



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

Palm Sunday - Year A
2nd April 2023



REMINDER: At 2am this Sunday 2nd April (*Saturday night*),
we move our clocks back by one hour for the
End of Daylight Savings.



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Next Weekend's Readings:

Vigil Mass Readings

Easter Morning Readings

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>

Justin Amor/Pastoral Council- Info Letter

Copies of a Letter of Information from the Chair of our Parish Pastoral Council, Justin Amor, are available from this weekend. Electronic copies will go out with this bulletin to those who receive the bulletin via email, and paper copies are available in church foyers where Mass is celebrated over the next couple of weekends. Copies are also available upon request from our Parish Office.

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

Stations of the Cross - Beulah 3pm

Station of the Cross - Rainbow 10am

Easter Saturday Vigil 8th April:

-*Horsham 7pm

-Minyip 5pm

-Hopetoun 7.30pm

-Dimboola 5pm

Easter Sunday 9th April:

-Murtoa 8.30am

-Horsham 10.30am

-Warracknabeal 8.30am

-Nhill 11am

-Rainbow viewing of Online Mass 10am

-Beulah viewing of Online Mass 9.30am

* Live Streamed

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 4th April	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	Noon	Horsham
	1pm - 2pm	Horsham - <i>Lenten Holy Hour Prayer</i>
Wednesday 5th April	9am	Warracknabeal
	9am	Horsham (<i>Early</i>)
Thursday 6th April	6.30pm	Warracknabeal - <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
	6.30pm	Horsham- <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
Friday 7th April	3pm	Warracknabeal - <i>Service of the Lord's Passion</i>
	3pm	Horsham- <i>Service of the Lord's Passion</i>
Saturday 8th April	No Mass	Warracknabeal
Easter Saturday Vigil	7pm	Horsham

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

Date	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning
31st March Saturday	6.30pm	P Winsall	M Walder	J & M Aitken	M Muller & J McFarlane	T McKenzie & K Moloney
9th April Easter Sunday	8.30am	K Downes	F Casey	J & M Aitken	M Lardner & K Downes	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

1st & 2nd April	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Mary Dalgleish Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Commentator	John Parker	Kingsley Dalgleish
8th & 9th April	Easter Weekend 'Roster in Church Foyer'	
Reader		
Commentator		
Eucharistic Ministers		
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	-
Welcomers		
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	9th April Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	16th April Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	2nd April Mass 9am	8th April Easter Vigil Mass
Readers	Olive Wellington	Marilyn Clancy
Offertory/ Lay-led	Jan & Allen Fenech	Claire White & Joan Bellinger
Special Minister		Therese Bellinger

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	2nd April LLA 10am	9th April Easter Mass 11am
Reader & Prayers	I Dart	
Lay Leaders	D Munro	
Eucharistic Minister	J Gurry	
Offertory		Paul & Leah
Monthly Collector		J Millington
Cleaning	M Millington	M Millington

Natimuk Mass: Thursday, 20th April 6.30pm Venue TBA

Rupanyup Mass: Thursday, 4th May 5.30pm. Venue TBA

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: TBA

- Next Finance Committee Meeting: TBA

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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WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS 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

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

EASTER TIMETABLE Please see first page

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Heenan, Rosaria Zarlenga, James and Hazel Cortesi

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 Pampa, 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.

Turkey / Syria Earthquake Appeal

A total of **\$1881** has been forwarded to Caritas Australia for their Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal. Thank you to all parishioners across St Paul VI Parish who generously donated.

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



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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, or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phone 1800 024 413.

Filipino Mass

St Paul VI Parish would like to thank Wimmera Filipino-Australian Club Parishioners for organising the Holy Mass last Sunday that was followed by lunch at the Parish Centre also provided by the club. A number of Parishioners came and joined the celebrations. A lot of beautiful feedback received by all the attendees. Thank you for the donations received. St Paul VI Parish looks forward to future opportunities for our multicultural parishioners to organise culturally diverse and enriched Masses within our Parish.



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.

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

Palm Sunday Mass

2 April 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

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

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Matthew 26-27

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the Cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy. In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father. Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show

Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for

Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.