



West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

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



BULLETIN

Ascension of the Lord - Year B - 16th May 2021



Ascension



UPDATES ON THE MERGING OF WARRACKNABEAL, HOPETOUN, NHILL & HORSHAM PARISHES

PATRONAGE OF OUR MERGED PARISH REGION

In Diocesan pastoral planning over some years, it has emerged that from 2021 the merger of Hopetoun, Nhill, Horsham and Warracknabeal parishes into **one parish** will be brought about by a decree from Bishop Paul, our Diocesan Bishop. Every church and school **maintain** the patronage (prayers) of the saints that have been dedicated to their spiritual care: St Mary, St Joseph, St Augustine, St Patrick, Sts Michael and John, etc.

However, **we seek an 'overarching patronage'** for the entire new parish pastoral region (21,300 sq. kms). By such patronage **our region** (with its 10 churches and 6 Catholic schools) will be known, when referred to as a whole.

Any parishioner wishing to suggest a saint or saints (or angels) for this honoured patronage is invited to lodge their suggestion at the Parish Office by Friday 21st MAY. Mons Glynn will consider any/all suggested patronage and discuss them with Bishop Paul, prior to a decision being reached.

NOMINATIONS: PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nominations are being called across our Parish region for membership/ ministry within either the (to be merged and expanded) Pastoral Council or the Finance Committee.

Meetings will be monthly to 6-weekly, or sooner as might be occasionally suitable. Statutes will be reviewed in early meetings, to ensure we have bodies that best assist the pastoral and resource ministry of our wide and diverse Parish region, from city to farmland. Diocesan guidelines and regulations will be respected.

Attendance at meetings will be possible either personally (at parish centre) or via internet conference connection – for members where family constraints exist or distance provides some 'tyranny'. (Something good out of a 'covid year' gone.) Therefore, **any interested and committed parishioner can participate!**

Nominations for either Council or Committee (or both) membership are requested – in writing and signed – at the Parish Office by **COB Monday 31st MAY.**

June will see the launch of both expanded ministry bodies, for the benefit of our Parish life. This will set us in good stead for the expected 1st July merging of our 4 into 1 parish, of many faith communities.

God bless! Mons Glynn.

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2021 National Mass Count of Attendance

Mass Counts continue to take place during weekends in May.

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

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

If you would like to keep up with our Weekly Bulletin electronically,

Please send your email address to *horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au* or call (03) 5382 1155.

Latest COVID Requirements:

Wearing a mask is no longer mandatory in churches. But, is recommended when we cannot distance 1.5m apart.

St Mary's Ladies Club Warracknabeal

Meeting Tuesday 18th May, 10am at the church foyer.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 17 May	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 18 May	No Masses	(Mons. Glynn & Fr Jim will be attending the Northern Zone Diocesan Clergy Meeting in Swan Hill)
Wednesday 19 May	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 20 May	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 21 May	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 22 May	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

ROSTERS, TIMETABLES & FINANCES

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

15/16 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Cath Taylor Anthony Amor	Kingsley Dalglish Alison McKinnon Fay Wills
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Alison McKinnon
Reader	John Parker	-
22/23 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Emelia Sudholz	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Michael Conellan
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Rosie Taylor Cate Rigby Mary Dalglish
Projector	Anita Masiero	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	23rd May Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	30th May Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

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

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: Tuesday 25 May, 6.30pm at Jeff & Liz Both's house at 71 Main Street, Natimuk.

Rupanyup: Monday 24th May, 6.30pm at Sue Tyler's home, 13 Stewart St. Rupanyup.

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$ 82.15	Murtoa	\$ 82.20
Horsham	\$ 805.00	Dimboola	\$
Total		\$ 969.35	

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 3001.00	Loose	\$ 246.95
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
Total		\$ 3,247.95	



Daily Prayer: "God of all creation, be present to this community of disciples gathered in one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Maintain us in the unity of the Spirit, and keep us bound in peace."

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	May 16: Mass 11am	May 23 LLA at 10am
Reader & Prayers	K Clohesy	A Munro
Lay Leaders	-	D Munro
Eucharistic Minister	-	C Kennedy
Offertory	Baptismal Family	-
Monthly Collector	J Millington	J Millington
Counter	A Munro	J Millington
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	May 16: LLA 9am	May 23: Mass 11am
Readers	Olive Wellington	Claire White
Offertory/ Lay-led	Cynthia Maiden & Robyn Hallam	Maureen & Kevin Clancy
Ministers	Marilyn Clancy	-

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 the each month.

Ecumenical-Charismatic Prayer Group:

1.30-3.30pm, on Wednesdays fortnightly at Parish meeting room

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays, 10.30am at the Church with Fr Jim McKay.

Saturday Morning Devotions:

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

Please note: Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Coordinator is away are observed.

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
May 15: Sat	6.30pm	M. Aitken	K. Downes	Baxter Family	J & M Aitken	B Evans & M Muller
May 23: Sun	8.30am	L Casey	M. Farrall	Downes Family	J & M Aitken	J McFarlane & M Lardner

EVENTS, NOTICES & PRAYERS

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Frank Sheehan (Ballarat)

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Facchin, Murray Lloyd, Max Robertson, Jack Byrne

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, Ted Haynes, Helen Polack, Brendan Frew, Noreen O'Connor

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.
We thank you for your ministry.*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from **May 16 – 23, 2021** in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for this year is: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit".

We pray: "God, you are the vinedresser who cares for us with love. You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person. And yet, too often the differences, the pains and struggle in others make us afraid. We withdraw into ourselves. Our trust in you is forsaken. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again. Grant us to live from your forgiveness so that we may be together and praise your name. Amen."



National Volunteer Week: May 17-23, 2021
NWW will celebrate the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers, which includes people in our parishes and agencies. Each year these volunteers dedicate over 600 million hours to help others.

"RECOGNISE":

- thank volunteers for the vital role they play in our community and lives.

"RECONNECT":

- to what is important by giving our time to help others and ourselves.

"REIMAGINE":

- how we support volunteers and the communities they help.

We pray for all those who volunteer in our Parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.



St Vinnies - Winter Appeal 2021:

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is now underway, Donations of clean quality goods & clothing (e.g. Blankets, etc.) are needed.

Monetary donations may be handed in at SMJ Horsham Church's Piety Store (open during weekends after Masses); by e-mailing hsm@svdp.vic.org.au; or by visiting their website: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>.

St Vincent de Paul Conference is now conducting face to face interviews for people needing assistance.

Please ring [5381 2371](tel:53812371), leave your name and phone number, and your call will be returned as soon as possible with an appointment. COVID restrictions apply.

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.

Laudato Si' Week: May 16 - 23

This week is the 6th anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*: "Care for Our Common Home".



The program encourages communities across the globe to pray and work together to resolve and minimise the ecological crises and climate emergencies of our world.

Hosted by The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office of Social Justice and Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare program. You are invited to join an online event "Sowers of Hope" on Friday, May 21 at 5.30pm

For more information and registrations visit:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/04/16/laudato-si-sowers-of-hope/>

Catholic Education Week:

"Faith in the Future." May 23-29. Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia:



A central focus will be the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, on **May 24**. Join together across Australia in thanksgiving & prayer for the future of Catholic education.



National Reconciliation Week: May 27 - June 3

This year, we must be more determined than ever with our aim to achieve a more just, equitable, reconciled Australia.

"More than a word. Reconciliation takes action" asks us to take the awareness and knowledge we have gained especially with the events of the past year, and use it as springboard to more substantive, brave action.

Read the 2021 Reconciliation report and find ways to be more involved by visiting their website: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/state-of-reconciliation-2021/>

Pope Francis' Monthly prayer of intention for May:

"Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers."

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men. When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm: (Ascension)

The feast of the Ascension invites us to face the universal experience of loss, the loss of a loved one or of something precious to us, and to face this experience in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-mem-bering his death and resurrection.

The liturgy now draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of the One who has been raised. The physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence. Like the early Christians, we need time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, time to ponder the implications of this great Mystery for us and for our planetary home. Today's gospel passage receives little

attention in commentaries and classes because, along with the immediately preceding passage (Mark 16:9-14), it is a late addition to the original text of Mark's gospel. The author of these verses is familiar with the similar commission to proclaim the good news to all nations and to baptise in the name of the Trinity, found at the end of Matthew's gospel.

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The Journey - Catholic Radio in Australia:

This week: Fr Daniel McCaughan says the Ascension is a day of farewell but also great hope, changing Jesus' relationship with humanity from one with a few friends to an opportunity for all to have a personal relationship with him in any time or age. Listen to the podcast, talk shows and reflections anytime by visiting: www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism this weekend:
Orlando Duncan Pereira
-son of Agostino & Rebecca
At St Patrick's Church, Nhill



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.