



## St Mary's Parish Warracknabeal

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### Last Weekends Collections

**Nhill:**  
Planned giving \$ 57.00  
Presbytery \$ 75.00

### Important Dates

**Wed, Mar 1:** Ash Wednesday Mass at 11.30am

**Friday, Mar 3:** World Day of Prayer: At the Uniting Church at 7pm.

**Friday, Mar 17:** Mass at 2.15pm with the school children.

**Friday, Mar 17:** St Patrick's Quiz Night

### 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 6.00pm  
Sunday Warrack 8.30am  
Nhill 10.30am

Lay Led Assemblies are held when no Mass is Scheduled

Hopetoun Sunday	9.00am
Rainbow Sunday	9.30am
Beulah Sunday	9.30am
Warrack Sunday	9.00am
Minyip Sunday	10.00am
Kaniva Sunday	9.00am
Nhill Sunday	10.30am

### Next Weekend's Mass Times

**Nhill : LLA at 10.30am**

### Next week's Readings

1st Reading 12:1-4  
2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10  
Gospel: Mt 17: 1-9

### Pray for our Sick

Una Bartlett  
Marj Parker  
Pat Sonogo  
Fred Webb

# Sunday, February 26 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### School's Report—St Joseph's Hopetoun

#### Thank you

Thank you to those parishioners who joined us for our Mass last Sunday to celebrate the beginning of the new school year. It was a lovely opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our parish school.

#### Swimming

Our students have been very busy with our school's swimming program since school commenced. The culmination of this was our Water Fun Day last Tuesday. Many of our students participated in the Southern Mallee Lakes swimming sports that was held recently.

We had 3 students who took out their age champions event; congratulations to Abby, Rori & Lana.

From this carnival Jobe, Abby, Jacey, Rori, Lana, Coco & Marni have all qualified to represent Southern Mallee Lakes at the Little Desert Carnival in Horsham next Tuesday. We wish them well!

#### Stations of the Cross

Room 2 students will be leading Stations of the Cross in the church each Tuesday morning during Lent, beginning on March 7th at 9am. We hope some of our parishioners are able to join us for this special prayer time during Lent.

#### New Liturgy Roster

Copies of the new roster is at the back of the church. Please take a copy home with you.

#### Project Compassion

Material for Project Compassion has arrived. Don't forget to pick up your Project Compassion Share Pack Envelopes and drop them in the Sunday collection during Lent

#### We welcome the season of Lent

Lenten season is moment of grace for all of us to make a pilgrimage into our interior life, where we encounter the Lord and open our hearts to His transforming love. In the forty days of journey, the Church provides us the necessary weapons in order for us to overcome temptations: ie fasting - how we will die to our selfish desires, prayer - how we will strengthen our communion with God, and almsgiving - how we will express our greater love for our neighbour Jesus comes to our rescue to set us free from the powers of the devil. He faced the devil directly and battled with him. He disarmed him of his weapons using the Word of God. Quoting the Scripeter Jesus shows us that the truth revealed in the Word of God is more powerful than the snares of the devil. We cannot defeat the devil with our strength, but with the power of God. Following Jesus we can be victorious over all our temptations with faith that we belong to Christ and He is at our side to defend our cause. We don't live by the bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us give ourselves, a time to reflect and meditate on the Word of God and convert to the Lord with great sincerity so that will give the grace and courage to change our interior life to bear eternal life. God bless you all.

#### Statement from the justice and healing Council

The most significant and far reaching change is the establishment in November last year and independent body to set standards within the Church for Child Safety. The company, Catholic professionals Standards Limited, will audit and report on the compliance by bishops and religious leaders with the standards. It is a not for profit company, with its own governance structure, and with a board made up of lay professional's. Professional standards will apply across all aspects of the Catholic Church activities and will cover not only our children, but anyone who comes into contact with the Church. The Company will audit the performance of Bishops and religious leaders on how their services comply with the standards. The audit reports will be made public. In this way the leaders will be held accountable.

This is a dramatic change to the accountability of bishops and congregational leaders. The significance of this change will have ramifications for years to come.

We continue to pray for the victim's and survivor's of sexual abuse and their families. We remember them especially during these weeks as the Royal Commission reaches its conclusion. We cannot change the past, but it is our solemn duty to do all in our power to identify and eradicate systemic factors that have either led to abuse or accommodated it in the past.

Although the revelations are disturbing and upsetting for all of us, the set of statistics below revealed data for the Royal Commission can give us some hope that we are in fact much more vigilant in our efforts to effect change. The figures below show what portion of the total number of priests who ministered in the Ballarat Diocese within a particular decade were alleged perpetrators subject to an allegation of abuse falling within that decade.

**Ballarat—1950's 3.2%, 1960's 6.65%, 1970's 3.8%, 1980's 2.5%, 1990's 2.0%, 2000's 0.00%**

The media can tend to support and foster a public perception that sexual abuse continues to occur even now on the same level. It has in the past. These statistics refute that claim and support the fact the Diocese of Ballarat over the past 20 years has worked hard to change a culture that has assisted the development of a harmful and unsafe environment within our Church.

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

On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

- (1) **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.
- (2) **Self Denial,** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.
- (3) **Helping others,** for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in an old people's home or in the Parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

(All who have completed 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 March 1, 2017.

On Good Friday and, if possible on Holy Saturday until the Easter vigil, the Paschal Fast is observed.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Trinity Sunday, (June 11), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

May Lent be a blessing to you all  
Paul Bird CSsR  
Bishop of Ballarat

	Reader & Prayers	Lay Leaders	Eucharistic Minister	Offertory Procession	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaner
<b>NHILL</b>							
<b>Roster for Feb 26</b>	L Fraser	—————	K Clohesy	S Lawler	Rob Weir	J Millington	L Fraser
<b>Roster for Mar 5</b>	I Dart	L Fraser & M Millington	L Grayling		E Cameron	R Weir	C Kennedy & M Waugh

#### Ash Wednesday—March 1

Mass times for Ash Wednesday are as follows:-  
9.00am, **Warrack**—St Mary's with St Mary's School

11.30 am, **Nhill**—St Patrick's with St Patricks School

2.00 pm **Hopetoun**—St Joseph's with St Joseph's School