



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

**2nd Sunday of Advent - Yr C - 5th December 2021**

### 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>



*We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Sunday:*  
*Leo George McRae - Son of Andrew & Christie*  
*At Ss. Michael & John's Church Horsham*  
*and Kennedy Gray Stephens - Daughter of Jon & Emma*  
*At St Mary's Church Rainbow*



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### 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

### Christmas Mass Times 2021:

#### **Friday 24th December 2021—Christmas Eve Masses**

Beulah - 5.30pm Warracknabeal - 7.30pm  
Murtoa - 5.30pm Horsham - 7.30pm

#### **Saturday 25th December 2021—Christmas Morning Masses**

Nhill - 8.30am Dimboola - 8.30am Rainbow - 10.30am  
Horsham - 10.30am with livestream (fully vacc.) & 12noon (not fully vacc.)

#### **Saturday 25th December 2021—Saturday Vigil Masses**

Hopetoun - 6pm Horsham - 6.30pm

#### **Sunday 26th December 2021—Sunday Morning Masses / Boxing Day**

Warracknabeal - 8.30am Minyip - 10.30am  
Horsham - 8.30am (not fully vacc.) & 10.30am (fully vacc.) with livestream

### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday 6th December	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 7th December - St Ambrose	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Wednesday 8th December - Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 9th December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 10th December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 11th December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

### **Giving Tree— St Mary's Ladies Club Warracknabeal**

This is the last week for donations to St Mary's "No Bake Cake Stall".  
Thankyou to all who have contributed. ~ Cards are available on the "Giving Tree" at the back of the Church. Please return ASAP unwrapped with the card. Presents will be delivered to children in need in our community.

### **Catholic Women's League (C.W.L)**

Mass for deceased members will be held in the Horsham Church at 9.30am WEDNESDAY 8th December 2021 followed by morning tea at Café Red Horsham.  
\*Please ring 53821047 if attending morning tea

## ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
<b>Dec. 4 - Mass</b>	6.30pm	M Farrall	M Walder	P Winsall/M Walder	B Bentley & L Downes	M Muller & J McFarlane
<b>Dec. 12 - Mass</b>	8.30am	D Baxter	F Casey	L & F Casey	D & K Baxter	M Lardner & K Downes

#### HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

4/5 Dec.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Micky Robarts Lorraine Clancy Geoff Simpson	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish
<b>Reader</b>	Anthony Amor	Michael Connellan
<b>Commentator</b>	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
11/12 Dec.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Reader</b>	John Parker	Anna Robertson
<b>Commentator</b>	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cath Taylor Anthony Amor Pat Glaubitz	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Joan Whiley Connie Besselaar	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
<b>Prayers</b>	John & Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>12th December</b> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	<b>19th December</b> Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

#### Warracknabeal Church Cleaning - December:

#### NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>December 5:</u> LLA 10am	<u>December 12:</u> LLA 10am
<b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b>	I Dart	J Gurry
<b>Lay Leaders</b>	M Millington	D Munro
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	C Kennedy	N Grayling
<b>Offertory</b>	-	-
<b>Monthly Collector</b>	R Picone	R Picone
<b>Cleaning</b>	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

#### HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>December 5:</u> Mass 9am	<u>December 12:</u> Mass 9am
<b>Readers</b>	Cynthia Maiden	Marshman Family
<b>Offertory/ Lay-led</b>	(please volunteer..)	Claire White & Joan Bellinger
<b>Ministers</b>	-	Cynthia Maiden
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<u>December 3:</u> Mission Group & Junior Red Cross	<u>December 17:</u> Jacki Hogan

## MASS TIMES & REPORTS

#### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

##### **2nd Weekend of the Month:**

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

Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am

Beulah: Saturday 7pm

Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am

Minyip: Sunday 10am

Murtoa: Sunday Mass

Livestream viewing 10.30am

Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

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

#### November Collections 2021:

##### **1st Collection (Presbytery) - Cash:**

Beulah: \$370      Dimboola: \$ 163      Horsham: \$ 5,333  
Hopetoun: \$ 928.90      Murtoa: \$ 547      Minyip: \$ 252  
Nhill: \$ 215      Rainbow: \$338      Warracknabeal: \$686.30

##### **Electronic Tfr Presbytery:**

Horsham \$30      Warracknabeal: \$10.00

##### **2nd Collection (Parish/Envelopes):**

Beulah: -      Dimboola: \$ 377      Horsham: \$ 8,861.50  
Hopetoun: \$ 675      Murtoa: \$ 404      Minyip: \$ 208  
Nhill: \$ 530      Rainbow: \$ 10      Warracknabeal: \$ 1,331

##### **Electronic Planned Giving - Parish:**

Horsham: \$ 4,479.17      Warracknabeal: \$10.00

#### OTHER MASSES:

**Natimuk:** Next date, time & location to be confirmed...

**Rupanyup: 7th December, 6.30pm @ Vanessa Triana's home (17 Gibson St. Rupanyup).**

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.

#### "Blessed" - Advent Reflection books

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

**Child Safety Standards:** (Ss Michael & John Horsham)  
**Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinniskien** 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:** Noreen Voigt (Nhill),  
Joan Torney (Ouyen/Hopetoun)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kevin O'Connor, Stephen Baker,  
Brice Craig, Frank Lawson

**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,  
Graham Klemm, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling,  
Ted Haynes

**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.

### End of Year School Masses/Liturgies

#### **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.

#### **St Mary's School Warracknabeal End of Year Liturgy**

Wednesday December 15th at 1.30pm - All parishioners are  
invited to attend.

*Other Schools' Mass dates to be confirmed...*

### 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.



### 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>

**Making Connections:** Are there hills and valleys in your  
life that need to be made straight in order to make it easier  
for the Lord to come to you? Who are the prophets of the  
modern age who call people back to fidelity to God's plan for  
the world? Choose this week, to concentrate on the waiting.

**Symbols and Images:** The Baptist's words call us to a new  
beginning. This time of preparation for the coming of the  
Lord of history at Christmas is a time for us to realign our  
road, to straighten our paths, to welcome the Christ child.

**Daily Prayer:** O God everlasting, fill in the valleys of our  
neglect; bring low our mountains of self-centeredness.  
Prepare in our hearts your way of righteousness and peace.  
Let our love become a harvest of goodness, which you will  
bring to completion for the day of Christ Jesus.

**Marriage Tip:** Does your family have a plan for Advent  
this year? It's not too late: simple traditions like the Advent  
wreath can help prepare hearts & homes for the coming of  
Jesus.

**Vocational View:** Who, today, is willing to make ready  
the way of the Lord, to clear Him a straight path?

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### **"Hope on the Horizon" - GPBS Weekly Parables**

Imagine the valleys of your life. Those times when yawning  
need was met by silence. When the desire for  
companionship found only absence. When there were bills to  
pay and only holes in your pockets.

Now reflect on the mountains. The tasks that seemed  
insurmountable. The illnesses that dragged on and on. The  
hurt that seemed to grow rather than diminish with time. The  
challenges that seemed to have been designed with  
someone bigger and stronger than you in mind.

***The way of the Lord is the smooth way. No valleys, no  
mountains, just a journey through pleasant country.***

***Never been there? Neither had Jesus on this earth.***

***Jesus sums up his experience with a rather sad***

***evaluation: "My kingdom is not of this world".***

***This world has a rough topography, complete with sin,  
death, and crucifixion. Yet we trust the word of Jesus  
because he's travelled these same valleys and  
mountains on the road to salvation. We're never so lost  
that we can't be found on these wild roads.***

### **Filipino Simbang Gabi - St Alipius Church, Ballarat East**

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It is a series  
of nine Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, which  
will be held at St Alipius Parish Church, Victoria Street, Bal-  
larat East.

*Conditions of participation include QR code registration and  
double vaccination to attend.*

Masses will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at  
7.00pm, Thursday, December 16 at 7.00pm, Friday,  
December 17 at 7.00pm, Saturday, December 18 at 8.00pm  
(note change of time), Sunday, December 19 at 7.00pm,  
Monday, December 20 at 7.00pm, Tuesday, December 21 at  
7.00pm, Wednesday, December 22 at 7.00pm, Thursday,  
December 23 at 7.00pm, Christmas Eve Mass will be  
celebrated on Friday, December 24 at 12.00 midnight,  
Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday,  
December 25 at 10.30am. Christmas Day Mass will be  
celebrated on Saturday, *December 25 at 5.00pm for  
vaccination status unknown.*

Bookings are required, ph. 5332 6611 and face masks must  
be worn. If you have any questions or need further infor-  
mation, please contact Fr Eladio, 0450 017 007 or Dion 0427  
876 553. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please inform and  
invite family members, friends and friends of friends.



**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125**

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3:4, 6**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 3:1- 6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunCAdvent2)**

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3. The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these

two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry. In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

**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"*