



West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

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



BULLETIN

Palm Sunday - Year B - 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday

CONTACTS:

Parish Priest: *Mons. Glynn Murphy*
Contact No: (Warrack. Presbytery)
(03) 5394 1062

Assistant Priest: *Fr Jim McKay*

Horsham Parish Secretary:
Camille Del Castillo

Hours: 9am-12.30pm, 1.30pm-4pm

Horsham Office Phone:
(03) 5382 1155

Email:
horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Address:
PO Box 212,
10 Roberts Avenue, Horsham 3400

Holy Week begins this week.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

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

Wednesday of Holy Week Mass of Anointing

March 31st, 2pm @ SMJ Church Horsham

We welcome to the Family of God, in
Baptism this weekend:
Maeve Evelyn Hubble
daughter of Brendan & Ashley



Holy Land Collection – Good Friday 2021

Travelling restrictions have negatively impacted communities living around 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>

Easter Dues Envelopes are in the Foyers. It supports our retired and sick priests, and needy Parishes. You can drop these in at Mass collections.

The Shared Table Project

Initiated by Fr Michael McKinnon in 2005; the project invites us to share one plate of food a day from our table with a child living in poverty at a village in Lima. *The 2021 report and forms to make a donation are now available at the Church Foyers (to be submitted to Horsham Parish Office).* See what putting aside a weekly donation can do to help feed those in need.

Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer for our Easter Ministries.

You can still sign-up for Horsham ministries via the Easter Ministry sheet at the church foyer.

Readings will be sent out next week for readers... For any queries, please contact Camille at the Horsham Parish Office.

Latest COVID Requirements:

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

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.

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

We welcome Bill Lowry:

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

FUNERAL MASS - Tuesday For Brigid Brown (Formerly of Horsham) 11am. All Welcome

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 the Cross (No touching)**. Thank you.

ROSTERS, TIMETABLES & NOTICES

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.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Stephen Heenan (Warracknabeal), Phyllis Hill (mother of Lois Keegan), Marie Fitzpatrick

ANNIVERSARIES: Leonie Dibdin, Doreen Stowe, Patrick McLennan, James & Hazel Cortesi, Austin Dillon, The Dowling Family, William Cossar, Brian Bentley, Pat Downes

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

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

28/29 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Mary Dalglish Anna Robertson Tim Lannen
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Kingsley Dalglish
3/4 April	Easter Vigil 7pm	Easter Sunday 9am
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Kevin Dunn
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lorraine Clancy ...	Bob Pritchett
Projector	Geoff Simpson	...
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	28th March Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	4th April Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney
Lynda Hutchinson will organise flowers for Easter..		

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 greatly for your ministry.*

2021 National Mass Count of Attendance

The 2021 Mass Count will take place over the first four weekends in May (starting May 1) —as an integral tool for planning in the Diocese and as one of the most basic measures of religious practice available.

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>March 28:</u> LLA 10am	<u>April 4:</u> Mass 11am
Reader & Prayers	I Dart	I Dart
Lay Leaders	(volunteer please)	--
Eucharistic Minister	A Munro	-
Offertory	-	(volunteer please)
Monthly Collector	R Picone	E Cameron
Counter	A Munro	A Munro
Cleaning	C Kennedy	K Clohesy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

← THIS WEEK

(This regular weekly Mass schedule will resume after Easter Sunday)

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>March 28: Mass 11am</u>	<u>April 4: Mass 9am</u>
Readers	Olive Wellington	The Horman Family
Offertory	Jan & Allen Fenech	
Special Ministers	...	

MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK at SMJ Church

Holy Thursday:

Reader - Betty & Garry Heinrich
Eucharist Ministers - Sr Jacinta Rice, Pat Glaubitz, Lorraine Clancy, Anna Robertson

Good Friday :

Reader & Passion - Fr Jim, Micky Robarts, Anna Robertson

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
March 28th Sunday	8.30am	F Casey	K. Downes	M & J Lardner	J & M Aitken	M Muller & J McFarlane

EASTER: GOOD FRIDAY 2ND APRIL TO MONDAY 5TH APRIL

EVENTS & PRAYERS

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.

Saturday Morning Devotions:

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

Sacramental Program 2021:

Thank you to all who expressed their interest in completing their Sacraments this year, and attended the meeting on Wednesday night. Reconciliation dates are on Tuesday 27th April 4pm or 7pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday: 11 April (Horsham SMJ Church)

10.30am: Normal Sunday Mass

2-2.4pm: Blessing of the Image, Confession and Adoration.

2.45-3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet



Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones and supporting priests in need. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/mass-offerings (limited information pamphlets available at the church foyers)

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/droughthelp.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER 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



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

Plenary Council:

When asked to read the Plenary Council Thematic paper titled: "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred church in Australia that is Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal?" Students at St Joseph's College Mildura shared their hopes, difficulties and thoughts on the discernment piece. One student expressed their hopes "for a better world. One without greed, power and destruction." Another wrote that they see "acceptance" of different races, abilities/disabilities, etc. as a challenge in our society. The students found the paper "informative" overall and thought that the points raised were "things that everyone should consider. They added: "We all need to change our thoughts and way of thinking. A caring community shows positive habits in the near future. Whatever religion you are!" Share your thoughts and become part of the discussion to help us understand the current realities of the Catholic Church in Australia.

* Visit: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



Project Compassion 2021— Palm Sunday

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns. Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality. This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion. As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

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

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

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.

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.



The Journey - Catholic Radio in Australia:

developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to listen to shows and podcasts anytime.



Catholic Education Week: May 23-29. This year's theme is "Faith in the Future." In celebration of 200 Years of

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

First Reading: 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: 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!

The Passion of the Lord (Mark 15:1-39, short ver.)

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further

reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back. 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription, giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others, they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Ebi, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.' Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. *(All kneel and pause a moment)* And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

The Weekly Parable/Reflection (GPBS): Palm Sunday

We enter Holy Week with the proclaiming of the Passion and death of Jesus as recounted in the Gospel of Mark. We have heard it innumerable times. We have seen various television and movie interpretations. Still, it remains compelling and moving. We are moved at the Last Supper when Jesus shares his Body and Blood. We are saddened by the apostles deserting Jesus in the garden and angered by the high priests and Pilate and by Peter's denial. We identify with Simon of Cyrene as he carries Jesus' cross and by Joseph of Arimathea's courage. We shudder as we hear the cold stone rolled against the entrance of the tomb. But, we are also blessed to know that the story of our salvation does not end

there in death. There will be the Alleluias of Easter to lift us up and to complete all that has happened. And while we may know the outcome, it will still remain the greatest mystery of all time.

"Take, this is my body" - the words imply an offering made both spiritually and physically. When we take the body of Jesus at communion, we remember that it is with great reverence. What was suffering is now salvation. What was meant to destroy has become the source of life. Jesus died on the Cross, but nothing was lost there. God gathered up the fragments of that great offering and made eternal food. This is the never-ending story of salvation.