



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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BULLETIN

Feast of St Mary of the Cross - Yr B - 8th August 2021



There will be no in-person Masses or gatherings in our Parish for the duration of the current Victorian Lockdown which commenced last Thursday 5th August.

The livestreamed Parish Mass will be at 9.30am on Sunday 8th August, on our Eucharistic Facebook group page which you can join at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



A video recording of the Mass will also be available on the page after the livestream; for all to download and watch at a later time.

We thank you all for your patience & and cooperation in these rapidly changing times.

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Focus on the Scriptures: The Gospel reading for today is, at first glance, an odd choice to pair with the feast of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop faced more than a few financial challenges, after all, especially in her youth. The burden of supporting her poor family fell to Mary in her teenage years, and surely no one held it against her for worrying about money, food, or clothing. But the pairing of saint and gospel makes sense in the context of Mary's vocation. Rather than worrying about herself, she cared for others. In this, Mary MacKillop lived the gospel very effectively. First caring for her immediate family, then for wider relations, soon enough Mary was focused on meeting the many needs of the communities in which she and her fellow Sisters of St Joseph lived. Through aid, education, and example Mary offered her contemporaries and us an example of faith through works. From quietly and unobtrusively teaching in a stable in 1866, to founding a religious order that spread throughout and beyond a continent, Mary's spiritual journey was truly focused on "God's saving justice". Tending to Australia's Aboriginal peoples, prisoners facing execution, children requiring education, the homeless, the orphaned, the sick, indeed anybody she saw in need, Mary shows us how God seeks to answer the day's troubles: through us. © Nick Brodie

The Vision of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

The concept of radical trust comes from Mary MacKillop's conviction that God would always provide and that if she set her heart on loyal service of the Church and the vision of Jesus, then material needs would be taken care of. We are called to discern the urgent needs of our time and to act accordingly, and to look for those who are voiceless and excluded in our world. Optimism is born out of courage and hope and so, we engage with the world as people of Resurrection. Believing that love is the key to eternal life, we exhibit a joy in life and death. In the tradition of Mary MacKillop, communion is nurtured by a deep spirit of mutual respect and relationship. We must be the change we see in others. We are called and chosen by an ever-present God who is our hope and our strength. The story of Mary MacKillop teaches us that our desire and commitment for union with God calls us to be wholeheartedly generous with who we are and what we have. © Vanessa Hall, EO RE (North)

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
- St. Alphonsus Liguori

Links to online Masses and other prayer resources can be found on our Diocesan website at: <https://bit.ly/2Viah12>

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 9 August	No Masses	(VIC LOCKDOWN)
Tuesday 10 August	No Masses	(VIC LOCKDOWN)
Wednesday 11 August	No Masses	(VIC LOCKDOWN)
Thursday 12 August	No Masses	(VIC LOCKDOWN)
Friday 13 August	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal (IF PERMITTED) Horsham (IF PERMITTED)
Saturday 14 August	9.30am	Horsham (IF PERMITTED)

ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
Aug. 8th Sun.	Livestreamed Parish Mass only.					
Aug. 14th Sat.	6.30pm	P Winsall	D Baxter	Baxter Family	B Bentley & L Downes	K Downes & B Evans

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

7/8 Aug.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday
Eucharistic Ministers	Livestreamed Parish Mass only. 9.30am on Sunday 8th August at our Eucharistic Facebook group page. (see front for link to join)	
Reader		
Commentator		
14/15 Aug.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Garry Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	(please volunteer)
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	15th August Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	22nd August Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	August 8th	August 15: 11am Mass
Reader & Prayers	Livestreamed Parish Mass only.	
Lay Leaders		
Eucharistic Minister		
Offertory		
Monthly Collector		
Counter		
Cleaning		

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	August 8:	August 15: 9am LLA
Readers	Livestreamed Parish Mass only.	Taela McLean
Offertory/ Lay-led		Robyn Hallam & Cynthia Maiden
Ministers		Olive Wellington

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 Victorian COVID-19
 restrictions will apply.

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: 24th August, 6.30pm @ the home of Mark & Elaine Uebergang (1 Mitchell Street, Natimuk). Please RSVP with Elaine at 0428 871 227.

Rupanyup: Next date and location to be decided...

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

Please submit any upcoming notices to the Parish Office by **Thursday**. Thank you.

Pope's universal prayer for August:

"Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel."

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.*

PRAYER FOR THE 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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Ann Downs, Fr Brendan Davey, Margaret Niehus, Margaret Jones, James & Mary Hynes

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Leo Bourke, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Tom & Margaret Murphy, John Hickey, Pat Hateley, Lou White, Patricia Simpson, Helen Polack, Peter Rowe, Sam McCulloch, Noreen Voigt, Laurie Grayling, Brett Cox, Ted Haynes, Lorna Keenan, Margaret Lawson, Olive Wellington,

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

Prayer for the Plenary Council:

“Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary McKillop, pray for us.”



Social Justice Sunday – August 29, 2021

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that “we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour”. It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. You can download the statement from the ACBC Office for Social Justice website <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

Our Parish Finance:

For all wishing to support either our Parish or Clergy electronically (via Direct Debit), please feel free to do so via the details below:

St Paul VI Parish Account -

Acc. No.: 515830337, BSB: 083 680

St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy support) Account -

Acc. No.: 515830345, BSB: 083 680

Under “Reference” please write “donation” or, “planned-giving” (for Parish account only - if you have an envelope number). Normal contributions through Sunday Collections or dropping in to the office are also welcome.

All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.

Collections:

1st Collection (Presbytery):

Beulah: \$50.00 Horsham: \$1096.00
Hopetoun: \$130.00 Murtoa: \$131.00 Rainbow: \$89.60

2nd Collection (Parish):

Horsham envelopes: \$2216.30 Direct Debit: \$220.00
Hopetoun: \$15.00 Credit Card (month of July): \$ 1634.17

A Reflection of today's Gospel in the Context of Current (Modern) times—Fr John McKinnon:

As disciples in the Western world hear Jesus' advice, most of them do not struggle to find food for their tables. Yet, most worry about food and clothing, not for sustenance, but for acceptance and enjoyment. Like fasting, which in Jesus' day gave rise to the temptation to hypocrisy, questions of food and clothing present a greater challenge to today's disciples in the Western world. Most of the world's followers of Jesus live in the developing world, where about 850,000,000 go to bed hungry each night. The rest in the West worry about their diets, or confront massive problems connected with over-weight, or are consumed by the need to wear the latest fashions. Their magazines are filled with recipes, slimming programs or advertisements for clothing. The hungry are hungry due, in part, to the neglect of the Western nations, for whom food and clothing can be challenging luxuries. Yet, so much of the excess of the Western world is due to lack of trust. Many people lack a radical sense of their own dignity given to them by God. Their “eye is evil”. Without a clear option for genuinely transcendent values, lesser goods become addictive. Skilled advertisers continue to exploit their insecurities. They feel desperately, but often unconsciously, inadequate and incomplete. They do not know, or fail to trust, the God who loves them passionately and unconditionally. Consequently, they are driven to compensate – by looking good or indulging their superficial desires. Their only salvation is to learn to trust.

“It is not the possession of extraordinary gifts that make extraordinary usefulness, but the dedication of what we have to the service of God.”

- Frederick William Robertson

“Our Diocesan Community” – Issue 2 2021

The newest edition of our Diocesan magazine will be available at all Churches in our Parish: for all to take copies home once our weekend Masses can re-commence. Copies are also available at our Parish office for all visiting.

CatholicCare Victoria Appeal

CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Your generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. Donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Live on Facebook a Novena to the Holy Mary starts on 15th of August at 12noon for 9 consecutive days.

Our request: Please Holy Mother Mary, we ask you to enlighten the human brains of scientists and doctors so that soon prevention and cure for cancer will be found. Posting on Facebook by Astrid van den Akker-Luttmer. Key in my name in the search box and you will find me.

Saint Mary MacKillop Blessing

*May the abiding presence of God encourage us.
May the abundance of God's love enliven us.
May the vision of Julian Tenison Woods inspire us.
May our love for one another support us.
May God bless us –
Provident, Overflowing Generosity,
and Ground of our Hope.*

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go ahead and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth"' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63:1-8

R. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

R. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples: That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

Gospel Reflection from Fr John McKinnon:

From a caution to the wealthier members of his community, Matthew turned to the poorer ones. They were the ones struggling to meet their daily needs for nourishment and clothing. Matthew was concerned lest their struggles might distract them from their single-minded attention to God. They were not to worry. Jesus encouraged his disciples to trust God, who would always give them personal dignity and value. God would not abandon them – they were blessed now and the Kingdom would be theirs – though, in the meantime, they might experience the grinding effects of others' injustice and oppression. From reminding them of their intrinsic value, Jesus proceeded to confront them with their radical powerlessness. Unsupported by God, any anxious efforts they made to retain total control of their lives would be futile. Certainly, they were not to be totally passive, yet worry was pointless. As with food, similarly with clothing: disciples were to do what they could and leave the rest to

God. They needed to trust the God of the Kingdom, the God of 'enough'. Gentiles did not know God, the Father of Jesus, who loved the creatures he had made, the heavenly Father in whom disciples placed their trust. Already, Jesus had spoken clearly of the Father who knows what you need before you ask him [6:8]. Clear-sighted Matthew demanded consistency between prayer and behaviour. He reminded his community of their need to make up their minds. Jesus was realistic. Unrelenting poverty meant that each day had to be faced on its own merits. Trust had to be constantly renewed. In his prayer, Jesus had taught them to pray: Give to us each day our bread for the day. That was today's need. God did not promise tomorrow's bread. Tomorrow's need could be faced tomorrow with the same trust as today's need can be faced today. That trust would need to be learnt and practised each new day. Yet each new day's trust would remove each new day's worry.

St Vincent de Paul Conference: 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.

