



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time Year A  
15th OCTOBER 2023**

### Holy Hour

SMJ Church Horsham

**1 - 2pm Wednesday 18th October 2023**

*Prayers for Humility, Contrition and Peace*



#### CONTACTS:

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##### 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 are deleted weekly, and will be available until Friday each week) **YouTube**

##### Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams>

November is a month to remember all the souls of the faithful departed. A Parish Remembrance Book will be in the foyer of the Horsham Church, for you to add names of your departed. (or ask the office to do so)

There will also be a widow and widowers Mass in November, at a date to be advised. **All Souls Day Mass in Horsham will be at the normal week day time of 9.30am, and in Warracknabeal at 5pm, on Thursday 2nd November.**

A reminder that the office is currently short staffed until we appoint a replacement for the Administration Officer position. When ringing, please leave a message on the phone answering machine service if we are unable to take the call, and we will return your call as soon as possible. Please be assured that emails are monitored regularly but it may take time to respond. *Thankyou.*

### Planned Giving

As the current Planned Giving period draws to a close on the 31st October, we thank you all for your generous contributions, which allow our Parish to operate.

As Planned Giving and donations are our main source of parish income, we rely heavily on such faithful support.

If you would like to check if you are up to date in your pledged support, please call the office on 03 5382 1155 and this can be verified for you.

If you do not currently have a Planned Giving envelope number and would like to participate we can arrange this through the Parish office. Direct Debit from a Bank Account or Credit Card is an option available, or cash (*please note only Australian currency can be accepted*)

Our Parish also has a National Grower Register Account - for farmers in our community who would like to arrange **planned giving via a small share of grain sales** through the NGR.

*All donations and pledged support are greatly appreciated. If you feel you are able to increase your pledge, or would like to participate, such financial ministry assists the life and future of our Faith Communities.*

*A Finance Committee Report is being prepared.*

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 17th October	<b>5.30pm</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>9.30am</b>	Horsham
Wednesday 18th October	<b>9am</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>9.30am</b>	Horsham
	<b>1-2pm</b>	Horsham - Holy Hour
Thursday 19th October	<b>9am</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>9.30am</b>	Horsham
Friday 20th October	<b>9am</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>9.30am</b>	Horsham
Saturday 21st October	<b>9am</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>9.30am</b>	Horsham

<b>HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER</b>		
<b><u>14th &amp; 15th October</u></b>	<b><u>Vigil 6.30pm</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 10.30am</u></b>
<b>Reader</b>	Micky Roberts	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Commentator</b>	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
<b><u>21st &amp; 22nd October</u></b>	<b><u>Vigil 6.30pm</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 10.30am</u></b>
<b>Reader</b>	Garry Heinrich	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Sr Jacinta	Dianne Noy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Roberts	Embedded Music
<b>Livestream</b>	Rob Sartori	N/A
<b>Welcomers</b>	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>	N/A	Jayson Agustin, Janeth, Pam, Ruby, May, Maria
<b>Prayers</b>	John & Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b><u>22nd October</u></b> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	<b><u>29th October</u></b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

Please submit notices for our weekly Bulletin to the Parish Office by C.O.B **Thursday**. Thank you.

### **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.*

## **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

### **THIS WEEKEND**

**3rd Sunday of the month: 14th & 15th October**

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**  
 Hopetoun: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**  
 Murtoa: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**  
 Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**  
 Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**  
 Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**  
 Dimboola: **Sunday LLA 8.30am**  
 Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**  
 Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**

## **WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER**

	<b><u>15th October Mass 8.30am</u></b>	<b><u>22nd October Mass 8.30am</u></b>
<b>Reader</b>	D Baxter	M Aitken
<b>Prayers</b>	K Downes	M Farrall
<b>Collectors</b>	B Bentley & L Downes	B Bentley & L Downes
<b>Cleaning</b>	K Downes & S Martin	K Downes & S Martin

## **NHILL LITURGY ROSTER**

	<b><u>15th October Mass 11am</u></b>	<b><u>22nd October Mass 11am</u></b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	C Kennedy	A Munro
<b>Reader</b>	J Gurry	I Dart
<b>Collector</b>	J Millington	J Millington
<b>Offertory</b>	S Lawler	Family please
<b>Music</b>	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
<b>Cleaning</b>	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

**\*Please note recent change in dates\***

**Rupanyup Mass:** Thursday 26th October, Venue TBA

**Natimuk Mass:** Thursday 30th November, 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.*

## **ROSARY - MURTOA:**

Rosary will be prayed at St Mary's Church, Murtoa each Wednesday at 4.30pm.

## **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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*Please feel free to call our Parish Office for more info.*

## **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

**4th Sunday of the month: 21st & 22nd Oct**

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**  
 Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**  
 Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**  
 Beulah: **Saturday Vigil 7pm**  
 Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**  
 Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**  
 Murtoa: **Sunday LLA 9am**  
 Hopetoun: **Sunday LLA 9am**  
 Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**

## PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

#### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Kelly, Mary Fernee

**SICK:** Ken Dowsley, Marie Tobin, Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Pat Brennan (Ballarat), Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Pat Cummins, Patricia Simpson, Frank White

### 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.

### October is World Mission Month

In his World Mission Day message for 2023, Pope Francis reminds us through Luke 24:13-35, "hearts on fire, feet on the move", that the missionary journey of all disciples is that upon encountering Jesus, our hearts burn within, our eyes are opened and ultimately, our feet are set out on the way. Catholic Mission has launched the World Mission Month 2023 Appeal, highlighting the Work of Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste. Sr Carolina, who is the face of the awareness and fundraising campaign, is a great example of the devotion of missionaries, dedicating herself to providing critical healthcare services to the rural community of Venilale in Timor-Leste. After decades of journeying with the Venilale community, Sr Carolina can summarise her understanding of Mission in a sentence: "Mission is where many people need you." Through Catholic Mission, you are invited you to journey with Sr Carolina, and walk alongside the Salesian Sisters and the resilient community of Venilale. Parishes, schools, and supporters across Australia will be encouraged to provide resources for the Clinic to continue to provide life-giving services to the local community.

**Volunteers are required for a rotating roster to operate the livestreaming service from Ss Michael & John Church Horsham at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass.**

It is important to have more people with the ability to keep this service, a key Parish Ministry, running for the Parish. Full training is provided, this is ministry, and anyone with basic computer knowledge who is able to attend Saturday Vigil Mass in Horsham on a roster is encouraged to register their interest with the Parish Office as soon as possible please.

A reminder that ALL bookings for the Parish Hall, Meeting Rooms, Coughlin Park, and messages for the Parish Office are to come directly to the office, either by email or phone (please leave message if phone unattended), so that all requests for resources can be accurately noted and coordinated. Thankyou.

### St Paul VI Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

Please keep in your prayers and consideration, likely parishioners you may wish to nominate (with their concurrence) to assist the future life, initiatives and direction of our faith communities across the Parish, through the Pastoral Council.

It would be ideal if we could have a representative from each church community within the Parish on the Pastoral Council.  
*More to follow.*

Horsham Rural City Council are running a survey for Seniors. Survey forms are available in the foyer of the Horsham Church, at the HRCC office, or online through the following link: <https://au.openforms.com/Form/c181127c-7ed0-4799-8ff1-edb3f71f0523>

Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on **18 October 2023**. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit [www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren](http://www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren).



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**Advent Daily Reflection** books and **God's Word 2024** will be ordered next week. Please let the office know by Sunday 15th Oct if interested in purchasing (by email or phone message).

An order for **Break Open the Word, Ordo 2024**, and the **2024 Daily Mass Book** will soon be processed when numbers of copies required are finalised.

**St Brigid's College Horsham invite past pupils of the Classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 & 2013 for the milestone reunion!**



**(NEXT WEEK)**

**The reunion will be held at St Brigid's College on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023, at 2pm.**

Attendees can RSVP by calling the Front Office on (03) 5382 3545 or via this link: <https://forms.gle/uKfjHb2KMsZ1huXa9>

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

#### Morning Craft Group:

Wednesdays in Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

**Meditation Group:** Every Tuesday, 2.00pm 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 at the Parish Hall.



## Sunday Mass

15 October 2023

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### *First Reading*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

#### *Responsorial Psalm* Ps22

**R.** *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name,  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**R.** *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

#### *Second Reading*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### *Gospel Acclamation* Ephesians 1: 17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

#### *Gospel* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

#### LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution

against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city. We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. (The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.) (Long version)

#### Next Weekend's Readings: The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 45:1,4-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps95:1,3-5,7-10

**Response:** Give the Lord glory and honour

**2nd Reading:** St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21