



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr C - 8th May - 2022

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Weekend (Horsham)

Sunday: - Daniel Stephen Kerr, son of David & Mary

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



*Happy Mother's Day this Sunday
8th May, to mothers, grandmothers and
all who serve in a maternal role. We pray
that many blessings will be yours with
family & friends.*

*We hope you have a
wonderful day!*



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Mass Counts start THIS weekend 7-8 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over **4 weekends** in May.
Counting will start on 7-8 May and continue each weekend until the end of May. A
count will be recorded for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held each weekend.

Note: Forms have been provided to Church representatives
in each area of our Parish. Please return completed forms to the Horsham office.

Thankyou

**There are currently no requirements for face masks to be worn
in Church, and no vaccination limits. View our online
Masses at any time by joining our Facebook Eucharistic
Group at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>**



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 can-
not 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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 9th May	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 10th May	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	No Mass	Horsham- Mons Glynn DOBCEL Meetings
Wednesday 11th May	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 12th May	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 13h May	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 14h May	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) —2022 LITURGY ROSTER

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning– May.
<u>May 8th</u>	8.30am	D Baxter	L Casey	T Evans L Casey	M Muller J McFarlane	J Robertson & K Baxter
<u>May 14th</u>	6.30pm	M Aitken	P Winsall	B Bentley & L Downes	M Lardner & K Downes	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>7/8th May</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Maree Plazzer Anne Newton	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish
Reader	Emelia Sudholz	Michael Connellan
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Andrea Cox
<u>14/15th May</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Reader	John Parker	Kingsley Dalgleish
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Mary Dalgleish Alistair Castle
Prayers	Anna Robertson & Alison McKinnon	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>15th May</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margot Hogan	<u>22nd May</u> Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

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

3rd Weekend of the Month: 14th & 15th May

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

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)
Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnissen 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>May 8th</u> <u>LLA 9am</u>	<u>May 15th</u> <u>LLA 9am</u>
Readers	Coral Cox	Cynthia Maiden
Offertory/ Lay-led	Cynthia Maiden & Robyn Hallam	Joan Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy
Special Minister	Marilyn Clancy	Cynthia Maiden

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>May 8th</u> <u>LLA 10am</u>	<u>May 15th</u> <u>Mass 11am</u>
Reader & Prayers	D Munro	I Dart
Lay Leaders	C Kennedy	
Eucharistic Minister	J Gurry	J Millington
Offertory		Paul & Leah
Monthly Collector	Millington	
Cleaning	C Pilgrim	C Pilgrim

Natimuk: 6.30pm Tues 24th May at 245 Pelchans Road Quantong

St Mary's Warracknabeal

During the month of May, Rosary will be held in honour of Our Lady at **9 a.m** each morning.
Mass will follow at 9.15 a.m.

St Mary's Ladies Club Warracknabeal

Meeting will be held on Tues 10th May 2022 at 10am in the foyer of the church.
All welcome.



Invitation to

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Pre-Synodal Celebration
Synod of Bishops 2021 -2023

Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass to acknowledge the conclusion of the first phase of the Synodal process on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 10.30am in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

All people of the diocese are welcome to attend.

CWL Ballarat Diocesan Conference

Theme: "Discipleship in a changed world."

24th May 2022, St Mary's Parish Centre, Ararat

Time: 10am - 3pm **Mass:** 11.30am

All Welcome. Cost \$10 with Morning Tea and Lunch provided.

RSVP for catering purposes 18th May. Contact: Anna Krohn 0400 260 660 Margaret Rowe 5358 2421

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Purcell, Gerard Ryan

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Brett Cox, Moira Kelly snr, Graham Klemm, Pat Hateley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Sr John Spurr CSB (Ararat)

Anointing:

On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Jim McKay, or please call the Parish Office.

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Confessions:

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

Parish Survey Update:

Thankyou to all who participated in our recent Parish Survey. Our Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson Justin Amor has spent a lot of time collecting responses and has presented these in raw data form to both the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council, with further collation and summary in progress.

Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God, we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love.

We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care.

We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. Amen.

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 each month.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

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

Saturday Morning Devotions:

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lay-led),

8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,

9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

Confessions after Mass.

Note: COVID restrictions, Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Organiser is away may cancel the event.

Pope on World Day for Vocations

Lord's call entails promise and risk....

Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray that the Lord may help us discover His plan of love for our lives and grant us the courage to walk in the path He has chosen for each of us. The theme, **"The Courage to take a risk for God's Promise."**

Promise and risk The message is a reflection on "how the Lord's call makes us bearers of a promise and, at the same time, asks of us the *courage to take a risk*, with him and for him." Just as Simon, Andrew, James and John had a mixed fortune in their catch of fish, "much of life is like that." Sometimes we enjoy a good catch, sometimes we need the courage to keep our boat from being tossed by the waves and at times we are frustrated with empty nets. It is at this moment that Jesus approaches the fishermen, breaks through the "paralysis of routine" and promises to make them fishers of men. We too were surprised by the promise of a joy that is capable of bringing fulfilment to our lives, when we met the person to marry or when we first thought of our vocation.

Lord's call, not an intrusion rather than an intrusion in our freedom, a "cage" or a burden, the Lord's call is a loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch. However, embracing the Lord's promise, demands the courage to risk making a decision, of putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge. Leaving behind the security of our little boat that prevents us from making a definitive choice, we are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God's plan for our lives, trusting in the Lord's promise.

Call to Christian life is part of the call to Christian life that we all have received in baptism. It is born and develops through the liturgy, God's grace, the sacraments, God's word, prayer and sharing. The Christian life thus finds expression in our decisions that give a precise direction to our personal journey and also contribute to the growth of God's kingdom in our world. These vocations make us bearers of a promise of goodness, love and justice, not only for ourselves but also for our societies and cultures, which need courageous Christians and authentic witnesses of the kingdom of God.

Do not be deaf to God's call The Holy Father urged young people not to be deaf to the Lord's call, there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord.

The Pope acknowledged it is not always easy to discern our vocation and to steer our life in the right direction.

In conclusion, Pope Francis offered young people the model of Mary, whose vocation, he said, was both a promise and a risk. Her mission was not easy, yet through her 'yes' she did not allow fear to prevail.

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 are essential*** Phone 53812371 to book.

The Piety Store at the Horsham Church now stocks Columban Calendars.

Sunday Mass 8 May 2022

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: 99:1-3,5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Second Reading: Apocalypse: 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel according to John: 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.