



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 12 September 2021



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Horsham Sunday Mass Collections:

Donations and envelopes can be dropped into the baskets at the foyer of the Horsham Church; after the Sunday 10.30am Mass. Thank you.

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

Based on the Victorian Government's announcement on 8th September 2021: **Religious Ceremonies (such as Parish Mass) are now allowed to be held - for up to 20 attendees; excluding those who are required to conduct the service.**

This Weekend's Masses will proceed as per the below schedule:

- ◆ Beulah – Mass Saturday 6pm
- ◆ Warracknabeal – Mass Sunday 8.30am
- ◆ Dimboola – Mass Sunday 8.30am
- ◆ Minyip – Mass Sunday 10am
- ◆ Horsham – Livestreamed Mass Sunday 10.30am
+ the first 20 bookings through the parish office to attend the Mass in-person*

*Please note: we advise that those who are able to watch the online Mass consider doing so; this allows us to reserve our 20-person booking limit for those who do not have online/technological access.

The 10.30am Parish Mass this Sunday 12th September will be **livestreamed** on our Eucharistic Facebook group page which you can join at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



The 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.

Safeguarding Sunday:

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday. We pray for those who have been abused, along with their families and supporters.



We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for all. We pray for families; that they may grow stronger and more resilient in safe and nurturing environments. We pray for our community as it seeks to follow the example of Christ and the teachings of his Church: that we will ensure that policies and procedures are implemented to protect children, young people and the vulnerable in our society.

Find out more about the Church's work in this area by visiting:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 13 September - St John Chrysostom	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 14 September - Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.00am 12noon	Warracknabeal Horsham
Wednesday 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows	9.00am 12noon	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 16 September - Sts Cornelius	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 17 September	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 18 September	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

Please Check Victorian Government directions for any changes in Church openings.

ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
Sep. 12 - Sun.	8.30am	D Baxter	P Winsall	L & F Casey	J & M Aitken	J McFarlane & M Lardner
Sep. 18 - Sat.	6.30pm	J McFarlane	M Walder	L Gibson/K Moloney	T Evans & L Casey	K Downes & B Evans

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

12 Sep.	10.30am Sunday only	
Eucharistic Ministers	The Horsham Mass will be Livestreamed. In-person attendance is limited to 20 bookings.	
Reader		
Commentator		
18/19 Sep.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Angela Murphy
Commentator	John Parker	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Cate Rigby Mary Dalgleish Anna Robertson
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Gavin Hynam Judy Bryan	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	19th September Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	26th September Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>September 12:</u> LLA 10am	<u>September 19:</u> Mass 11am
Reader & Prayers	J Gurry	D Munro
Lay Leaders	C Kennedy	-
Eucharistic Minister	A Munro	-
Offertory	-	S Lawler
Monthly Collector	J Millington	J Millington
Counter	J Millington	J Kennedy
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>September 12:</u> 9am LLA	<u>September 19:</u> 9am LLA
Readers	Cynthia Maiden	Olive Wellington
Offertory/ Lay-led	Claire White & Olive Wellington	Joan Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy
Ministers	Therese Bellinger	Olive Wellington

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

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: Tuesday 28 September - location to be decided...
Rupanyup: Next date and location to be decided...

Pope's universal prayer for September:

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

PRAYER FOR RAIN:

Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in You we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, bless our land with rain, especially in these coming months to nurture crops sown, and to bring them to a head, and for rain to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve in times of trial and difficulty and teach us to seek your help on our life journey.

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: Gertrude Brennan, Danny Magee, Jennifer Coutts, Sr Tirsia Bale, Kerri Francisco, Anne Harrison

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, John Hickey, Pat Hateley, Patricia Simpson, Helen Polack, Peter Rowe, Sam McCulloch, Noreen Voigt, Laurie Grayling, Brett Cox, Ted Haynes, Lorna Keenan, Leo Bourke, Margaret Lawson, Olive Wellington, Maureen O'Day

Anointing: On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Jim McKay, or please call the Parish Office.

Our Parish Finance:

For all wishing to support either our Parish or Clergy through online banking transfer:

St Paul VI Parish Account (NAB)
BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830337

(Please state envelope number if you have one)

St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy Support) Account (NAB)
BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830345

Normal contributions through Sunday Collections or dropping in to the office are also welcome.

~ The option of regular automatic Direct Debit contributions can be arranged by contacting our office ~

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

Collections (Month of August 2021)

Credit Card:

Horsham = \$2614.17

Direct Debit:

Hopetoun = \$260.00

Horsham = \$1555.00

Warracknabeal = \$10.00

"The Greatest Story Ever Told"

As a collection of books by many authors from many centuries, the Bible contains many different kinds of writing.

At 7pm during Monday nights – from 13 September to 11 October: Lecturer David Schutz seeks to introduce you to the Scriptures, what kind of writings they are, how they came to us, and how the Church reads them. **A small group will be joining in the online lecture from our Parish office; for those interested in attending these small gatherings please call 5381 1155.** For more info and to book yourself individually for the online course, you can also visit their website: <http://animanetwork.org/anima-education/an-introduction-to-scripture/>

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ACRATH 2022 calendars now available

By purchasing a 2022 ACRATH calendar, you're supporting its efforts to promote its work in raising awareness of human trafficking issues. For more information, visit:

<https://acrath.org.au/acrath-2022-calendar/>

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No Interest Loans available for those doing it tough

Safe, fair and affordable credit is available for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures for up to \$1,500. Repayments are set at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months. To find out more about Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand's No Interest Loans, visit <https://bit.ly/3gWsARb>

The Commissioning

On the road that led to the Cross, the Father stayed with Jesus, and, in our testing times, God will stay with us too. The source of hope, when we are discouraged; the source of community, when we are on our own; the source of faith, when doubt overpowers us; the source of inspiration, when life is colourless and drab; the source of eternity, when the weight of years bears down on us; the source of peace, when uncertainty is all around us ... God will not leave you on your own! Praise be to God! Amen.

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

Tuesday 21st September -

UN International Day of Peace is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and people. The UN adopted Sustainable Development Goals

because they understood that it would not be possible to build a peaceful world if steps were not taken to achieve economic and social development for all people everywhere, and ensure that their rights were protected: poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, water, sanitation, energy, gender, environment and social justice.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND



Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Envelopes are available at all our Churches, and dropped into our collection baskets during weekend Masses. You can also drop in any donations at our Parish office.

Plenary Council 2021: Agenda

Copies of the full **Agenda for the Fifth Australian Plenary Council** are now available on the plenary council website. It covers 6 main areas of discussion:

- "Conversion" - e.g. How might we better accompany one another on the journey of personal and communal conversion which mission in Australia requires?
- "Prayer" - e.g. How might we better embrace the diverse liturgical traditions of the Churches which make up the Catholic Church and the cultural gifts of immigrant communities to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Church in Australia?
- "Formation" - e.g. How might we better form leaders for mission – adults, children and families, couples and single people?
- "Structures" - e.g. How might parishes better become local centres for the formation and animation of missionary disciples?
- "Governance" - e.g. How might the People of God, lay and ordained, women and men, approach governance in the spirit of synodality and co-responsibility for more effective proclamation of the Gospel?
- "Institutions" - e.g. How might we better see the future of Catholic social services, education, health and aged care?

Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> for more information and to keep up to date with reports.



First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 114:1-6, 8-9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me!

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to

live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation: Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunBOrd24)

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and

in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being." Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross. We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

Making Connections: 'Who do people say I am?' How would you answer this question of Jesus? What 'crosses' have you had to bear in your life? Where did you find the strength to carry your burden? Who are the people who have helped you to bear your load? What positive consequences came from the suffering you bore?

Exploring the Word: The question as to who Jesus is leads to one of the great acclamations of faith in the gospels: 'You are the Christ'. Peter knows that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who is to come. What he fails to understand is the type of Messiah that Jesus is. Peter refuses to accept that Jesus will suffer rejection and be put to death. He is an obstacle in the path that Jesus knows he must follow. There is no triumph apart from the cross.

Daily Prayer: Not in easy words, O God, but in selfless deeds is the faith we profess made real and the love our Master commanded made present. Give us the strength to take up the cross and wisdom to follow where Christ leads, losing our lives for the sake of the gospel.

Vocational View: No life worth living is an easy life. Jesus said: "If you wish to come after me, you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow in my steps." Pray for the gift of being able to accept your vocation.