

St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A
29th January 2023

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Weekend



(Nhill) Sunday - Owen David Pereira
Son of Agostinho and Rebecca Pereira



May he continue to grow in faith with loving support of his family, friends, Godparents, sponsors and our Parish community.

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Reminder:

This Weekend 28th & 29th January, is the 5th weekend of the Month.
Please check Mass times listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

'Triumph' - Lenten Program 2023

We are now inviting Expressions of Interest.

In order to assist us on our Lenten journey. The Diocese of Wollongong publishes a Lenten Program book each year that includes daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday for personal reflection in addition to longer-form Sunday Scripture reflections, readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of group Lenten programs. The books will be for sale at \$8 each.

Please contact the Parish Office for individual and group purchase by Tuesday, 31st January.



Mass Livestreaming

Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at **6.30pm each Saturday evening**, and will be available to watch 'live', or for replay viewing at a time convenient.
(Recordings will be deleted weekly, at the end of every Friday.)

YouTube Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams>

Children's Liturgy

In preparation for Children's Liturgy at Sunday Masses across our Parish, we are inviting expressions of interest for those willing to join a team for **Children's Liturgies (preparation provided)** from this year onwards. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be involved.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 31st January	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 1st February	9am	Warracknabeal
	2.30pm	Horsham- Funeral Mass for John Latus
Thursday 2nd February	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 3rd February	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 4th February	9am	Warracknabeal
	No Mass	Horsham - <i>Mons away</i>

Funeral Mass for John Latus

Wednesday 1st February 2023, 2.30pm
Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: John Latus

ANNIVERSARIES:

Silvino Sartori, Betty O'Connor, Stan Kerr, Doreen Webb, Noela McFarlane

SICK: Ken Dowsley, 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 Kavour, Elliot Pampa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan

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.

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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.



We have copies of the **Brigidine Centenary book** available for **\$35** in the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church, at St Brigid's College, or at the Parish Office.

Parish Volunteer Opportunities:

In This New Year

Can you Help?

New volunteers are always welcome in all of our Churches.

If you are interested in helping in any particular area, please contact the office to discuss with Mons Glynn.

Our churches would not be able to operate without the help of our amazing volunteers each and every week.

Your valuable help is very much appreciated by all.

~ Thankyou for all you do! ~

Do we have your current contact details?

If you have recently moved, please call the office on 5382 1155 and check if we have your current postal address and phone number.

~ Thankyou ~

Sunnyside Lutheran Retirement Village Horsham

Mass will be held every **Last Friday** of the month at 10.30am at Sunnyside Lutheran Retirement Village Horsham.
FEBRUARY - Friday 24th, 10.30 am

Term 1, 2023 begins on the following dates for the Catholic schools in St Paul VI Parish:

- **Ss Michael & John's Primary School Horsham;**
- **St Joseph's Primary School Hopetoun;**
- **Our Lady Help of Christians School Murtoa;**
- **St Patrick's Primary School Nhill;**
- **St Mary's Primary School Warracknabeal;**

- Staff return Fri 27th Jan
- Students return Mon 30th Jan

- **St Brigid's College Horsham;**

- Staff return Fri 27th Jan
- Years 7 & 12 return Tues 31st Jan
- Years 8,9,10 & 11 will begin the following day on 1st Feb

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.

PRAYER FOR THE 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 or 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 or sick, in homes or nursing homes.

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 Breakfast:

7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of the month @ the Parish Hall

Sunday Mass
29 January 2023
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands.
Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps145:7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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.

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the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31
Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

- 'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
- Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
- Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
- Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
- Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
- Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
- Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call

happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate*, or *favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Next Weekend's Readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 5th February 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 111:4-9 **Response:** A light rises in the dark for the upright

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16