



St Mary's Parish Warracknabeal

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Last Weekends Collections

Warrack:
Planned giving \$116.00
Presbytery \$263.00

Nhill:
Planned giving \$ 112.00
Presbytery \$ 135.00

Important Dates

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 Ex 17:3-7

2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: Jn, 4:4-5, 19-26

Pray for our Sick

Una Bartlett
Marj Parker
Pat Sonego

Feast Days

Friday 17th, St Patrick
Saturday 18th, St Cyril of Jerusalem

Sunday, March 12 2nd Sunday of Lent



St Patricks School report

Pancake Tuesday —The students all enjoyed the pancakes supplied by Emma Dickinson for Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally pancakes were cooked on the day before Ash Wednesday to use all the foods that wouldn't be consumed during Lent; a period of fasting. Thanks Emma for such a wonderful feast.

Ash Wednesday – On Wednesday all students and staff attended our Lenten mass. Fr Neville spoke about the origin of Lent and practices commonly associated with this period in the Church's year.

Hockey Clinic— A huge thank you to Eliza from Hockey Victoria and Helen Cannell from Nhill Hockey Club who conducted a hockey clinic for all students on Monday afternoon. Despite the heat the students all enjoyed the expert coaching from Eliza and Helen and by all accounts we have some budding hockey stars in the making.

Harmony Day— Hindmarsh Sire Council has invited our school to participate in an event at the Community Centre on Tuesday 21 March. Students will be transported via a Wimmera Roadways bus driven by Mrs Bendall and in a private vehicle driven by Miss Anson. We will be absent from the school between 1.45 and 3.15pm. We will return in time for normal dismissal. As the attached flyer indicates, students are invited to dress in the traditional costume of another culture. Students are invited to bring their costumes to school and change into it before going to the Community Centre for the activities.

New Liturgy Roster

Copies of the new roster is at the back of the church. Please take a copy home with you. My apologies for the wrong dates in May. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross

They will held next Friday following the Mass at 2.15pm for St Patrick's Day

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

Announcement from Bishop Paul

I am pleased to announce that from the first week of May, Fr Alex Lim will take up care of the parishes of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun. From the same time, Fr Peter Hudson will take up care of the parish of Nhill. This will be in addition to Fr Peter's care of the Horsham parish. Fr Alex Lim came to Australia in 2004 from the archdiocese of Cebu in the Philippines. Since then he has served in the diocese of Sandhurst. He became an Australian citizen in 2011. He is currently the parish priest of Elmore. In view of the pressing need for further priestly ministry in the diocese of Ballarat, Fr Alex indicated that he would be willing to serve our diocese and Bishop Les Tomlinson has kindly endorsed this proposal. I would like to express my gratitude to Fr Alex for his offer and to Bishop Les for supporting Fr Alex in this move. I would also like to express my gratitude to Fr Peter Hudson for his readiness to take up the care of the parish of Nhill in addition to his responsibilities for the parish of Horsham. May the Lord guide the members of these parishes through the transition in the months ahead. May Christ be with us as we all continue to discuss ways in which we can share our gifts for the wellbeing of the local communities through our diocese. God Bless you all. Fraternally, Bishop Paul

Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 10, 2017

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 10, 2017. 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 2017 – 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, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 Scripler's 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.

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

NHILL	Reader & Prayers	Lay Leaders	Eucharistic Minister	Offertory Procession	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaner
Roster for Mar 12	K Clohesy	_____	C Kennedy	L Welsch	E Cameron	J Kennedy	C Kennedy & M Waugh
Roster for Mar 19	J Gurry	I Dart & K Clohesy	A Munro	_____	E Cameron	E Cameron	C Kennedy & M Waugh

Holy Week Ceremonies

Palm Sunday: Normal Mass time for that weekend.
Holy Thursday: Nhill, 5.00pm, Warrack, 7.00pm, Hopetoun, 8.30pm
Good Friday: Warrack, 3.00pm, Nhill, 3pm
Easter Vigil: (Saturday) Nhill, 5.00pm, Warrack, 7.00pm, Hopetoun, 8.30pm
Easter Sunday: Rainbow 9.00am