

St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



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Next Weekend's Readings: Palm Sunday Year A, 2nd April 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

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>

5th Sunday of Lent - Year A 26th March 2023



This weekend the wedding of
Dylan Rabl and Madeleine Barber
will take place at Glenwillan Homestead, Wallup
May the love and peace of Christ dwell in their home and married life.



Wimmera Filipino-Australian Club

This weekend, **26th March 10.30am Mass in Horsham** will be celebrated with Wimmera Filipino-Australian Club Parishioners participating in the roles of readers, commentator, offertory procession, welcomers, collectors, and choir (Special Ministers and projector will remain as rostered). The club will also be providing a shared lunch after Mass at the Parish Hall, and all are welcome. A contribution of \$5.00 per head to cover costs would be appreciated, which can be paid at the door.

EASTER SERVICES

~ Local communities, please organise your volunteers
for Ministry at these Liturgies. (Horsham has a roster in the foyer to fill in)

Thursday 6th April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper - Warracknabeal 6.30pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper - Horsham 6.30pm

Good Friday 7th April:

Service of the Lord's Passion - Warracknabeal 3pm
Service of the Lord's Passion - Horsham 3pm

Easter Saturday Vigil 8th April:

-Horsham 7pm
-Hopetoun 7.30pm
-Minyip 5pm
-Dimboola 5pm

Easter Sunday 9th April:

-Murtoa 8.30am
-Warracknabeal 8.30am
-Rainbow viewing of Online Mass 10am
-Beulah viewing of Online Mass 9.30am
-Horsham 10.30am
-Nhill 11am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 27th March	1pm	Horsham- <i>Funeral Mass for Alan McGenniken</i>
Tuesday 28th March	5.15pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 29th March	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 30th March	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 31st March	5.15pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	1pm-2pm	<i>Lenten Holy Hour (Private Reflection)</i>
Saturday 1st April	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Mass for Alan McGenniken
SMJ Church Horsham at 1pm Monday 27th March
Rosary will be offered at 6pm Sunday 26th March in SMJ Church

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) - 2023 LITURGY ROSTER

Date	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning
<u>26th March</u> Sunday	8.30am	D Baxter	K Downes	B Bentley & L Downes	B Evans & M Muller	T McKenzie & K Moloney
1st April Sunday	6.30pm					

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>25th & 26th March</u>	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Cleo Fabilan
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Teena Cruz
<u>1st & 2nd April</u>	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Commentator	John Parker	Kingsley Dalgleish
Eucharistic Ministers	Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Mary Dalgleish Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	-
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar	Nan Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Mary Dalgleish & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>2nd April</u> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	<u>9th April</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	26th March Mass 11 am	2nd April Mass 9am
Readers	Coral Cox	Olive Wellington
Offertory/ Lay-led	Kevin & Claire White	Jan & Allen Fenech
Special Minister		

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	26th March LLA 10am	2nd April LLA 10am
Reader & Prayers	M Millington	I Dart
Lay Leaders	C Kennedy	D Munro
Eucharistic Minister	J Gurry	J Gurry
Offertory		
Monthly Collector	E Cameron	
Cleaning	C Pilgrim	M Millington

Natimuk Mass: Thursday 30th March, 6.30pm,
at 1 Mitchell St Natimuk.

Rupanyup Mass: T. B. A

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

~ 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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Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish
Bob Pritchett and Jill McGennissen 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.

Notice of Upcoming Committee Meetings

(information for committee members)

- Next Parish Council Meeting: Wed April 5th 5.30pm

- Next Finance Committee Meeting: TBA

WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND

4th Weekend of the Month: 25th & 26th March

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am

Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am

Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am

Minyip: Saturday 6pm

Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am

Hopetoun: Sunday 11am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND (Palm Sunday)

1st Weekend of the Month: 1st & 2nd April

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am

Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am

Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm

Hopetoun: Sunday 9am

Rainbow: Sunday 11am

Dimboola: Sunday LLA 8.30am

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PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Alan McGenniken, Sister Sheila Belleville (Ballarat)

ANNIVERSARIES: Kerry Hartigan, John Baviello, Leonie Dibdin, Doreen Stowe, Kenny West, Patrick McLennan and the Dowling families

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Moira Kelly Snr, Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Pat Brennan (Ballarat), Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon

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.

St Vincent de Paul **Warracknabeal Conference**
 Meeting will be held on **29/03/2023** at **2pm**
 at St Marys Church, Warracknabeal.

The Way of The Cross

With full-page illustrations of each station, this booklet gives a scriptural Way of the Cross from the Last Supper to the Resurrection. The simple format includes a scriptural text, people's responses and verses of the hymn Stabat Mater. **Available to purchase from the Parish Office for \$7 each.** Churches within our Parish will be receiving a small number of copies that will remain in the church for use by parishioners.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

The Mass of the Oils

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on **Monday April 3rd 2023.**
Anyone interested in ministries for the Mass of the Oils, please contact Djurdja at the Bishop's Office on 5337 7121.

Pilgrimage

Bob Pritchett will be leaving on Easter Monday 10th April to join a Pilgrimage for 16 days visiting **Orvieto & Assisi**, then to **Medjugorje** and back to **Rome** and **The Vatican**.

You are welcome to ask Bob to offer prayers at any or all of these Holy Sites.

Bob will be in the Narthex after Mass in Horsham on 26th March and after Easter Masses to take details, or you can leave them at the Parish Office. Bob may contact you when he returns.

Sacramental Program 2023 - St Paul VI Parish

The Parish will offer a **new** program of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children and are therefore encouraged to play an active part in helping their child prepare for the Sacraments.

To give parents, teachers, catechists and children time to discuss, absorb, and appreciate the fundamental truths and gifts of each Sacrament offered to us from God, the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion** will be encountered in the **Grade 4 (and above)** age group. Then, in the **Years 6 & 7** age groups (primary & secondary) the Sacrament 'confirming' our place in faith (**Confirmation**) will be offered. This time line allows better opportunity for families to make the faith journey across these important Sacraments.

Preparation sessions begin mid April for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Registration forms for the Sacramental Programs are available at the Parish Office, as well as the front office of all Catholic schools within the Parish.

Please return your completed form to your local school, the Parish office, or Parish Clergy by 3rd April 2023.

Information Sessions have recently been held at Nhill, Murtoa, Warracknabeal and Horsham.

The last of the Information Sessions will be at Hopetoun on Sunday 26th March, after 11am Mass.

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.

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, 4pm

- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

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

Sunday Mass
26 March 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ear be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

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Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation John 11:25,26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

Long Version The scene described at Bethany is a sad one.

Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. ***Long Version*** Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.