



West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

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



BULLETIN

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 13th June 2021



Eucharistic Group

Mass will again be livestreamed for Horsham, at 9am on Sunday the 13th June.

To watch the Mass and view updates, search "Eucharistic Group" on your Facebook homepage, find and click on the option with the picture shown on the left and click 'join'.

For those who are unable to watch Mass online, you are welcome to attend in-person at the Horsham 9am Sunday Mass.

Please, keep in mind that we are allowed only a maximum of 75 visitors; with social distancing and all wearing masks when indoors.

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All our other Church centres can also continue with their regular weekend services, so long as the number of attendees does not exceed 75.

Timetable of services for this weekend (2nd weekend of the month):

- Dimboola: Sunday 10.30am*
- (*temporary time change due to earlier livestreaming from Horsham)
- Beulah: Saturday 6pm (Winter season)
- Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
- Minyip: Sunday 10am
- Murtoa: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
- Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
- Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
- Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

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We welcome and thank Fr Rupert Bowd for helping with Masses this weekend.

Fr Jim McKay is currently on break from 7 - 21 June 2021.

Mons. Glynn will be based in Horsham.

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Horsham Parish office will be closed on Monday the 14th June for the long-weekend and shall open again on Tuesday.

Camille will be away on Wednesday the 16th June, but Olivia will be in the office for any calls or visitors.

We wish all a pleasant, safe and restful long-weekend.

Funeral for PAT SHERIDAN:

Due to COVID restrictions, the burial & Mass will be held *privately (invitations only)*.

The Requiem Mass will be livestreamed for all online; at 2pm on Thursday 17th June.

Over-arching Parish Patronage:

After discussion with Bishop Paul, who was happy with all contributions from the Parishioners; Mons. Glynn reports that Bishop Paul favours the Patronage of "**Saint Paul VI Parish**" (first Pope to visit Australia) - as he considers this most beneficial at this point in our Parish history.

We will be the only Parish in this Diocese with this Patronage, and Bishop Paul is unaware of any such Patronage yet in Australia.

This preference will be tabled by Bishop Paul at the Council of Priests on the 22nd June for their comments.

Reminder, that all current Church and School Patrons will remain.

We are asking additional prayers for the entire region from St Paul VI.

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Consideration will now be given to Masses celebrating the history of the 4 original parishes. Those Masses will be in Hopetoun, Horsham, Nhill and Warracknabeal. Details to be decided (Pastoral Council).

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 14 June	No Masses	<i>Mons. Glynn in online conferences.</i>
Tuesday 15 June	No Masses	<i>(Please see above)</i>
Wednesday 16 June	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 17 June	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 18 June	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 19 June	9.30am	Horsham

ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
June 13: <i>Mass</i>	8.30am	P. Winsall	F Casey	L & F Casey	B Bentley & L Downes	M Lardner & K Downes
June 19th <i>Sat.</i>	6.30pm	K Downes	D. Baxter	L. Gibson/K. Moloney	B Bentley & L Downes	B Evans & M Muller

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

12/13 June	N/A: Mass for this weekend in Horsham will be livestream only on Sunday 13th June, 9am; Those who cannot watch online are welcome to attend in-person.	
Eucharistic Ministers		
Commentator		
19/20 June	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Frank O'Connor	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Mary Marshall
Eucharistic Ministers	Cath Taylor Anthony Taylor Pat Glaubitz	Fay Wills Rosie Taylor Cate Rigby
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Denise Valance Helene Bush
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	20th June Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	27th June Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>June 13</u> LLA at 10am	<u>June 20</u> Mass at 11am
Reader & Prayers	C Kennedy	M Millington
Lay Leaders	D Munro	-
Eucharistic Minister	L Grayling	-
Offertory	-	Lil Welsch
Monthly Collector	R Picone	R Picone
Counter	E Cameron	A Munro
Cleaning	J Gurry	J Gurry

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>June 13:</u>	<u>June 20:</u>
Readers	Marilyn Clancy	Marshman Family
Offertory/ Lay-led	Claire White & Olive Wellington	Joan Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy
Ministers	Therese Bellinger	Cynthia Maiden

MASSES, PRAYERS & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

3rd Weekend of the Month:
 Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am
 Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm
 Beulah: Sunday 8.30am
 Nhill: Sunday 11am
 Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
 Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
 Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

**Please note:
any upcoming changes in
COVID restrictions will
apply.**

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: 6.30pm, Tuesday 22 June, at Terry & Margaret Howison's home: 245 Pelchen's Rd. Quantong.

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)

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 also been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish. *Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.*

MAY Finances (Horsham): Electronic Planned Giving

Direct Debi: \$1305.00 Credit Card: \$3414.17

Praying with Pope Francis

Universal Intention for the month of June – Marriage:

“Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.”

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.



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 or 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 or sick, in Homes or in Hospital.

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Pat Sheridan (Horsham)

ANNIVERSARIES: Carmela Baviello, Gwen Valmadre, Julie Buwalda, Marjorie Martin, Maureen Delahunty, Ken Kennedy

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

ANOINTING: On request to Fr Jim McKay or Mons. Glynn Murphy, or please call the Horsham Parish Office (please see front page for contact details).

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, Wednesdays fortnightly @ 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: COVID restrictions, Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Coordinator is away cancels the event.

Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Committee:

Many thanks to all Parishioners who have put their names forward for service in these ministries. Initial meetings will be held with all nominees as soon as practicable, but certainly within early July.

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering (**Online program**) is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. There will be a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31. For more info visit: <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/>

National Mass to mark Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day – August 2, 2021

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry are planning a live broadcast of a national Mass to mark National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on August 4, 2021 with the theme, "Proud in Culture - Strong in Spirit". Archbishop Peter Comensoli will celebrate this livestreamed Mass at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Chapel in Thornbury at 12.00noon. For more information contact Sherry Balcombe, Manager Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, ph. 0439 780 899 or email Sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au.

Making Connections: Be attentive this week to how the seed of God's word and love is growing within you. Foster this growth in as many ways as you can and try to plant the seeds of faith in the hearts of others.

Daily Prayer: From your bountiful hand, O God, you have sown generously in our hearts the seed of your truth and your grace. May we welcome with humility and confidence what you sow in the soil of our lives and cultivate its growth with the patience the gospel teaches, trusting completely and knowing full well that peace and justice increase in this world every time your word bears fruit in our lives.

Vocational View: A vocation is like a mustard seed which, when planted in the heart, is like a childhood dream. Yet once we begin to believe that God is calling us, we begin to blossom into the dream of a lifetime. People will want to live in the shade of our loving response.

The reign of God begins in ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide, it unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world, growing our world.



Refugee Week

2021 Theme: "Unity"

Refugee Week. – 15-20 June:

This week informs us about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian and all societies. It aims

to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration enabling refugees to live safely and make a valuable contribution to Australia. In 2021, we are calling on you to help build a more cohesive community during Refugee Week. Whether it be reaching out to a neighbour; hosting a community event; or attending an online event to hear from people all over the world, join us as we call for the spirit of unity. Let's take the opportunity to start afresh, count our Blessings and rebuild our lives together.

Visit the website at: <https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/>

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

Participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia.

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



"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>



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.

COVID restrictions apply.

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled

from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (11th Ordinary)

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established.

Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom. The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

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>.

