Our Parish Finance:

For all wishing to support either our Parish or Clergy through online banking transfer:

St Paul VI **Parish Account** (NAB)

BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830337

(Please state envelope number if you have one)

St Paul VI **Presbytery** (Clergy Support) Account (NAB)

BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830345

Normal contributions through Sunday Collections or dropping in to the office are also welcome.

~ The option of regular automatic Direct Debit contributions can be arranged by contacting our office ~

All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.

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Our Parish also has a National Grower Register Account - for farmers in our community who would like to arrange **planned giving via a small share of grain sales** through the NGR.

Our **Parish NGR Card number is 1398 7211.**

Please feel free to call our Parish Office for more info.

If you would like to keep up with our **Weekly Bulletin electronically**, Please send your email address to wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

We welcome Summer this Season of Advent.

This also marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Our Sunday Readings are now from Year C.

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)

Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinniskin are our Safeguarding

Officers. We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and

wellbeing of children in our care. A **Code of Conduct** has also been

adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish.

Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Irene Hallam, Alberto Luciani, Bernie Webb, Bob Arnott, Joyce Mackay

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Kobe Davidson, Bob Atkins, Mary Thompson, Moira Kelly snr, Patricia Simpson, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, John Hickey, Pat Hateley, Marie Tobin, Brett Cox, Peter Rowe, Sam McCulloch, Noreen Voigt, Graham Klemm, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling, Ted Haynes, Cyril Carracher

Anointing: On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Jim McKay, or please call the Parish Office.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Mondays @ Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group:

Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Choir Practice:

6pm, 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of each month @ the Parish Hall.

Ecumenical-Charismatic Prayer Group:

1.30-3.30pm, Wednesdays @ Parish office meeting room

Saturday Morning Devotions:

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lay-led),

8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,

9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

Confessions after Mass.

Note: COVID restrictions, Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Organiser is away may cancel the event.

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.



Ordination of new Deacons - Ballarat Diocese

We pray for Matthew Restall and William Lowry, who will be ordained in Ballarat to serve God's Church as Deacons. May they be effective in action, gentle in ministry, and constant in prayer.

End of the Year School Masses

SMJ End of Year Mass and Yr 6 Graduation

Monday 13th December 12noon at Horsham Church.

OLHC End of Year Mass and Yr 6 Graduation

Wednesday December 15th at 6pm at Murtoa Church.

Other Schools' Mass dates to be confirmed...

"Blessed" - Advent Reflection books

- now available for sale for \$5 each at our Parish Office.

Making Connections: This week, be attentive to the time you spend in waiting - in traffic, a shop, on the phone, to cross the road. Use these small moments of waiting to focus on, and prepare yourself for, the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Daily Prayer: God of holiness, Your promises stand through all generations, fulfil the longings of a humanity weighed down by confusion and burdened with fear. Raise up our heads and strengthen our hearts, that, free from anxiety and steadfast in hope, we may look forward to the glorious return of Christ, our judge and our Saviour.

Vocational View: Make your decision to follow Jesus during this Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now.

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"The Advent of a New Year"—GPBS Weekly Parables:

I was terrified to start my first year of high school. While I was excited about the prospect of learning, I was afraid to go forward alone. My classmates from primary school were attending a different high school. I wasn't sure I would how I'd make it without the friends I had been with since kindergarten. I was sure my first day of high school would be the end of me.

As the summer holidays wound up, my mum encouraged me to check out a flyer from the soccer team about tryouts. I was a tough defender in other sports, so I figured I'd probably do well in the soccer team about the goal posts. My mum rearranged her schedule so that she could drive me to tryouts and then for practice after I made the team. I spent two weeks running drills with the team before school started. I got to know my teammates and found that a few of us shared the same classes. By the first day of high school, I had a few friends - and even some sports cred.

While it was tough to arrive at the end of what I had known for most of my life, it was also necessary for the great new adventure to begin. And people like my mum would be with me, giving me strength and encouragement - and car rides - all along the way.

As we start this first week of Advent, we remember that we go forth not alone but with our faith community. In this season of hope, we can trust that together we will find strength and encouragement for whatever adventures and challenges lie ahead.

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"Whatever you do, don't go to sleep at the switch. Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that's coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man".

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Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothing and a place to call home. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

Columban Calendars now available in the Horsham

Church **St Vinnies Piety Store** - \$8.00 each

Christmas cards also available as priced.

Piety Store opens after regular Weekend Masses.

Columban Calendars are also available at the Warracknabeal Church, and soon at Beulah and Nhill Churches.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the

sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

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.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunCAdvent1)

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C).

Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars

believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near. Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal

This pandemic has been hard on us all. But as with every disaster, COVID-19 is making the already vulnerable more vulnerable still. Your generous donation to this year's Giving Tree Appeal will provide practical and financial support for struggling Victorian families - from three square meals a day to help with utility bills... every gift you choose helps.

For donations and more info visit: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/14/giving-tree-appeal>

"God of this Advent time: As we watch, wait, long and hope - encourage us in our efforts to listen humbly to each other inspire in us the words to speak boldly with each other Create within us a spirit of discernment Give us hopeful hearts especially as we continue our journey to the Plenary Council. We ask this in the name of Emmanuel—God-with-us. Amen"