

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd weekend of the Month

1st Saturday: Warrack 6.30pm
3rd Saturday: Beulah 7.00pm

1st Sunday: Hopetoun 9.00am
 Beulah 10:30am
3rd Sunday: Hopetoun 9.00am
 Rainbow 11:00am

2nd & 4th weekend of the Month

Saturday: Minyip 6.30pm
Sunday: Warrack 8:30am

Lay Led Assemblies are held when no Mass is scheduled:

Hopetoun Sunday: 9.00am
 Rainbow Sunday: 10.00am
 Beulah Sunday: 9.30am
 Warracknabeal Sunday: 9.00am
 Minyip Sunday: 10.00am
 Nhill Sunday: 10.00am
 Kaniva Sunday: 9.00am

**Next Weekend Mass Times
 3rd Sunday of Advent
 13th December 2015**

Saturday - Minyip: 6:30pm
 Sunday - Warrack: 8:30am
 - Nhill: 10:30am

St Mary's—Warracknabeal

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St Mary's Primary School

Principal: Joy Quarrell
 Warracknabeal: 5398 2001
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St Joseph's—Hopetoun

Po Box 141
 Hopetoun, Vic 3396
Parish Secretary: Jacki Hogan
 Ph: 5083 3566

St Joseph's Primary School

Principal: Cynthia Maiden
 Hopetoun: 5083 3296

St Patrick's—Nhill

33 Leahy St, Po box 169
 Nhill, Vic 3418
Contact: Ann Munro 5392 9272

St Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Kathryn Bendall
 Nhill: 5391 1575

St Mary's—Rainbow

Contact: Kath White 5395 7261

St Augustine's—Beulah

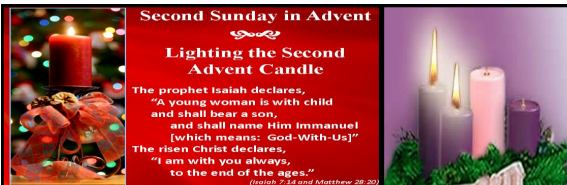
Contact: Brenda Naylor 5083 7242

St Patrick's—Minyip

Contact: Margaret Murphy 5385 7479

Last Weekends Collections

Warrack:
 Planned Giving: \$ 381:40
 Presbytery: \$ 219:10
Hopetoun:
 Presbytery: \$
Hopetoun, Beulah, Rainbow:
 Planned Giving: \$
Beulah:
 Presbytery: \$ 41:00
Nhill:
 Planned Giving: \$ 77.00
 Presbytery: \$ 140.00
Minyip for the month of October
 Planned Giving: \$ 441:00



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Leader: Our lives are constantly filled with the ups and downs, the mountains and valleys, of everyday living that challenge us to keep focused on the God who comes to save us. We now recognise God's presence amongst us here and light our Advent candle which reminds us of the joy and expectation of the season.

An appointed person now lights the candles on the wreath.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: O God, who sent John the Baptist to proclaim a baptism of repentance, let these two candles prepare the way for the Lord within us. Forgive our sins and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ready to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer

Loving God,
 We pray for those who have suffered the injustice, humiliation and pain of any abuse - within our churches and the wider communities across Australia. In your mercy, create opportunities for these men, women and children to share their pain, reveal their struggles and expose the hurtful actions of others. We pray for wisdom and guidance in order to deal with the realities of what has happened in the past. We pray for healing for those who have been abused. Strengthen them and their carers with the certainty of your love. We pray for sensitivity and wisdom to all who minister to the victims and survivors of abuse. We pray that into the future, children everywhere will be protected from all forms of violence. We pray that the Church responds with love and action in order to heal injustices. We pray for ourselves in this school community that we will remain a positive force and help us to spread the love of God to all. May your Spirit draw us together and strengthen all of us with the truth of the Gospel. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Royal Commission into Institutional

**Sunday, December 6th
 2nd Sunday of Advent**

DOMUS AUSTRALIA

There are postcards at the front of the church explaining about the Domus Australia which is an authentic Italian guest house in central Rome which was established by the Australian Catholic Church. To learn more, please take a post card.

PARISH SECRETARY NEEDED

Cathy Sanders is moving to Mackay, Queensland at the end of this year, so we are needing to replace her as Secretary/Parish bulletin organiser. This is a paid position which requires a person with computer skills for at least 2-3 hours per week. Much of the work could be completed from home if the applicant has access to email. If you have an interest in the position or know of someone who may, please contact Fr. Neville or Leo Casey.

Dear Friends,

In the coming weeks, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will be continuing the public hearing begun in May in regard to child abuse in the diocese of Ballarat. This will again be a difficult time for all involved but particularly difficult for the survivors of abuse and the members of their families who have shared their suffering. It will be a trying time for people throughout our region. In various ways, the crimes of abuse have affected our whole community.

I am deeply conscious of the pain that has been caused as a result of sexual abuse by Catholic Church personnel. To the victims, whose lives have been affected so terribly by the abuse, I renew my heartfelt apology. I also apologise to their families and all those who have shared in their suffering. I encourage anyone with a complaint of abuse to report it to the authorities. If the complaint is of a criminal nature, it needs to be reported to the Victorian Police through your local police station or on 1800 333 000. You may also wish to contact the Royal Commission Support Line on 1800 099 340.

Anyone feeling in need of personal support could contact Relationships Australia. This is a counselling service that provides free support for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse and others who engage in or are affected by the Royal Commission hearings. The phone number for Relationships Australia is 1800 052 674.

I would like to assure people that our diocese has in place policies, procedures and training in the area of child protection for all Catholic Church personnel. We will continue to work to ensure that everyone, especially the young and vulnerable, is safe and well cared for within the Church and our schools and that those who have been hurt through sexual abuse are supported. I pray that this next stage of the Royal Commission's hearings will be fruitful in shedding light on what has happened in the past, in providing help for those who have suffered as a result of the abuse and in assuring safety for children now and for the future.

God bless you all.
 Paul Bird, CSsR Bishop of Ballarat



Pray for our Sick

Marj Parker,
 Tammy Grayling, Una
 Bartlett and Betty Hallam.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm at Nhill
 7:00pm at Rainbow
 9:00pm at Hopetoun
Christmas Day: 8:30am at Warracknabeal

Feast Days of the Week

Monday, 7th December: St. Ambrose
 Tuesday, 8th December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wednesday, 9th December: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
 Friday, 11th December: St. Damasus
 Saturday, 12th December: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Recent Deaths

Fr. Justin Woodford
 &
 Nell Littlely

THIS WEEKENDS ROSTER 6 / 12 / 2015

Nhill	Lay-Leaders	Reader & Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaner
LLA - 10am	K Bendall & D Munro	I Dart	K Clohesy	J Millington	D & A Munro	J Gurry

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER 13 / 12 / 2015

Nhill	Reader & Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Monthly Collector	Offertory Procession	Counter	Cleaner
MASS - 10:30am	C Kennedy	M Devanny	J Millington	L Welsh	J Kennedy	J Gurry

Nhill News

Liturgy Roster is available at the back of the church.
End of Year School Mass: Wednesday, December 16 at 6pm
Finger Lunch next Sunday following our 10.30am Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share and we will say "Farewell" to Marg Devanny.
St Patrick's School & Parish Christmas Raffle: Please see Ann today and take a raffle book. This raffle will be drawn at the End of Year School Mass.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WARRACKNABEAL

WELCOME

We will welcome Miss Janelle Muller to our teaching staff for 2016. Janelle will be visiting school to meet with the staff and children in due course.

RECONCILIATION

The families are asked to continue working through the program with the children. **The children's Reconciliation will be held on Thursday Dec 10 at 6pm.**

END OF THE YEAR MASS AND GRADUATION

This will be held at our church on Monday Dec 14. All children and families are expected to attend this celebration.

We only ask our families to attend two masses per year - the Beginning of the Year and the End of the year. We are looking forward to sharing this celebration with you.

The Foundation and year 6 children are asked to gather in the Church foyer at 5.50pm. All the other students are asked to be in their seats by 5.55pm.

The students are asked to wear correct summer school uniform including clean shoes. Following this we will be going to the Town Hall for the children's performance.