



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Advent - Yr C - 12th December 2021



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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still some sets of envelopes to be collected at the Horsham Church Foyer.
For queries, please feel free to call the Parish office during weekdays:
Ph: 5382 1155.

Giving Tree— St Mary's Ladies Club Warracknabeal

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.

Ministry Rosters for SMJ Horsham Christmas Masses are in the Church Foyer

Please sign for a Ministry you can assist with at any of our Masses. Thank you :)

Christmas Mass Times 2021:

Thursday 23rd December 2021 - Horsham Anointing Mass 9.30am

Friday 24th December 2021—Christmas Eve Masses

Beulah - 5.30pm

Warracknabeal- 7.30pm

Murtoa - 5.30pm

Horsham - 7pm Carols, followed by Mass 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

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.

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>



WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 13th December - St Lucy	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 14th December - St John of the Cross	9.00am No Mass	Warracknabeal Horsham—Mons. Glynn in Ballarat.
Wednesday 15th December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 16th December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 17th December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 18th December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

CONFESSIONS available at Horsham Church from 5-6pm on Thursday 16 December, Friday 17 December, Wednesday 22 December & Thursday 23 December 2021.

ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
Dec. 12 - Mass	8.30am	D Baxter	F Casey	L & F Casey	D & K Baxter	M Lardner & K Downes
Dec. 18 - Mass	6.30pm	J McFarlane	J McFarlane	L Gibson/K Moloney	D & K Baxter	B Evans & M Muller

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

11/12 Dec.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Cath Taylor Anthony Amor Pat Glaubitz	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Reader	John Parker	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
18/19 Dec.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Emelia Sudholz	Kingsley Dalglish
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Michael Connellan
Eucharistic Ministers	Simon Lynch Bob Hayes John Parker	Cate Rigby Mary Dalglish Anna Robertson
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	19th December Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	26th December Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

Warracknabeal Church Cleaning - December:

P Winsall S Martin K Downes

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>December 12:</u> LLA 10am	<u>December 19:</u> Mass 11am
Reader & Prayers	J Gurry	C Kennedy
Lay Leaders	D Munro	-
Eucharistic Minister	N Grayling	-
Offertory	-	L Welsch
Monthly Collector	R Picone	R Picone
Cleaning	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>December 12:</u> LLA 9am	<u>December 19:</u> LLA 9am
Readers	Marshman Family	Neha Kovoor
Offertory/ Lay-led	Claire White & Joan Bellinger	Joan Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy
Ministers	Cynthia Maiden	Therese Bellinger
Church Cleaning	<u>December 17:</u> Jacki Hogan	<u>December 31:</u> ...

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

3rd Weekend of the Month:

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

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

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

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: resuming February 2022...

Rupanyup: next date, time and location to be confirmed.

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.

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.*



Prayer of St Joseph to conclude the year

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.

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: John Coleman, Shane Kennedy, Joseph Lawson, Peter Suttie

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.

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School, Murtoa - seeks a (HaPE/Digital Technologies) Classroom Teacher for the 2022 school year. Graduate and experienced teachers encouraged to apply. Further information is available on our Website: <http://www.olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au/> Applications to principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au close Wednesday 15 Dec. 2021, 4pm.



OLHC Catholic Primary School Murtoa promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Making a "Scene" at Christmas

A display of over **500 Christmas nativities from more than 60 countries will be held in the Bridge Mall Ballarat on December 11-20, 2021.** All welcome. Entry by gold coin donation. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/making-a-scene-at-christmas/>

A Christmas message from St Vincent de Paul

This year, whatever the next few weeks bring, I invite us all to reflect on the fact that Christmas is about Hope. It is a Hope that we might see this virus mutate into something less harmful, Hope that world leaders might start to work together to build a better safer world, Hope that more and more people come and join our organisation and other organisations like ours to help build a more just and compassionate society for those who come after us. If you or anyone you know are needing assistance please call SVDP Horsham 5381 2371.

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

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 (open after weekend Masses) - Christmas cards also available at priced.

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

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

Making Connections: 'A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people'. Is there an expectancy growing in you as the coming of Christ draws closer? Make a special effort to live ethically this week.

Exploring the Word: 'What must we do?' The Baptist is very clear that to be saved, people need to respond to the ways of God by being in right relationship with their neighbour and by living justly. The figure of John the Baptist holds a special place in the life of the church as one of the first people to recognise Jesus as the awaited Messiah. Reflect on John's withdrawal into the desert and the tradition of withdrawal that is part of the life of the church. Withdraw or retreat into a quiet place for prayer.

Daily Prayer: Lord our God, already in our midst and yet to come, your presence delights us even now as we long for your peace. Winnow from our lives the chaff of selfishness and sin. Sow in us a harvest of gentleness and generosity, we rejoice in you, even as you exult and sing for joy over us.

Marriage Tip: "Although they go forth weeping... They shall come back rejoicing." (Ps 126:6) Every marriage faces times of sorrow and weeping. Trust in the Lord's care for you as you await the promised time of rejoicing.

GPBS Weekly Parables: "Lessons in Joy"

Being human, we often fail to look past the messenger to the message. How many of us have become unglued when our favourite pastor or principal is transferred, when an admired spiritual leader falls from grace, when a hero we've followed across the years dies or disappears from view. We may find we've pinned our faith to the wrong source, settling for the herald instead of the heralded. Human beings will always disappoint, but God never does. If our joy is to be complete, we can't fasten it to anything material. Rust sets in and moths destroy, but Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. If lasting joy is what we want, we have to find it in the One whose life and love endures.

Who or what is the source of your joy?

People of Gaudete share their joy in acts of kindness. Recall a kindness you may have withheld. There's still time to offer it.

Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.

We congratulate and wish **John Parker: Happy 80th Birthday on Monday 13th December '21.** We pray for good health & safety for him and his family in the year ahead.



Filipino Simbang Gabi - St Alipius Church, Ballarat East

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 information, please contact Fr Eladio, 0450 017 007 or Dion 0427 876 553. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"Blessed" - Advent Reflection books - for sale for \$5 ea at our Parish Office.



First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
 Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of
 Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he
 has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of
 Israel, is in our midst; you have no more evil to fear.
 When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
 Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The
 Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He
 will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his
 love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a
 day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is
 the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For
 the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my
 saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of
 salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
 Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
 Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious
 deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of
 Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is
 the Holy One of Israel.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is
 the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I
 repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your

tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.
 There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you
 need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and
 thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much
 greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts
 and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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: Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?'
 he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share
 with the man who has none, and the one with
 something to eat must do the same.' There were tax
 collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to
 him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact
 no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in
 their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said
 to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with
 your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among
 the people, who were beginning to think that John might
 be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I
 baptise you with water, but someone is coming,
 someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not
 fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you
 with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his
 hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat
 into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will
 never go out.' As well as this, there were many other
 things he said to exhort the people and to announce the
 Good News to them.

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunCAdvent3)

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on
 John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for
 Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's
 appearance in the desert and established his
 connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we
 were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would
 learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds
 who came to him and calling upon them to show
 evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners
 that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites
 because children of Abraham can be raised up from
 stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in
 one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two
 important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian
 faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to
 salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.
 In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the
 Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is
 required? John replies by naming concrete actions:
 crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax

collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly.
 The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.
 When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist
 might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and
 makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the
 Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in
 God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to
 act similarly in accordance with their stations in life,
 John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to
 play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our
 salvation that God permits and even asks for human
 cooperation in his divine plans.
 The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete
 Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice."
 This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for
 Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second
 reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some
 people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle
 instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a
 reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy
 because our salvation is already at hand.

CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal

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](https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/14/giving-tree-appeal)

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