

West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee **District Parishes**

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



Divine Mercy Sunday - Year B - 11th April 2021







Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions:

10.30am: Normal Sunday Mass

2pm: Blessing of the Image, Confession and Adoration.

2.45: Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

3pm: Divine Mercy Mass

- At Horsham; Ss. Michael's & John's Church.

The Divine Mercy devotion is about trust and mercy, coming from God's revelation. His infinite mercy can be a source of relief when sin clouds our soul, and guides us to live with discipline and aid us in making decisions and sacrifices needed to bring about change in our world and life.

Project Compassion 2021:

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for your support to

this year's project.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or envelopes at

home, please drop them off at Mass collections or the Parish

Office, or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.





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Office Closed:

12th -16th April 2021.

10 Roberts Avenue, Horsham 3400

Camille will be on leave from the

Praying with Pope Francis

Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Watch the video message and pray along with the Pope at www.thepopevideo.org.

This month's intention (April): For evangelisation – Fundamental Rights: "We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

We welcome Olivia Tuohey; as our new Finance Administrator in Horsham, Many For any urgent queries such as

thanks to Anita for all she has done in our Parish over many years, and we wish her a much deserved happy retirement.

Sacramental Program 2021:

First Reconciliation times on Tuesday 27th April are 4pm or 7pm.

If you would like to keep up with our Weekly Bulletin electronically,

Anointing, Funerals, etc. please

contact Mons. Glynn or Fr Jim.

Please send your email address to horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Latest COVID Requirements:

Wearing a mask is no longer mandatory in churches. However, it is recommended when we cannot distance 1.5m apart.

Warracknabeal **Catholic Ladies Club**

meeting will be held at St Mary's Church, 10am on Tuesday 13th April 2021. All welcome.

We wish all a happy, safe and blessed School Holidays. Term 2 will start from the 19th April.



WEEKDAY MASSES:		
Monday 12 April	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 13 April	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Wednesday 14 April	- 9.30am	(Fr Jim is away, Mons. Glynn will be in Horsham) Horsham
Thursday 15 April	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 16 April	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 17 April	9.30am	Horsham





ROSTERS & TIMETABLES

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Parish)
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 been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish.

Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER			
10/11 April	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>	
Eucharistic Ministers	Anthony Amor Pat Glaubitz 	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish	
Commentator		Bob Pritchett	
Reader	Frank O'Connor	Louise Kemp	
17/18 April	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>	
Reader	John Parker	Bob Pritchett	
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Mary Marshall	
Eucharistic Ministers	 Simon Lynch Cath Taylor	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor	
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori	
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir	
Welcomers	Connie Besselar Marina Manserra Gavin Hynam Zita Cannane		
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	ning & Mary Lawson Pauline Breen Lorraine Clancy Sue Chalkley		

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER				
	April 11: LLA 10am	April 18: Mass 11am		
Reader & Prayers	C Kennedy	K Clohesy		
Lay Leaders	M Millington	-		
Eucharistic Minister	J Gurry	-		
<u>Offertory</u>	- McEldrew Fam			
Monthly Collector	E Cameron			
Counter	E Cameron	A Munro		
Cleaning	K Clohesy			

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER				
	April 11: <i>LLA 9am</i> April 18: <i>LLA 9am</i>			
Readers	Marilyn Clancy	Marshman Family		
Offertory/ Lay-led	Claire White & Olive Wellington	Joan Bellinger & Cynthia Maiden		
Ministers	Joan Bellinger	Olive Wellington		

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

1st Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am

Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am

Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm

Hopetoun: Sunday 9am Rainbow: Sunday 11am

Dimboola: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

2nd Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am

THIS WEEK

Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am Beulah: Saturday 7pm

Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am

Minyip: Sunday 10am

Murtoa: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am

Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

3rd Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am

Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am

Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm

Beulah: Sunday 8.30am Nhill: Sunday 11am

Dimboola: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

4th Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am

Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am

Minyip: Saturday 6pm Hopetoun: Sunday 11am

Murtoa: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

5th Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 8.30am

Nhill: Sunday 11am
Murtoa: Saturday 6pm
Hopetoun: Sunday 9am
Rainbow: Sunday 11am
Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Warracknabeal: Sunday LLA 9am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

Other Masses:

Natimuk: (Every 4th Tuesday per Month) 6.30pm

Rupanyup: (To be confirmed...)

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) —2021 LITURGY ROSTER (First Quarter)					
Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers
April 11th Sunday	8.30am	L. Casey	F. Casey	L. Casey / T. Evans	-

EVENTS, NOTICES & PRAYERS

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Ken West (Murtoa)

ANNIVERSARIES: Audrey Bottoms, David McCluskey, Laurie Liston, Annie Gillard, Ed Byrne, Danny Byrne

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen, Kevin & Maureen Clancy, John Hickey, Les White, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling, Pat Hateley, Patricia Simpson, Ted Haynes, Helen Polack, Brendan Frew

ANOINTING AT HOME:

On request to Fr Jim McKay - mobile number: 0418 664 083 or Contact the Parish office at 5382 1155.

To all Ministers of the Eucharist who visit the Hospitals/Nursing Homes in our Parish: Please contact Fr Jim to plan/schedule for Anointing Masses in the homes/hospitals which you visit. We thank you for your ministry.

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 the each month.

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays, 10.30am at the Church with Fr Jim McKay.

Saturday Morning Devotions:

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

8.50am - Rosarv and prayers of the Church.

9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

Please note: Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Coordinator is away are observed.



We warmly encourage families to come along to our **2021 Open Day** on **Monday** 26th April and take the opportunity to

discuss your child's personal needs with our leadership team. Learning Walks - See our College in operation (12.00pm - 3.00pm) Tasters - Experience our learning sprints from various subjects (4.00pm - 6.00pm) Register here: https://forms.gle/sVcbaKpgegbKtL1o6

St Vinnies - Drought Support

Applications are still open for eligible farming households. For more info. call



1300 846 643 or go to www.vinnies.org.au/droughthelp.



Plenary Council Program:

Share your thoughts and become part of the discussion to help us understand the current realities of the Catholic Church in

Australia. Visit: https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

The Journey - Catholic Radio in Australia: developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong.

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to listen to shows, reflections & podcasts anytime.





MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and keep love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but all faiths are

Next On-line weekend is on 30 April – 2 May 2021. Next Residential weekend is on 21 -23 May 2021.

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



Order your free copy of Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer Booklet in celebration of her 10th Anniversary of Canonisation: Call (02) 8912 2777 or Visit: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book

Prayer for the year of St Joseph

(Prayer cards available in church foyers) "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, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil."

PRAYER FOR SICK and CARERS:

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick 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 in pain, of hope in times of despair, woundedness, sorrow, their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and love. Bless caregivers, as channels of your love, they are your hands on earth. Give them gentleness as they help the sick, give them respect for their dignity and value to You... Give carers and helpers patience and courage as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care, 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, on the path of pain and sadness with the sick. Bless the ministry of those who take Holy Communion to the elderly, sick, in Homes or in Hospital.

The Shared Table Project

Fr Michael McKinnon invites us again this year to share one plate of food a day from our table with a child living in poverty in Lima.

The 2021 report and forms to make a donation are now available at the Church Foyers (to be submitted to Horsham Parish Office).



Aid to the Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

Church in Neec Consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones and supporting priests in ACN AUSTRALIA need. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/massofferings for more info. Limited information pamphlets are also available at some church foyers.

60 years of Catholic Education in Wendouree

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Wendouree will celebrate 60 years of Catholic Education on Friday, October 15, 2021. Register for event updates via the School website www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au or by contacting the school office, ph. 5339 4726.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone, This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice

R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the

world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:' Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm: SunBEaster02 our priority. The second and third scenes in today's gospel Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays after Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays of Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith. The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. In other words, he sends them to create communities of people who listen to one another and who love one another into life. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection

focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our personal fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. It may be helpful to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We are called to rise above our own fears and respond with love and generosity in times of crisis, to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time".



Catholic Education Week: May 23-29. This year's theme is "Faith in the Future." In celebration of 200 Years of

Catholic Education in Australia: A central focus will be the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, on May 24.

2021 National Mass Count of Attendance

The Mass Count will take place during weekends in May.

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.