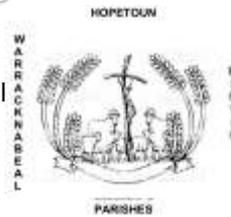




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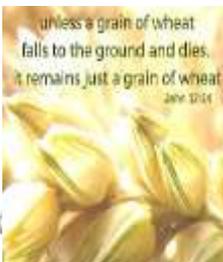
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BULLETIN

5th Sunday of Lent - Year B - 21st March 2021



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NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

To our church representatives;
please submit any upcoming
notices to Camille by **Thursday**.

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

SMJ Church Horsham is
seeking *volunteers* for our **Easter
Services**. The **Ministries Sign-
up Sheet** which will be at the
Church Foyer. Thank you.

The Vicar General Kevin
Maloney's Newsletter: Copies
are available in the Church foyers.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 22 March	No Mass	(<i>Mons. Glynn away</i>)
Tuesday 23 March	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 24 March	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 25 March - Annunciation of the Lord	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 26 March	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 27 March	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

Holy Week begins with

Palm Sunday on the 28th March:
(Usual Mass times - 4th Week of the Month)

**Please Note: The 1st Weekend of April
is EASTER SUNDAY**
— we will observe the below times:

Easter Service Times/Locations:

Horsham:

Holy Thursday—7pm,
Good Friday—3pm,
Easter Vigil Saturday—7pm,
Easter Morning—9am

Dimboola:

Easter Vigil (Saturday) - 5pm

Beulah:

Easter Vigil (Saturday) - 5pm

Warracknabeal:

Holy Thursday - 7pm
Good Friday - 3pm
Easter Vigil (Saturday) - 7pm

Hopetoun: Easter Sunday—9am

Rainbow: Easter Sunday—11am

Nhill: Easter Sunday—11am



**Tuesday of Holy Week Reconciliation
Liturgy & Confessions -**
March 30, 7pm @ SMJ Church Horsham

We welcome Bill Lowry: A Seminarian from
the Ballarat Diocese; who will be helping out in
our Parish, throughout **Holy Week**.

**Horsham Lutheran Home
Mass** will be on **Friday 26th
March, 10.30am.**

Natimuk Events:

House Mass at 1 Mitchell St.
6.30pm, March 30, Contact
Robert Niehus at 0407 484 472.
All Welcome.

Way of the Cross program:
10am, April 2, outside the
Lutheran Church, All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(weekly during Lent)

Murtoa - Wednesday 5pm.

Hopetoun - Friday 9am.

Horsham - Friday 5pm.

Sacramental Program 2021:

The **Information session** will be in
the Horsham Parish Office Centre,
Wednesday 24th March, 7pm.

This program is for children in
School years 3 and above who
have been baptised and would like
to complete Reconciliation, Eucha-
rist and Confirmation.

(*Sacrament dates are Tuesday
27th April at either 4pm or 7pm.*)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & CARERS

Printed copies are now available at
the Horsham Church Foyer - For
those who visit and provide care
(hospital, nursing homes, etc.)

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.



ROSTERS & TIMETABLES

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Parish)

Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisken 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 been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish.

Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

20/21 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Fay Wills Rosie Taylor Cate Rigby
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
28/29 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Maree Plazzer	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Kingsley Dalglish
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Mary Dalglish Anna Robertson Tim Lannen
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Pat Williams Gary Coutts	Mary Dalglish Alistair Castle
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	21st March Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	28th March Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>March 21:</u> <i>Mass 11am</i>	<u>March 28:</u> <i>LLA 10am</i>
Reader & Prayers	C Kennedy	I Dart
Lay Leaders	-	(volunteer please)
Eucharistic Minister	-	A Munro
Offertory	S Lawler	-
Monthly Collector	R Picone	
Counter	A Munro	J Kennedy
Cleaning	C Kennedy	

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>March 21:</u> <i>LLA 9am</i>	<u>March 28:</u> <i>Mass 11am</i>
Readers	Cynthia Maiden	Olive Wellington
Offertory	Olive Wellington & Joan Bellinger	Jan & Allen Fenech
Special Ministers	Cynthia Maiden	...

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

1st Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am

Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am

Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm

Hopetoun: Sunday 9am

Rainbow: Sunday 11am

Dimboola: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am

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

Beulah: Saturday 7pm

Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am

Minyip: Sunday 10am

Murtoa: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am

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

Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm

Beulah: Sunday 8.30am

Nhill: Sunday 11am

Dimboola: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am

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

Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am

Minyip: Saturday 6pm

Hopetoun: Sunday 11am

Murtoa: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am

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

Other Masses:

Natimuk: (Every **4th Tuesday** per Month) 6.30pm

Rupanyup: (To be confirmed...)

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
March 21 Saturday	6.30pm	M. Walder	J. McFarlane	L. Gibson/K. Moloney	J & M Aitken	M Lardner & K Downes
March 28th Sunday	8.30am	F Casey	K. Downes	M & J Lardner	J & M Aitken	M Muller & J McFarlane

EVENTS & NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Denis Dowling, Jim Hyland (Warracknabeal), Pamela Hogan (Birchip)

ANNIVERSARIES: Joy Flynn, Patricia McCluskey, Martin Ryan, Brian Rice, John Baviello, Kerry Hartigan, Annie Ryan, Harold Ballinger

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen, Kevin & Maureen Clancy, John Hickey, Les White, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling, Pat Hateley, Patricia Simpson

ANOINTING AT HOME:

On request to Fr Jim McKay - mobile number: 0418 664 083. Or Contact the Parish office at 5382 1155.

*To all Ministers of the Eucharist who visit the Hospitals/Nursing Homes in our Parish:
Please contact Fr Jim to plan/schedule for Anointing Masses in the homes/hospitals which you visit.*

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.

Stations of the cross:

5pm on Fridays for the duration of Lent

Saturday Morning Devotions:

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,
9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday 2021

Travelling restrictions caused by COVID-19 has made an impact on communities living at renowned Holy Landmarks. Your support in this year's collection on Good Friday is vital. You can also make an online donation at: <https://www.custodia.org/en/pro-terra-sancta-collection>

 Order your **free** copy of **Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer Booklet** in celebration of her 10th Anniversary. Call (02) 8912 2777 or Visit: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book

Mentor Month: Seeking Volunteers

Two Information sessions will be held on Friday 26th March to provide an overview of the 3 current mentoring programs that support young people. Youth Mentors are aged 18 or over & can come from all walks of life. **For more information and Registrations -** <https://mentormonth.eventbrite.com.au>

St Vinnies - Drought Support

Applications are still open for eligible farming households. For more info. call 1300 846 643 or go to www.vinnies.org.au/drougthelp.



Praying with Pope Francis

A new video message from the Pope is available monthly here: www.thepopevideo.org

March universal intention – "Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God."

COVID-safe Procedures in our Parish for HOLY WEEK:

PALM SUNDAY

No procession - People are to be given palms by the entrance of the Church to take to their seat. Prayer and sprinkling with holy water (by priest in Church) at start of Palm Sunday Mass.

HOLY THURSDAY:

No 'washing of feet' service. Priest alone transfers Holy Eucharist to 'Altar of Repose' – outside main church area. People depart in silence after personal prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY:

Veneration of the Cross – people to come forward and bow to Cross (No touching). Thank you.



Project Compassion 2021— 4th Sunday of Lent

Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing. Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets. Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

Boxes and envelopes are available at the Church Foyers. You can drop them in during Mass collections or at the Horsham Parish office. You can also donate via phone (1800 024 413) or online at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



Attend in the comfort of your own

home or experience a residential weekend: Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and keep love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but all faiths are welcome.

Next **On-line** weekend is on **30 April – 2 May 2021.**

Next **Residential** weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021.**

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



Catholic Education is celebrating 200 years in Australia, as the first Catholic school was established in Parramatta in

October 1820. Catholic Education Week will be celebrated from May 23-29. The theme is "Faith in the Future."

A central focus will be the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia, **May 24**. A national Mass will be celebrated which invites students, staff, parents and the wider community to join together across Australia to pray in thanksgiving and with great faith in the future of Catholic education.

Message from Fr Peter Hudson:

For Family & Friends—My new address:

19 Cornwall Road, Sunshine Vic 3020.

Mobile: 0419 323 397

Email: peter.hudson@ballarat.catholic.org.au

My prayers continue for you all. -Peter

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so

humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

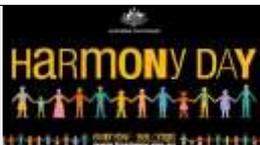
Gospel Reflection Veronica Lawson rsm: SunBLent05

Today's gospel tells us that among those who go up to Jerusalem to worship at the feast of Passover are some "Greeks". The reference is probably to a group known in the early church as "God-fearers", although that designation is found only in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. These people were, in relation to Judaism, a bit like RCIA candidates in the Catholic tradition. They were certainly interested in Judaism and, because of their active interest in the Jewish faith, were possibly better informed about many of the Jewish traditions than those who had been members of the Jewish community all their lives. God-fearers seem to have been among the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to join the early Christian Jewish movement, i.e. the Jews who accepted Jesus as Messiah (or Christ). For Jesus, the arrival of these God-fearing Greeks signals his "hour". Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus has insisted that his "hour" had not yet come. Now that his message receives global acknowledgement, or in the words of the Pharisees, now that "the world has gone after him" (John 20:19), he can announce that the hour of his glorification has come. Characteristically, Jesus uses a potent agricultural image to capture the transformative nature of his imminent death: like

the grain of wheat, he must go into the earth and die in order to bear fruit. The same is true for his followers: to be concerned only with self-preservation is to "lose" one's life; to give one's life is to "keep it for eternal life". Although the language is more explicit in John, the grain of wheat image echoes some aspects of the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34). Jeremiah presents the God of Israel as One who forgives and who is even prepared to forget the sins of the past. The people will be God's garden: the seed planted within them is God's Law. They will be God's own billboard: the law of forgiveness and mercy will be written in their hearts. John uses the "eternal life" metaphor in much the same way as the other gospel writers use the "reign of God" or "kin-dom" image. To keep one's life for "eternal life" has to do with living God's transformative vision for creation in the present so that it might one day be fully realised. In John's gospel, Jesus' death is also his being lifted up in glory. The moment of his death becomes the moment of drawing "all" to himself. The "all" includes all people, but is not restricted to the human community. It also allows for an ecological interpretation: in his death and exaltation, Jesus gathers the whole Earth community into the mystery of God's redemptive and transforming love.

HARMONY DAY—21st March 2021

A day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Each year's message is 'everyone belongs', and the day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.



"Anyone who holds on to life just as it destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal".

ACRATH Slavery-free Easter Chocolate Campaign—Show your support by shopping for products approved by "Fairtrade", "UTZ" or "Rainforest Alliance" this Easter.

