



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 26 September 2021



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Horsham Sunday Mass Collections:

Donations and envelopes can be dropped into the baskets at the foyer of the Horsham Church; after the Sunday 10.30am Mass.
Thank you.

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

Based on the Victorian Government's announcement on 8th September 2021: **Religious Ceremonies (such as Parish Mass) are now allowed to be held - for up to 20 attendees; excluding those who are required to conduct the service.**

This Weekend's Masses will proceed as per the below schedule:

- ♦ Minyip – Mass Saturday 5pm (Grand-final week only)
- ♦ Warracknabeal – Mass Sunday 8.30am
- ♦ Dimboola – Mass Sunday 8.30am
- ♦ Hopetoun – Mass Sunday 11am
- ♦ Horsham – Livestreamed Mass Sunday 10.30am
+ the first 20 bookings through the parish office to attend the Mass in-person*

*Please note: we advise that those who are able to watch the online Mass consider doing so; this allows us to reserve our 20-person booking limit for those who do not have online/technological access.

The 10.30am Parish Mass this Sunday 26th September will be livestreamed on our Eucharistic Facebook group page which you can join at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>

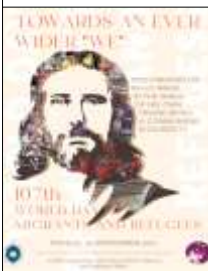


The video recording of the Mass will also be available on the page after the livestream; for all to download and watch at a later time.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2021 – September 26

Pope Francis has chosen the theme: Towards An Ever Wider "We", for the **107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees this year.**

The Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office has produced the 2021 magazine sharing stories from local communities, reflections and prayers. Download this at: <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>



A **Multicultural Mass** is also **available for all to watch online** through the Archdiocese of Adelaide - live at 2.30pm (ACST) on the 26th September here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eKe4cMXvyY>

*Today, we pray for those who live on the peripheries of our societies, and for our local communities. May we become real friends with our neighbours and mutually share our gifts with each other. May we discover an ever-wider 'we', as we think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'.
Let us pray together in hope: Gracious God, hear our prayer.*

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 27 September - St Vincent de Paul	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 28 September	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Wednesday 29 September - Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 30 September - St Jerome	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 1 October - St Therese of the Child Jesus	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

Please Check Victorian Government directions for any changes in Church openings.

ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
Sep. 26 - Sun.	8.30am	M Aitken	F Casey	M & J Lardner	T Evans & L Casey	M Muller & J McFarlane
Oct. 2 - Sat.	6.30pm					

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

26 Sep.	<u>10.30am Sunday only</u>	
The Horsham Mass will be Livestreamed. In-person attendance is limited to 20 bookings.		
Reader	Betty Heinrich	
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	
2/3 Oct.	Vigil 6.30pm <i>(If 50+ Allowed)</i>	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	John Parker	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Lorraine Clancy Geoff Simpson Cath Taylor	Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane Andrea Cox
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combine Choir
Welcomers	(Please volunteer) Gary Coutts	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Prayers	Mary Dagleish & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	3rd October Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	10th October Lynda Hutchinson Bernie Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>September 26:</u> LLA 10am	<u>October 3:</u> LLA 10am
<u>Reader & Prayers</u>	M Millington	C Kennedy
<u>Lay Leaders</u>	I Dart	M Millington
<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	J Gurry	N Grayling
<u>Offertory</u>	-	-
<u>Monthly Collector</u>	J Millington	R Picone
<u>Counter</u>	J Kennedy	E Cameron
<u>Cleaning</u>	A Munro	A Munro

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>September 26:</u> 11am Mass	<u>October 3:</u> 9am Mass
<u>Readers</u>	Horman Family	Marilyn Clancy
<u>Offertory/Lay-led</u>	Olive Wellington & Claire White	Marilyn Clancy & Therese Bellinger
<u>Ministers</u>	-	-

Hopetoun Church Cleaning:

Oct. 8 - _____

Oct. 22 - Claire White

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

1st Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm* (if 50+ allowed*),

Sunday 10.30am

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: Tuesday 28 September - 6.30pm @ Arapiles Shire Building (NC2) opposite the Natimuk Hotel.

Rupanyup: Next date and location to be decided...

Links to online Masses and other resources can be found on our Diocesan website at: <https://bit.ly/2Viah12>

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.

Collections:

1st Collection (Presbytery):

Beulah: \$45.00

Horsham: \$375.00

Hopetoun: \$145.00

Murtoa: \$120.50

Minyip: \$27.00

Rainbow: \$160.00

Warracknabeal: \$289.35

2nd Collection (Parish/Envelopes):

Horsham: \$374.00

Hopetoun: \$5.00

Murtoa: \$75.00

Minyip: \$20.00

Warracknabeal: \$420.00

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)

Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisken 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.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND: ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Envelopes are available at all our Churches, and dropped into our collection baskets during weekend Masses. You can also drop in any donations at our Parish office.



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

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Beverley Delahunty, Lin Couper

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, John Hickey, Pat Hateley, Patricia Simpson, Helen Polack, Peter Rowe, Sam McCulloch, Noreen Voigt, Laurie Grayling, Brett Cox, Ted Haynes, Lorna Keenan, Leo Bourke, Margaret Lawson

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

Season of Creation – September 1 – October 4, 2021



SEASON OF CREATION

As this year's season of creation comes to its final week, we continue to pray and celebrate God as Creator. We reflect on the gifts and the mission given to us

by God to care for His creation and respond to its needs and cries. The Oikos of God is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger because of people's greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection and systematic degradation. Resources to assist celebrating the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2021/>

Prayer for Migrant & Refugee Sunday:

Holy, beloved Father, your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is gathered into our "we", which thus becomes ever wider. We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of good will, the grace to do your will on earth. Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen

No Interest Loans available for those doing it tough

Safe, fair and affordable credit is available for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures for up to \$1,500. Repayments are set at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months. To find out more about Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand's No Interest Loans, visit <https://bit.ly/3qWsARb>

Prayer for the Plenary Council:

"Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary McKillop, pray for us." Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> for more information and to keep up to date with reports.



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time: St James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel. Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

This week's Opening Prayer: O God, You manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning us and showing mercy, bestow, your grace abundantly upon us and make us hasten to attain your promises as heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Making Connections: In recent times in our nation, there have been occasions when some people have rejected those who are 'not one of us'. Increasingly in our world, divisions between peoples are becoming apparent. How might these divisions be healed? Think of times when you welcomed someone outside your immediate circle. How were you enriched by the experience?

Living the Word: Pray today for all those in our society who are labelled as 'not one of us', those in leadership who have the power to influence both social policy and attitudes.

Daily Prayer: Beyond all human boundaries, O God, your deeds of power take place, and your healing mercy is at work. Ours is not to restrict the wonders of your saving grace but to give joyful thanks for your compassion wherever we may find it. Teach us to use well the riches of nature and grace to care generously for those in need and to look carefully to our own conduct.

Marriage Tip: How do you use the "waiting" times of your life? Waiting for your spouse to get ready? Waiting at the doctor's office, red lights, or check-out lanes? Use these times to pray rather than getting impatient.

Vocational View: Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not - nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's call.

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The Commissioning:

The God who called you to this place of worship sends you out to proclaim the Good News to your small corner of the world. **We will go in hope, for God goes before us. We will go in joy, for God is our companion. We will go with courage, for God believes in us. We will go in peace, for God's peace will keep us eternally secure.** In God's presence and knowing Christ's love, you have nothing to fear. **Amen.**

"Be on the alert for agreement and common values between you and those who seem most alien: the younger/older generation, people of another race, tongue, religion or political persuasion. The stranger may be a friend."

Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director?

A Pastoral Supervisor? Or a compassionate listener to others? We invite you to a **Taster Session (via Zoom), on Saturday 2 October 2021 at 9.30am-11am AEST** to explore whether one of these ministries may be for you. Come and experience in a facilitated group via Zoom: a) the Siloam Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors, b) the Emmaus Supervision Program, or c) Let the Heart Listen. Each of these courses is available in 2022 in-person (Covid-permitting) or via Zoom. To register for the free Taster event, please click the link on our home page at www.heartoflife.melbourne, or contact us at secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

Please submit notices for our weekly Bulletin to the Parish Office by **Thursday**. Thank you.

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

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Second Reading: James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your

silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunBOrd26)

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others. Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-

century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal. The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others. Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

"Act as a Christian" - GPBS Weekly Parables

Our track record as a church is, alas, not much better than the rest of society. We have our own sad history of excluding people from our pews, our sacraments, our schools, only because of their accents or the colour of their skin. How we could have possibly justified such behaviour when confronted with readings from scripture like this week's remains a mystery. These days, unfortunately in too many places, this behaviour continues, albeit a little more sophisticatedly. Homes have become so expensive that some people virtually ensure that those unlike them will not be able to live nearby or associate with them as equals. Let them work at fast food restaurants or watch the baby or clean the house, but not live next door. Instead of demanding affordable housing in all communities, money is spent building fences and gates to exclude others. Property values have become the driving forces in people's lives, not human values. When behaviour excludes people of goodwill who are doing the best they can, like those in the gospel kicking out demons, such exclusion becomes the antithesis of what is demanded of us as Christians. When we do what we do in God's name for the good of others, we become equal in each other's sight, as we always have been in God's.

Where might you become a source of "unauthorised goodness" for others?