



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time Year A
17th SEPTEMBER 2023**

Fr Matt will be on leave after Masses this weekend,
returning Friday 6th October.

*Over the next 3 weeks, weekday Mass times in
Horsham and Warracknabeal will vary.*

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**School Holidays begin this weekend for two weeks. We wish all
students and school staff a safe and restful break, ready to
come back for the final term of the year.**

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.

Thankyou.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 19th September	12.30pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 20th September	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 21st September	9am	Warracknabeal
	5pm	Horsham
Friday 22nd September	12.30pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 23rd September	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Prayer Service for Michelle Cross

Ss Michael & John Catholic Church, Horsham
Monday 18th September 2023, 1pm

Funeral Mass for Eileen McManus

Ss Michael & John Catholic Church, Horsham
Monday 25th September 2023, 11am
Rosary will be offered at 5pm Sunday 24th Sept in SMJ Church

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 con-
venient. (Recordings are deleted
weekly, and will be available until
Friday next week) **YouTube**

Channel Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/
@smjchurchhorsham/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams)

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
16th & 17th September	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Lesley Price	Dianne Noy
Commentator	John Parker	Kingsley Dalglish
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Pat Glaubitz	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
23rd & 24th September	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Garry Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori
Musicians	Embedded	Combined Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Joan Whiley Mary Dowsley
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Anne Rowe Zita Cannane Lynda Hutchinson Esther Fry
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	24th September Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	1st October Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

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: 16th & 17th Sept

Horsham: **Saturday 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

	17th September Mass 8.30am	24th September Mass 8.30am
Reader	P Winsall	K Downes
Prayers	M Walder	F Casey
Collectors	J & M Aitken	J & M Aitken
Cleaning	M Walder & R Barbetti	M Walder & R Barbetti

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	17th September Mass 8.30am	24th September Mass 8.30am
Sacristan	A Munro	A Munro
Reader	D Munro	I Dart
Collector	R Picone	R Picone
Offertory	S Lawler	Volunteer please
Music	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
Cleaning	C Pilgrim	C Pilgrim

Natimuk Mass: Thursday 28th September, 6.30pm

Venue: TBA

Rupanyup Mass: 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.

Next Finance Committee Meeting: 5pm Wed 20th Sept 2023

Next Parish Council 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.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND

4th Sunday of the month: 23rd & 24th Sept

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Beulah: **Saturday Vigil 6pm**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Murtoa: **Sunday LLA 9am**
Hopetoun: **Sunday LLA 9am**
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**

**Natimuk: Thursday after the 4th Sunday (28/9) 6.30pm*

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Sr Anne Boyd CSB, Eileen McManus

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Tirsia Bale, Fr Peter Claridge, Jack Ivess, Patrick Higgins, Fr Paul Mercovich, Sr Barbara May CSB, Gavin Frew, Chacko Thomas

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

Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4, 2023

Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" drawing on the river imagery in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. Resources for the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>



Congratulations to John & Maree Plazzer on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Married at St Michael & John Church Horsham, 15th Sept 1973.

Sunday 17 September 2023 marks Social Services Sunday. On this day we give thanks to the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude Catholic Social Service Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 8,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who work together to serve and support over 211,000 people. Catholic social services hold a unique position in social services because they serve and are part of an established, connected community of people sharing in the social mission of the Church. We thank parishes for often being at the forefront of providing services to members of their community in need. **In this challenging time of a cost of living and housing crisis**, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. On this day we consider how we all have a role to play. How might we be more involved in achieving justice in our own communities? How can we advocate for structural changes to build a more equitable society where no one is pushed to the margins, and all can prosper?



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.

Making Connections: In the Our Father, we ask for God's forgiveness and pledge to forgive those who wrong us.

Living The Word: The boundless mercy and compassion of God is freely given when we ask for it. If we are forgiven, we should forgive others. God's household, the Church, is where we should experience this forgiveness.

Marriage Tip: Do you show appreciation for the work your spouse does inside the home? Take a moment to say thanks for something he or she does on a regular basis, such as cooking, lawn care or laundry.

Daily Prayer: How many times, God Most High, we come seeking forgiveness, yet how often we refuse forgiveness to those who wrong us. Let the word of Jesus challenge our ways and drive anger far away from our hearts, so that we who so much need mercy ourselves may forgive our brothers and sisters from the heart, as often and as easily as we would have you forgive us.

A Vocation View: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness!

24th Sunday: "If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" Rom 14:8 This is the essence of stewardship, everything we have and are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

Catholic Theological College would like to bring to your attention Dr Rosemary Canavan's **2024 Study Tour: Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece** that might be of interest to you. Find out more at <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/study-tours/>

There will be online information sessions in September and October 2023. For anyone interested in attending one of the information session, please contact [Dr Rosemary Canavan](#) to register.

Tour participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award (additional costs and conditions apply).

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



The reunion will be held at St Brigid's College on Saturday 21st 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: Dinner (May - September)

3rd Thursday of the Month (21st Sept), 6pm at The Vic Hotel Horsham (*Last Winter Dinner before breakfast meetings resume.*)

Sunday Mass

17 September 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. It is he who forgives all your guilt, *who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave,* who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if

we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter.

Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness. The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this

forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Response: The Lord is near to all who call

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16