



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B 7th APRIL 2024



REMINDER: At 2am this Sunday 7th April (Saturday night),
we move our clocks back by one hour for the
End of Daylight Savings.

WELCOME

On the 11th April we welcome Fr Sajan Mathew to our Parish,
please make him feel welcome.

Fr Sajan has had preliminary meetings with Fr Matt and
Mons Glynn and has begun the transition process.

Parish Volunteer Opportunities:

Can you Help?

**We are in need of Special Ministers and Reader/Commentators
for SMJ Church in Horsham. Please contact the office
to be included on the rosters.**

**New volunteers are always welcome in all of our Churches for all ministries.
If you are interested in helping in any particular area,
please contact the office to discuss with Mons Glynn.**

**Our churches would not be able to operate without the help of our
amazing volunteers each and every week.
Your valuable help is very much appreciated by all.**

~ Thankyou for all you do! ~

CONTACTS:

Parish Priest:

Mons. Glynn Murphy
Ph: 0419 683 773

Assistant Priest:

Fr Sajan Mathew (Incoming
Assistant Priest 11/04/2024)

Parish Office:

CLOSED MONDAYS

Office Hours: **TUES - FRI**
9am - 12.30pm, 1.30 - 4.00pm
Ph: (03) 5382 1155

Staff:

- Olivia

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

Email: wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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[https://
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
/parish/wimmera-mallee/](https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/wimmera-mallee/)

Mass Livestreaming:

Vigil Mass will be livestreamed
from the Horsham Church at
6.30pm Saturday night
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](https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 9th April	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 10th April	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 11th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal (new time)
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 12th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 13th April	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham



Funeral Mass for Judith Francisco

Ss Michael & John Catholic Church, Horsham
Friday 12th April 2024, 2pm

Funeral Mass for Norma Grayling

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Nhill
Wednesday 24th April 2024, 1pm

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
<u>6th & 7th April</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	John Parker	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Geoff Simpson Alison McKinnon Fay Wills
<u>13th & 14th April</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	Emelia Sudholz	May Rosello
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Zita Cannane Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Male Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	NA
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Jayson Augustin, Janeth, Pam, Ruby Maria, May
Prayers	Anita Masiero & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>14th April 2024</u> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	<u>21st April 2024</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin, Joan Butler, Margo Hogan

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish
Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer.
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.

HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND:

Parishioners interested in receiving *preparation/guidance to be able to bring Holy Communion from our churches to Parishioners* can notify Mons Glynn.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
THIS WEEKEND

1st Sunday of the month: 7th April 2024

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

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>7th April</u> Mass 8.30am	<u>14th April</u> Mass 8.30am
Reader	M Aitken	L Casey
Prayers	M Walder	F Casey
Collectors	L Casey	L Casey
Cleaning		

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>7th April</u> Mass 11am	<u>14th April</u> Mass 11am
Sacristan	A Munro	M Millington
Reader	C Kennedy	J Gurry
Collector	J Millington	J Millington
Music	Paul Ramos	Paul Ramos
Cleaning	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>6th April</u> Vigil Mass 6.30pm	<u>13th April</u> Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Readers	Cynthia Maiden	Claire White
Offertory	Anju & Alex	Marilyn & Therese
Eucharistic Minister		

Natimuk Mass: TBA

Rupanyup Mass: 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, and name)
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 ~
The Parish also has an NGR number for grain growers who wish to donate through harvest.
All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Sunday of the month: 14th April 2024

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Hopetoun: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**
Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am - *and Thursday Mass after the 2nd Sunday (18th April 5.30pm)*

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Judy Francisco and Margaret Rigby

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Bentley

SICK: Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Alex Kavoov, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Maggie Landrigan, Jason O'Connell, Tim Clancy, Astrid Van den Akker-Luttmer, Lyn Simpson, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Rebecca Scown

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.

Act of Spiritual Communion: (Away from Church / Holy Communion)

*My Jesus, I believe that you are
present in the most Blessed Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive
you sacramentally, come at
least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you as if you were already
there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.*

Amen.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

Fr Matt Farewells

Fr Matt will celebrate his last Mass in
Nhill on Sunday, April 7 at 11am.

Parishioners and friends are invited over to St Patrick's hall for a finger lunch following this Mass to thank Fr Matt for his pastoral guidance and friendship over the past 18 months.

To assist with catering, please bring a plate of food to share. Tea and coffee will be provided.

As noted previously, a Farewell Afternoon Tea for Fr Matt will occur from **3pm on Sunday 7th April** at **St Mary's church, Warracknabeal**. This follows Fr Matt's wish for a 'low key' occasion in Warracknabeal, being a central location area of the parish.



Thankyou to everyone who has kindly donated to Project Compassion this year. To date we have collected \$1676.40. Please return any boxes and envelopes as soon as possible.



Diocesan History Timeline

As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>



Position Vacant: Administration Officer

3 days per week – 9am-4pm

A position is available for an enthusiastic and motivated Administration Officer, based in the **St Paul VI Catholic Parish office in Horsham**. We are looking for a person with sound knowledge of Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel and PowerPoint. Must have excellent computer, communication and organisational skills, and be able to work independently as well as part of a team. A Working with Children's Check and National Police Check are required for the successful applicant.

A position description is available at the Parish Office, 10 Roberts Ave, Horsham, ph 5382 1155 or email managerwimmeramaltee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Please submit application letter and resume with two referees listed, by close of business Tuesday 16th April 2024.

ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group: The Craft Group gather weekly in the Parish Office meeting room on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am

Choir Practice:
2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm at the Church
- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship: Breakfast - 3rd Thursday of the month 7.30am - 8.30am (Horsham Parish Hall) All men welcome.

Meditation Group: The Meditation Group meet weekly on Tuesdays, at 2.00pm in the Church meeting room

Catholic Prayer Group: The Catholic Prayer Group will meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 1.30pm in the Church meeting room, beginning 17th April, and continuing on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.**

Sunday Mass 7 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone,
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

A reading from the 1st letter of St John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his

commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples

walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe

Next Weekend's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19 **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 4:2,4,7,9

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

2nd Reading: First letter of St John 2:1-5 **Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48