



West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

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



BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 31st January 2021



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This Weekend's Masses:

5th Weekend of January

Both Priests alternate weekly...

Mons. Glynn: Horsham (Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 8.30am),
Nhill (Sunday 11am)

Fr Jim: Murtoa (Saturday 6pm),
Hopetoun (Sunday 9am),
Rainbow (Sunday 11am)

Lay-Led Assemblies:

Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Warracknabeal: Sunday LLA 9am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

Schools have come back this past Thursday and Friday (28th & 29th January).

We pray that our students, staff and families may have a blessed, safe and enriching year ahead.

SBC Opening Mass: Monday 15 February, 11am @ SMJ Church

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.

Making Connections: Illness is frequently used in the gospels as a symbol of the state in which all human beings find themselves. Spiritually, all of us are somehow afflicted. The healing of the sick and afflicted is a sign of how Jesus can liberate people from all that burdens them. This is not to suggest that suffering will magically disappear, but that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus challenged the evil which oppressed people in his time. This week, speak out, publicly or privately, against oppression or an evil in our world. Confront evil at all levels this week, wherever you may encounter it. Become part of lifting the burden from others.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is often presented in confrontational situations with evil spirits, with the Jewish authorities and even with his own disciples when they fail to understand who he is and what his mission entails.

Marriage Tip: After you are blessed with a child (or children), you may think you don't have time or money for a regular date night. Do it anyway. Think of it as an investment in your marriage.

Daily Prayer: In Christ your Son, O God, you impart to us a new teaching from one who speaks with authority, for Jesus in the unique master of wisdom, and our only liberator from the forces of evil. Make us convinced and courageous in professing our faith, so that by word and deed we may proclaim the truth and bear witness to the happiness enjoyed by those who centre their lives and put all their trust in you. A

Vocation View: People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The Church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

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



WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Monday 1 Feb - Ordinary	Warracknabeal 9am
Tuesday 2 Feb - Presentation of the Lord	Horsham 9.30am, Warrack 9am
Wednesday 3 Feb - Ordinary	Horsham 9.30am, Warrack 9am
Thursday 4 Feb - Ordinary	Horsham 9.30am
Friday 5 Feb - St Agatha	Horsham 9.30am
Saturday 6 Feb - St Paul Miki	Horsham 10am

Murtoa Inter Church Council
Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, January 31 at 11 am
at Lake Marma Rotunda

St Mary's Ladies Club
Warracknabeal, will be holding a **meeting** following 9 A.M Mass at St Mary's Church on 2nd February, 2021.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Stan Kerr, Arcangela Aucello, Irene Gannon, Cheryl Ann Keenan, Leonie Clarke, Frances Drum

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, John McNamara, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davison, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen, Frances Casey, Cynthia Maiden, Kevin Clancy, George Grant, John Hickey, Les White, Brian Chalkley

ANointing AT HOME:

On request to Fr Jim McKay. Please contact the Parish office at 5382 1155 or his mobile phone: 0418 664 083.

"We walk by faith, not by sight."

Lenten Program 2021:

In this year's program **'Comfort'**; We are encouraged to look at this period of Lent as a journey. Lent reminds us that this is the season to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God. This should be a time of inner reflection, and at the end of the Lenten journey, we should expect to find ourselves at a different place spiritually than when we started. At the end of our Lenten journey, if we have truly humbled and submitted ourselves to the Lord, the grace of God working in our lives should have conformed us more perfectly to the image of Christ, who is, himself, the image and likeness of God the Father. The program begins in the first week of Lent. **Booklets are now on sale \$5 ea, for Groups or for Individual use - Contact Horsham Parish Office.**



Thank you to all who are involved in liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, who volunteer time and talents to these and to community organizations.

*U are important. You cannot spell: Church without u. Success without u. Sunday Mass without u. Community without u. so, **THANK U.***

MINISTRY ROSTERS (SMJ Church Horsham)

30/31 Jan	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 8.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes Geoff Simpson Cath Taylor	Tim Lannen Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Mary Marshall
6/7 Feb	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Emelia Sudholz	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	Anthony Amor Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch	Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane Andrea Cox
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	31st January Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernie Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	7th February Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	February 7 LLA at 10am	February 14 LLA at 10am
Reader & Prayers	M Millington	D Munro
Lay Leaders	? K Clohesy &	? M Millington
Eucharistic Minister	A Munro	J Gurry
Monthly Collector	E Cameron	E Cameron
Counter	A Munro	A Munro
Cleaning	J Gurry	J Gurry

Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

As we begin a new year please remember the suffering Church. Your donation helps keep the faith alive during these difficult times. For more info Visit: www.aidtochurch.org



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

Date & Day	Time	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
January 31st Sunday LLA	9:00am	K Downes	J. McFarlane	Not required	J & M Aitken	K Downes & B Evans
February 7th <i>Saturday evening</i>	6:30pm	M. Walder	K. Downes	L. Gibson/ K. Moloney	T Evans & L Casey	M Muller & J McFarlane
February 14th Sunday	8.30am	M Farrall	M. Farrall	M & J Lardner	T Evans & L Casey	M Lardner & K Downes
February 21st Sunday	11.00am	D Baxter	L. Casey	Baxter Family	B Bentley & L Downes	B Evans & M Muller

EASTER: GOOD FRIDAY 2ND APRIL TO MONDAY 5TH APRIL

Please Note: Initial Weekend Mass

Roster Below



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

1st Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am
Dimboola: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm
Hopetoun: Sunday 9am
Rainbow: Sunday 11am
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
Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
Murtoa: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Beulah: Saturday 7pm
Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
Minyip: Sunday 10am
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
Dimboola: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm
Beulah: Sunday 8.30am
Nhill: Sunday 11am
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
Murtoa: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
Minyip: Saturday 6pm
Hopetoun: Sunday 11am
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

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

To all representatives of our churches; please submit any upcoming news and events notices to Camille on **Thursdays of each week**. Thank you.

WIDER MASS ROTATIONS

As February emerges, and from 2021 having only two priests (not three) to cover our churches and faith communities across many towns (originally 4 parishes), there will be a greater number of LLAs and fewer opportunities for the celebration of Mass across our Pastoral Region. We will develop and trial a monthly rotation of Masses and LLAs, to seek as wide and equitable as possible a coverage – looking both at Sunday worship and weekday Masses. This will be based upon a monthly cycle of the 1st to 4th (and sometimes 5th) Sundays in a month. Added to this will be the opportunity for Mass celebrated in towns on weekdays, across the month. Of course there are many aspects of parish life to adapt and to develop as our new and larger area moves into the year. As disciples of the Risen Christ, we move forward in faith and seeking spiritual wisdom and commitment. Let us keep our communities and our common faith in our regular prayers – for a strong and supportive future, guided by Gospel values and faith lived each day. We continue our journey! God bless all. Mons Glynn PP.

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

St Vincent de Paul - Drought Community Support

Funding of \$3,000 per application is available for farming households who meet the following eligibility criteria: over 18 years of age; live/work in an eligible drought declared LGA: Benalla, Buloke, East Gippsland, Gannawarra, Greater Shepparton, Latrobe, Mildura, Moira, Pyrenees, Strathbogie, Swan Hill, Wangaratta, Wellington, Yarriambiack; be permanent residents/citizen of Australia; be primarily employed in farming related activity, ie: farmer, farm worker, farm supplier/contractor. Staff in the National Office are available to assist applicants who need help completing the questions for eligibility or who may not have internet connection or experience navigating online. For more information call the Drought Team 1300 846 643 or go to www.vinnies.org.au/drougthelp.



Prayer to St Joseph

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, show yourself a Father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, courage and trust, and defend us from every evil.

NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, then addresses all those present once, saying (as it appears in the Roman Missal): "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"... The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest sprinkles the ashes on the head of each one without saying anything.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man

can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Gospel Reflection Veronica Lawson rsm: SunBOrd4

Today's gospel reading recounts the first episode in a section of Mark's gospel that focusses on a typical day in the ministry of Jesus as authoritative teacher and prophetic healer (1:21-38). Jesus comes with his disciples to Capernaum. On the Sabbath day, Judaism's holy day, he goes into the synagogue, Judaism's local gathering place, and preaches. The verbal forms in the first sentence indicate that teaching in the synagogue was part of his customary activity. Jesus is thus located firmly within Israel's prophetic tradition of proclaiming God's word to God's people. In today's first reading from Deuteronomy (18:15-20), the term "prophet" appears eight times. Moses tells the people that God will respond to their request at Sinai (Horeb) and raise up from among them a prophet like himself, a mediator between God and God's people, one who will speak God's word. Prophets do not appoint or authorise themselves: God calls and authorises the prophets to speak God's word. Failure to heed the prophets carries its own consequences as does the attempt to assume a prophetic role without

God's authorisation. Just as the prophets of old speak the authentic word of God only when they are authorised by the God of Israel, so Jesus of Nazareth, later to identify himself in this gospel as God's prophet (6:4), speaks and acts "with authority". In other words, he speaks with the authority of the God of Israel. In this first Markan story of his divinely authorised activity, Jesus is approached by a man "with an unclean spirit". The man's loud scream sets up a confrontation between the power of God, mediated through Jesus, and the forces of destruction that often take hold of human lives. Jesus silences and expels these destructive forces and thus renders a seriously troubled person whole. Confounding the "unclean spirit(s)" brings social and communal benefits to the troubled person as well as physical and emotional healing. God's reign or empire is made real through a healing action that is perceived as "a new teaching". No word of Jesus' teaching is reported, only his actions and those actions are presented as "teaching". While words have their place, we teach primarily by who we are and what we do.

Next week's Gospel - SunBOrd05: Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can

preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick - 11/02/2021

Established by Pope St John Paul II: a cause to acknowledge how precarious our health can be and how much we rely on the virtues of solidarity and compassion throughout our battles, especially emphasised in the past year... Where; we saw how the whole community needed to come together to adapt and overcome the different challenges presented to us. We continue to bear witness to the heroism and dedication of staff in hospitals and aged care facilities to accompany and heal those who were/are ill and need care. A Prayer Card by Catholic Health Australia, is available for all and will be sent to those who receive our Bulletin via email. (for printed copies, please contact Horsham Parish office)