



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

3rd SUNDAY of Advent - YEAR A
11th December 2022



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Advent is the season of new

There is so much comfort to be found in the practice of pausing to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. The third Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare in our hearts a sense of holy anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus as well as for his promised second coming.

The third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the **joy** we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their **joyful demeanor**. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the **great joy** we have because of Jesus.

Christmas Mass TimES

Christmas Eve

Saturday, 24th December 2022

Horsham	5.30pm-6pm Children's Nativity Activity 6pm Mass 8.30pm-9pm Christmas Carols 9pm Vigil Mass
Hopetoun	6pm Vigil Mass
Nhill	9pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Morning

Sunday, 25th December 2022

Horsham	9am Mass
Warracknabeal	8.30am Mass

Please remember to collect Planned Giving Envelopes from your local Churches.

***Don't forget to complete and return the Stewardship Program Brochure available at all churches, even if you do not wish to participate in any groups. This will enable the office staff to update contact details. Thankyou.**

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 12th December	No Mass	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 13th November	9am	Warracknabeal
	No Mass	Horsham - Mons away- DOBCEL
Wednesday 14th December	9am	Warracknabeal
	12.30pm	Horsham-Mons away morning - DOBCEL
Thursday 15th December	3pm	Warracknabeal- Funeral Mass Timothy 'Tim' Hewitson
	5.30pm	Warracknabeal- St Mary's School Graduation Mass
	11am	Horsham -Funeral Mass 'Mick' Gasparini
Friday 16th December	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	12 Noon	Horsham - SMJ School Graduation Mass
Saturday 17th December	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Mass for Domenico "Mick" Gasparini

Thursday 15th December 2022, 11.00am
Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham.

Rosary will be offered at 6.00pm Wednesday 14th December

Funeral Mass for Timothy "Tim" Hewitson

Thursday 15th December 2022, 3pm
St Mary's Catholic Church, Warracknabeal

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) - 2022 LITURGY ROSTER						
Date	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning
11th December Mass	8.30am	L Casey	M Farrall	B Bentley & L Downes	B Evans & M Muller	
17th December Mass	6.30pm	A Van den Ak.	L. Casey	D & K Baxter	J McFarlane M Lardner	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
<u>10th & 11th December</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Commentator	John Parker	Louise Kemp
<u>17th & 18th December</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Reader	Anthony Amor	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Livestream		
Welcomers	Gary Coutts Joan Wiley	Joan Wiley Mary Dowsley
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>18th December</u> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	<u>25th December</u> Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

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

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish
Bob Pritchett and **Jill McGenniken** are our Safeguarding Officers.
 A **Child Safety Policy** and **Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish, to ensure the safety of all.
Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER		
	<u>11th December LLA 9am</u>	<u>18th December LLA 9am</u>
Readers	Marshman Family	Neha Kovoov
Offertory/Lay-led	Claire White Joan Bellinger	Joan Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy
Special Minister	Cynthia Maiden	Therese Bellinger

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>11th December LLA 10am</u>	<u>18th December Mass 11am</u>
Reader & Prayers	C Kennedy	D Munro
Lay Leaders	M Millington	
Eucharistic Minister	N Grayling	
Offertory		Paul & Leah
Monthly Collector	R Picone	R Picone
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

Natimuk Mass: T.B.A
Rupanyup Mass: Friday 16th December, at 25 Stewart Street
 Rupanyup 6.30pm

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, and name)

St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy Support) Account (NAB)
BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830345

~ 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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WEEKEND MASS TIMES **THIS WEEKEND**

2nd Weekend of the Month: 10th & 11th December

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
 Beulah: Saturday 7pm
 Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
 Minyip: Sunday 10am
 Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am
 Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES **NEXT WEEKEND**

3rd Weekend of the Month: 17th & 18th December

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am
 Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm
 Beulah: Sunday 8.30am
 Nhill: Sunday 11am
 Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
 Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
 Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Domenico "Mick" Gasparini, Timothy Hewitson (Warracknabeal)

ANNIVERSARIES: John Coleman, Joseph Lawson, Irene Hallam

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Moira Kelly snr, Pat Hateley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Pat Brennan (Ballarat), Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Hughie McDonald, Bill Deleeuw, Kevin Clancy

Anointing:

*On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or
Fr Matt Restall, or please call the Parish Office.*

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Communion:

*Upon request to the Parish Office, Holy Communion
can be arranged for the sick and infirm.*

Confessions:

*After Saturday Morning Mass at Horsham Church,
or on request to our Priests.*

Publications Available for Purchase

- We have a limited supply of **God's Word 2023** available for **\$20ea**. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange purchase.



- A limited supply of **Incarnate Daily Reflections** books for **Advent & Christmas** are available for **\$8 ea**. Please contact the Parish Office to purchase.



- **Columban Calendars** are available in The Piety Stall in the Horsham Church through St Vincent De Paul for \$10ea. Our own order has also now arrived and has been distributed to all other churches in our Parish for sale at **\$10 ea**.



Copies of the **Brigidine Centenary** book are available for **\$35** in the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church, or at the Parish Office.

**THIS SUNDAY, 11th Dec, Sr Jacinta will further
promote the sale of the book after 10.30am
Mass in Horsham. Reminder: Cash Sales**

**A roster for Christmas Masses in Horsham has
been placed in the narthex of the Horsham Church,
to be filled in if you are available and able to help in
any of the ministry roles listed. Thankyou.**



Christmas Cards are available for purchase from the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church.

The Piety Stall is run by St Vincent de Paul
volunteers and is open after Saturday night and Sunday
morning Mass.

St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is
available to assess and assist cases on **Mon, Wed and Fri**
mornings between 11am-12noon.

***Appointments essential-** Phone 5381 2371 to book.

A Christmas Giving Tree has been placed in the foyer of St Mary's Church Warracknabeal.

Age labels have been placed on the tree for generous parishioners to select and buy an appropriate gift for the age of the boy or girl listed on your label.

Please place the gift you have
purchased under the tree **no later than 11/12/22.**
Do not wrap gifts, place them in a bag under the tree.

Sincere thanks for your generosity, you will add to the joy
of children in our community at Christmas time.

St Mary's Ladies Club.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

By helping Vinnies Christmas Appeal you will assist in two ways, at a local level our members and volunteers will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals. At a broader level you will be contributing to the large and varied network of short and longer-term support services for Victorians experiencing disadvantage.

St Vincent de Paul told his followers there are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give.

Support for this appeal will benefit recipients, address poverty and disadvantage in our communities.

**Envelopes available in the Piety Stall and
Narthex in the Horsham Church.**

Bishop's Christmas Appeal 2022

Last year the Diocese of Ballarat Bishop's Christmas Appeal raised \$42,000 and was distributed as below:

Appeal for Ukraine	10,000
Catholic Mission	5,000
Caritas Australia	5,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	5,000
Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal	5,000
St Vincent de Paul Victorian Flood Appeal	5,000
St Columban's Mission, Peru	5,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)	2,000
Total donations made in 2022	\$42,000

Donations for this year's Diocese of Ballarat BISHOPS
CHRISTMAS APPEAL can be made directly via the link on the
Diocesan website, or put in an envelope clearly marked
'Bishop's Christmas Appeal' over December.

All contributions are valued.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Wednesdays in Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group:

Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room

Choir Practice:

2nd Wednesday of the month, 6pm

- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship Christmas Dinner:

6pm Thursday 15th December @ the White Hart Hotel Horsham

Please note: No Breakfast gathering in January.

Sunday Mass 11th December 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,

the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

R. Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer:
how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it
has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be
patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.
Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not
to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be
seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in
submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the
name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent
his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have
we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and
tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame
walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are
raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and
happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people
about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A
reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see?
A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes
are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a
prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the
one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my
messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell
you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than
John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom
of heaven is greater than he is.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by

pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.