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PARISHES

**St Mary's Parish Warracknabeal**

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St Patrick's Primary School,  
Principal, Kathryn Bendall, 53911575

**St Mary's Rainbow**  
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**St Augustine's Beulah**  
Contact Brendan Naylor, 50837242

**St Patrick's Minyip**  
Contact Margret Murphy, 53857479

**Last Weekends Collections**

**Warrack:**  
Planned Giving \$72.30  
Presbytery \$136.85

**Hopetoun**  
Presbytery \$

**Hopetoun, Beulah, Rainbow**  
Planned Giving \$

**Beulah**  
Presbytery \$45.00

**Nhill**  
Planned giving \$ 127.00  
Presbytery \$ 139.00

**Minyip for the month of January**  
Planned Giving \$445.00  
Presbytery \$426.20

**Next weeks readings**

1st Reading—Josh 5:9-12  
2nd Reading—2 Cor 5:17-21  
Gospel—Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Pray for our Sick**

Marj Parker &  
Una Bartlett

**Weekend Mass Times**

**1st & 3rd Weekend's of the Month**  
1st Saturday Warracknabeal—6.30pm  
3rd Saturday Beulah—7.00pm

**1st Sunday**  
Hopetoun - 9.00am  
Beulah—10.30am  
**3rd Sunday**  
Hopetoun-9am  
Rainbow—11.00am

**2nd & 4th Weekend's of the Month**  
Saturday—Minyip 6.30pm  
Sunday—Warracknabeal 8.30am  
Sunday—Nhill 10.30

**Next Weekend's Mass Times**

5th/6th of March 4th Sunday of Lent  
Saturday—Warracknabeal, 6.00pm (School Mass)  
Sunday — Hopetoun, 9.00am  
Beulah, 10.30am

**Lay Led assemblies are held on Sunday's when no Mass is scheduled.**

Hopetoun—9.00am Minyip—10.30am  
Rainbow—10.00am Beulah—9.30am  
Warracknabeal—9.00am Nhill—10.30am  
Kaniva—9.00am

**Lenten Regulations 2016**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Friday's, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any of the following:

**Prayer**—for example, Mass attendance, family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the stations of the cross, praying the rosary.

**Self-denial**—for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.

**Helping others**—for example, taking the family visit the elderly in a nursing home or in the parish, visiting the sick or somebody who is lonely.

All who have their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252) All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 10 February 2016.

On Good Friday and if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Paschal Feast is observed.

Each if the faithful is obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

**Holy Week** The 2016 Ordo contains instruction's of the Rites of Holy Week.

**Funerals:** During the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) all masses for the dead, including Funeral Masses are forbidden. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and are without the Eucharist Sacrifice

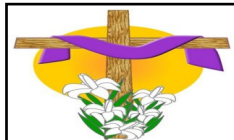
**Weddings:** Wedding should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum of the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that **no decorations (including flowers), no music, or nuptial Mass will be permitted.**

May this Lent bring blessings on us all.  
Yours in Christ

Paul Bird CSSR  
Bishop of Ballarat

**Holy Week Ceremonies:**

**Palm Sunday:** Normal times of the 4th weekend.  
**Holy Thursday:** Nhill—5pm, Warrack—7.00pm, Hopetoun—8.30pm  
**Good Friday:** Warrack—3pm, Nhill—3pm  
**Easter Vigil (Saturday):** Nhill—5pm, Warrack—7pm, Hopetoun—8.30pm  
**Easter Sunday:** Rainbow—8.30am, Minyip—9.00am



**Sunday February 28th February. The Third Sunday Of Lent**

**Prayer for Year of Mercy**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father. And have told us that whoever see's you, see's him'  
Show us your face and we shall be saved.

You are the visible face of the Invisible Father, of the God who manifests his Power above all by forgiveness face in the world.

Send your spirit and consecrate every one of us with the Spirits anointing so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord.

And your church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy You who live and reign with the Father And the Holy spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

**Mass of the Oil**

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 21st, 2016. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained Priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016—the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration, which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include, Ushers, Readers, Oil Bearers, Presentation of the Gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph 53377159, or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

**Northern Zone Meeting**

The priests from the Northern Zone, had a meeting at the Masonic Lodge, Warracknabeal last Tuesday (23/02). Nine priests from the Northern Zone came for the meeting. I thank Ben Bentley for allowing us to use the Hall for the meeting. I thanks also the Ladies Club members for providing a morning tea and very delicious meal for the priests. May God bless you all.

**Annual Retreat for the Priests**

Ballarat Diocesan Priests are going to do their Annual Retreat next week at Hall's Gap from the 29th of February to the 4th of March. Please keep them in your Prayers. Thank you.

**Nhill News**

**Friday, March 4:** World Day of Prayer in Anglican Church at 7pm.

**Friday, March 18:** St Patrick's School Movie Quiz Night—Poster in the Porch

**24 Hours for the Lord March 4-5**

Bishop Paul has sent a letter asking us to celebrate 24 hours for the Lord in some way. When Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy, this was one special event he proposed.

There is a letter on the board in the porch, if there is anyone interested in making some time to pray, perhaps on Saturday, please see Ann after Mass.

**Catholic Church Insurance Ltd**

CCI have donated an Easter raffle again and we will combine with the school community and share the profits. Tickets will be available next week. The raffle will be drawn at the Movie Quiz Night.

**A New Liturgy Roster** is available at the back of the church this morning. Please take one home with you.

**Roster for 28/2/2016**

Reader & Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Offertory Procession	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaner
K Bendall	L Grayling	Volunteer please	R Picone	J Millington	I Dart & K Clohesy

**Roster for 6/3/2016**

Lay Leaders	Reader & Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaner
M Millington & L Fraser	I Dart	A Munro	Rob Weir	R Weir	C Kennedy & M Waugh

