



West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

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



BULLETIN

Ascension of the Lord - Year B - 16th May 2021



NOMINATIONS: PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nominations are being called across our Parish region for membership/ ministry within either the (to be merged and expanded) Pastoral Council or the Finance Committee.

Meetings will be monthly to 6-weekly, or sooner as might be occasionally suitable. Statutes will be reviewed in early meetings, to ensure we have bodies that best assist the pastoral and resource ministry of our wide and diverse Parish region, from city to farmland. Diocesan guidelines and regulations will be respected.

Attendance at meetings will be possible either personally (at parish centre) or via internet conference connection – for members where family constraints exist or distance provides some ‘tyranny’. (Something good out of a ‘covid year’ gone.) Therefore, **any interested and committed parishioner can participate!**

Nominations for either Council or Committee (or both) membership are requested – in writing and signed – at the Parish Office by **COB Monday 31st MAY**.

June will see the launch of both expanded ministry bodies, for the benefit of our Parish life. This will set us in good stead for the expected 1st July merging of our 4 into 1 parish, of many faith communities.

God bless! Mons Glynn.

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St Vincent de Paul Conference is now conducting face to face interviews for people needing assistance.

Please call 5381 2371, leave your name and phone number, and your call will be returned as soon as possible with an appointment.

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

To our church representatives; please submit any upcoming notices to Camille by **Thursday**. Thank you.

The **Horsham Saturday 6.30pm Mass** will be **livestreamed** on our Facebook page: “Eucharistic Group”



We welcome to the family of God with the RCIA program this weekend:



Heidi Neighbour-Dauphin

* Daughter of Meduline Dauphin.

At St Joseph’s Church, Dimboola.



WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 24 May - Our Lady Help of Christians	9.00am 12noon	Warracknabeal Horsham
Tuesday 25 May	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Wednesday 26 May	9.00am 11am	Warracknabeal Horsham: Catholic Education Week Combined Schools Mass
Thursday 27 May	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 28 May	9.00am	Warracknabeal (No Horsham Mass as Mons. Glynn will be in Hopetoun)
Saturday 29 May	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

Mons. Glynn will be celebrating the weekday Masses in Horsham this week.

Fr Jim will be celebrating weekday Masses in Warracknabeal.

This is the last weekend of our Mass Counts.



ROSTERS, TIMETABLES & FINANCES

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Parish)
Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisken are our Safeguarding Officers.
 We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish.
Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

22/23 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Rosie Taylor Cate Rigby Mary Dalgleish
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Michael Connellan
Reader	Emelia Sudholz	Andrea Cox
29/30 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Micky Robarts	Angela Murphy
Commentator	John Parker	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Maree Plazzer Anne Newton	Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	...	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Joan Whiley Connie Besselar	Mary Dalgleish Alistair Castle
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	30th May Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	6th June Lynda Hutchinson Bernie Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

5th Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 8.30am
 Nhill: Sunday 11am
 Murtoa: Saturday 6pm
 Hopetoun: Sunday 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday 11am
 Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am
 Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
 Warracknabeal: Sunday LLA 9am
 Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: Tuesday 25 May, 6.30pm at Jeff & Liz Both's house at 71 Main Street, Natimuk.

Rupanyup: Monday 24th May, 6.30pm at Sue Tyler's home, 13 Stewart St. Rupanyup.

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 93.00
Horsham	\$ 890.00	Dimboola	\$
Total			\$ 983.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 770.00	Loose	\$ 110.20
Total			\$ 880.20

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:



God, my creator, breathe on me, renew me, refresh me, extend my abilities, comfort me in adjusting to changes in health, mobility and activity. Body of Jesus Christ flow through every fibre of my being. Keep me well, and hope filled, always. Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for the good of others. Amen.

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	May 23 LLA at 10am	May 30 Mass at 11am
Reader & Prayers	A Munro	M Millington
Lay Leaders	D Munro	-
Eucharistic Minister	C Kennedy	-
Offertory	-	S Lawler
Monthly Collector	J Millington	J Millington
Counter	J Millington	A Munro
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	May 23: Mass 11am	May 30: Mass 9am
Readers	Claire White	Marilyn Clancy
Offertory/ Lay-led	Maureen & Kevin Clancy	Claire & Kevin White
Ministers	-	-

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Mondays @ Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group:

Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Choir Practice:

6pm, 2nd Wednesday of the each month.

Ecumenical-Charismatic Prayer Group:

1.30-3.30pm, on Wednesdays fortnightly at Parish meeting room

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays, 10.30am at the Church with Fr Jim McKay.

Saturday Morning Devotions:

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
 8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,
 9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

Please note: Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Coordinator is away are observed.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) —2021 LITURGY ROSTER

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
May 23: Mass	8.30am	L Casey	M. Farrall	Downes Family	J & M Aitken	J McFarlane & M Lardner
May 30: LLA	9.00am	M. Walder	L. Casey	Not Required	T Evans & L Casey	K Downes & B Evans

EVENTS, NOTICES & PRAYERS

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Br. Terry Giles cfc

ANNIVERSARIES: Terry Vincent, Joan Vincent, Helen Logan, Iole Sartori, Brian Dunn, Ray Reinsma, Henry William Koenig (Singapore), John Charles O'Neill, John Parker Jr.

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen, Kevin & Maureen Clancy, John Hickey, Les White, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling, Pat Hateley, Patricia Simpson, Ted Haynes, Helen Polack, Brendan Frew, Noreen O'Connor

ANOINTING AT HOME:

On request to Fr Jim McKay - mobile number: 0418 664 083. Or Contact the Parish office at 5382 1155.

Catholic Education Week: "Faith in the Future." May 23-29.

Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia:

A central focus will be the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, on **May 24**. Join together across Australia in thanksgiving & prayer for the future of Catholic education.



Fundraising Dinner - India COVID Appeal

The **Ballarat Indian Association Inc.** is holding a Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at Albert Coates Complex, Federation University, Mount Helen.

Bookings essential, at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=759476&>

Direct Debit Donations are also accepted to account name: **Ballarat Indian Assoc Inc. BSB 033-205 Acct No: 183147**

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia.

The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find these and more info at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/



Catholic Women's League (CWL) Notices:

A Day in St. Arnaud - Wednesday 26th May.

With Speakers: Fr Justin Driscoll & Anna Krohm. All Welcome. At the Parish Centre of Immaculate Conception Church, 39 Queens Ave. St Arnaud, VIC. For more info, please see poster at the Horsham Church Foyer. Or, contact Margaret Rowe 0419 114 435.

Farewell to Barbara Glowry - Tuesday 1st June.

12.30pm at the White Hart Hotel, Horsham. For reservations, call Marina at 5382 1047 or Frances at 0407 547 461 - before Sunday 30th May.



CONGRATULATIONS TO HUGHIE & DORIS McDONALD on celebrating their **73rd Wedding Anniversary** this Saturday 22nd May.



National Reconciliation Week: May 27 - June 3

This year, we must be more determined than ever to achieve a more just, equitable, reconciled Australia. This year's theme: "*More than a word. Reconciliation takes action*", asks us to take the awareness and knowledge we have gained especially with the events of the past year, and use it as springboard to action.

Read the 2021 Reconciliation report and find ways to be more involved by visiting their website: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/state-of-reconciliation-2021/>

PRAYER FOR SICK AND CARERS:

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort in pain, of hope in times of despair, woundedness, sorrow, their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and love. Bless caregivers, as channels of your love, they are your hands on earth. Give them gentleness as they help the sick, give them respect for their dignity and value to You. Give carers and helpers patience and courage as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care, to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands and when they need your enduring help. Give them love and understanding to be a caring companion, on the path of pain and sadness with the sick. Bless the ministry of those who take Holy Communion to the elderly, sick, in Homes or in Hospital.

Exploring the Word:

The Holy Spirit is the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples in all ages who stands with us in times of trial or difficulty, defending, guiding and instructing. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. How do you see the gifts and fruits of the Spirit made manifest in yourself and others?

Marriage Tip:

Your spouse is not your competitor. Too often couples keep score on who cleaned more, took care of the kids last, or has the hardest job. Remember: you're both on the same team.

Daily Prayer:

In every generation, O God of Easter glory, you send forth your holy Creator Spirit, to breathe on the world your love and to make it come alive! Fulfil the promise of these Fifty Days with the abundant harvest of your Spirit's gifts. Bring forth in the lives of all of us born of water and the Spirit, the love, joy and peace your Spirit's fire bestows.

A Vocation View:

Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life. As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit. "Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."

"Kids Care About Climate Change 2021" - International drawing contest!

A tree will be planted for every kid that enters! The competition runs from May - June 2021 for kids aged 4-14. For more information visit their website: <https://kidscareaboutclimate.org>



First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, how many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunBPentecost)

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world. In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles

mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes to Fr Peter Hudson: on his 50th Anniversary of Ordination, this Saturday 22nd May.

Fr Peter will be celebrating weekend Masses in Horsham for this occasion at a later date.

Donations/collections can be dropped off in an envelope clearly marked "Fr Peter's 50th" - at collections or at the Horsham Parish Office.

St Vinnies - Winter Appeal 2021:

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is now underway, Donations of clean quality goods & clothing (e.g. Blankets, etc.) are needed. Monetary donations may be handed in at SMJ Horsham Church's Piety Store (open during weekends after Masses); by e-mailing hsm@svdp.vic.org.au; or by visiting their website: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>.

