



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Advent - Yr C - 19th December 2021



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#### Giving Tree- St Mary's Ladies Club Warracknabeal

Thankyou to all generous donors. Your generous gifts will brighten Christmas morning for many children in homes doing it tough. May Christ of Bethlehem bless your kindness.

#### 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

### Christmas Mass Times 2021:

**Thursday 23rd December 2021 - Horsham Anointing Mass 9.30am**

**Friday 24th December 2021—Christmas Eve Masses**

Beulah - 5.30pm

Warracknabeal- 7.30pm

Murtoa - 5.30pm

Horsham - 7pm Carols, followed by Mass 7.30pm

**Saturday 25th December 2021—Christmas Morning Masses**

Nhill - 8.30am

Dimboola - 8.30am

Rainbow - 10.30am

Horsham - 10.30am with livestream.

**Saturday 25th December 2021— Saturday Vigil Masses**

Horsham - 6.30pm

**Sunday 26th December 2021—Sunday Morning Masses / Boxing Day**

Warracknabeal - 8.30am

Hopetoun - LLA 9am

Minyip - 10.30am

Horsham - 10.30am with livestream.

### \*Holy Christmas & Happy New Year\*

Mons. Glynn, Fr Jim, Olivia & Camille wish all Parishioners and friends & families beyond - blessings of Christmas joy and peace, and for all to have a very happy and blessed New Year.



Thank you to the members of all ministries and visitors who have generously made contributions to the life of our Parish through works, time and donations. Especially with the merging of our 4 former Parishes. It is gratefully appreciated.

**Parish Office: Closed on Public Holidays:** Monday and Tuesday 27th - 28th December 2021 & January 3rd, 2022. Open on Wednesday 29th December to Friday 31st December 2021 & from 4th January onwards into 2022.

### UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS

*As of 16th December 2021 until 12 January 2022, Face masks no longer need to be worn at weddings, funerals, or ceremonial settings. If these events are held at places of worship there will not be any vaccination requirements or limits on participants, nor any requirement for organisers to check vaccination status.*

*If the ceremony is at a hospitality setting, vaccine requirements will apply. All must still sign-in upon entry to any venue for contact tracing purposes. Thank you.*

**The 10.30am Horsham Mass this Sunday will be livestreamed** and a video recording will also be available to view on our Eucharistic Facebook group page which you can join at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 20th December	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 21st December	--- 9.30am	Warracknabeal - No Mass, Fr. Jim away Horsham
Wednesday 22nd December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 23rd December	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham (Anointing Mass)
Friday 24th December - <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>Please see Christmas Mass Times Above.</b>	
Saturday 25th December - <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		

### CONFESSIONS available at the Horsham Church

from 5-6pm on Wednesday 22 December & Thursday 23 December 2021,  
and

After the 9am Mass at the Warracknabeal Church on Thursday 23rd December 2021.

# ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
Dec. 18 - Mass	6.30pm	J McFarlane	J McFarlane	L Gibson/K Moloney	D & K Baxter	B Evans & M Muller
Dec. 26 - Mass	8.30am	M. Aitken/K Downes	D. Baxter	M & J Lardner	J & M Aitken	J McFarlane & M Lardner

### HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

18/19 Dec.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Simon Lynch Bob Hayes John Parker	Cate Rigby Mary Dalgleish Anna Robertson
<b>Reader</b>	Maree Plazzer	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Commentator</b>	Micky Robarts	Michael Connellan
25/26 Dec.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Reader</b>	Micky Robarts	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Bob Pritchett
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maree Plazzer Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce	Timothy Lannen Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
<b>Musicians</b>	Embedded Music	Men's Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Gavin Hynam Judy Bryan	Mary Dalgleish Alistair Castle
<b>Prayers</b>	John & Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>26th December</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	<b>2nd January</b> Lynda Hutchinson Bernie Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

### Warracknabeal Church CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:

Readers: K. Downes, Prayers: P. Winsall

### Warracknabeal Church Cleaning - December:

P Winsall S Martin K Downes

### NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	December 19: Mass 11am	December 26:
<b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b>	C Kennedy	
<b>Lay Leaders</b>	-	
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	-	
<b>Offertory</b>	L Welsch	
<b>Monthly Collector</b>	R Picone	
<b>Cleaning</b>	C Kennedy	

### HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	December 19: LLA 9am	December 26: LLA 9am
<b>Readers</b>	Neha Kooror	Olive Wellington
<b>Offertory/ Lay-led</b>	Joan Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy	Therese Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy
<b>Ministers</b>	Therese Bellinger	

## MASS TIMES & REPORTS



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF HUMANITY

### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

Please see Christmas Mass times at the front of page. Thank you.

*Please note: Any upcoming changes in Victorian COVID-19 restrictions will apply.*

### OTHER MASSES:

**Natimuk:** resuming February 2022...

**Rupanyup:** next date, time and location to be confirmed.

### 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.**

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Our Parish also has a National Grower Register Account - for farmers in our community who would like to arrange **planned giving via a small share of grain sales** through the NGR.

**Our Parish NGR Card number is 1398 7211.**

*Please feel free to call our Parish Office for more info.*

**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 of St Joseph to conclude the year

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.*

# SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** Anne Kress (Horsham), Frances Powell (Geelong)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian Curran, Warren Strauss, Antonius Kardogeros, Noreen Ellis, Peter Holligan, Margaret Rose Lane, Michael Ryan, Edith (Peg) Rice, Eugene Gillard

**SICK:** Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Kobe Davidson, Bob Atkins, Mary Thompson, Moira Kelly snr, Patricia Simpson, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, John Hickey, Pat Hateley, Marie Tobin, Brett Cox, Peter Rowe, Sam McCulloch, Graham Klemm, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling, Ted Haynes

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

### OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch (Ballarat Area)

OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers will be preparing **free, hot Christmas meals** for people to collect on Christmas Day. This is the 30th year the parish has provided Christmas **lunch for those in need**. Bookings are essential, email [christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com](mailto:christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com) or call at 0419 975 914. Arrangements can be made for those unable to collect meals.

### Making a "Scene" at Christmas

A display of over **500 Christmas nativities from more than 60 countries will be held in the Bridge Mall Ballarat on December 11-20, 2021**. All welcome. Entry by gold coin donation. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/making-a-scene-at-christmas/>

### A Christmas message from St Vincent de Paul

This year, whatever the next few weeks bring, I invite us all to reflect on the fact that Christmas is about Hope. It is a Hope that we might see this virus mutate into something less harmful, Hope that world leaders might start to work together to build a better safer world, Hope that more and more people come and join our organisation and other organisations like ours to help build a more just and compassionate society for those who come after us. If you or anyone you know are needing assistance please call SVDP Horsham 5381 2371.

### Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothing and a place to call home. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

The Meditation Group will be resuming on the 1st Tuesday of February 2022, in the Horsham Church Meeting Room.

**Columban Calendars** now available in the Horsham Church **St Vinnies Piety Store (open after weekend Masses)** - Christmas cards also available as priced.

*Columban Calendars are also available at the Warracknabeal, Beulah and Nhill Churches.*

### Funeral Prayers for Anne Kress:

Wednesday 22nd December 2021, 2pm @ SMJ Church Horsham.

Livestream: <https://fb.me/e/2HvskzAWI>

**Making Connections:** 'You are most blessed.' Do you have a sense of how 'blessed' you are? Can you recognise the 'blessedness' of others? Mary undertakes a journey from Nazareth in Galilee, in the north of Israel, to the hill country of Judah in the south. This is an extraordinary journey for a young pregnant woman of her time to undertake alone! That makes her such a special figure. Her response to God's call is one we can all emulate.

**Daily Prayer:** O God of hosts, O Shepherd of your people, you chose Mary, the humble daughter of Israel, to become the earthly dwelling-place of your incarnate Word. Stir up within your church such wholehearted devotion to your saving purpose, that with Christ we may come into the world to do your will, and with Mary offer ourselves to you as an unceasing canticle of praise.

**Vocational View:** Pray: "I have come to do your will, O God" Blessed are you who trust that the Lord's words to you would be fulfilled.

**"Bring the Christmas Message Home" - GPBS Weekly Parables**  
This weekend usually is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Airports, bus terminals, train stations, and, of course, highways will be filled with people laden down with gifts, all trying to make it home for the holidays. Home with their loved ones is where people want to be, if at all possible. And so they are willing to withstand all sorts of incredible trials and tribulations to get to where they want to go. If some breakdown and accidents are in the mix, it is guaranteed to snarl everything. But year after year people do it.

Scripture tells us little of Mary's journey to her cousin Elizabeth's home. We are given only vague details telling us that it is somewhere in the hill country and that Mary hurries there because of Elizabeth's pregnancy. It probably was a gruelling trip for her to make. But Mary does it willingly to be where she is needed. And when her own pregnancy nears completion, she will take another difficult journey, this time to Bethlehem to fulfill the words of the prophets.

Mary, this "Christ-bearer," is bringing to Elizabeth the presence of the messiah for the first time. And it has a dramatic effect on her and on the baby John in her womb. Neither would ever be the same again.

With Christmas only days away, we are challenged to bring that very same presence to all whom we will touch this Christmas holiday season. Mary has become the embodiment of what we are called to be and do as Christians in our service to one another.

### The Commissioning

*As we go out to the world, we leave in the spirit of Mary.*

*We have the blessing of God, for us and with us.*

*We give thanks that God has chosen us to serve.*

*We have confidence that God will give power to the poor, and put the influential in their place. In our joy, and in our troubles, we know that God will be our Saviour, today, tomorrow, and when time turns to eternity. Go with your loving God, for God's love goes with you. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

### CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal

Your generous donation to this year's Giving Tree Appeal will provide practical and financial support for struggling Victorian families - from three square meals a day to help with utility bills: every gift you choose helps. For donations and more info visit: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/14/giving-tree-appeal>

**"Blessed" - Advent Reflection books**  
- for sale for \$5 ea at our Parish Office.





**First Reading: Micah 5:1- 4**

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10**

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation: Luke 1:38**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 1:39-44**

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

**Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunCAdvent04)**

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah. Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of

praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy. It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

*We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Sunday (Horsham, 2pm):*



*Rose Elizabeth Harding - Daughter of Cara & Bill.*

*and*

*Alyssa McRae - Daughter of Alexander & Jacinta.*

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**May they continue to grow in faith with loving support of their families, friends, Godparents, sponsors and our Parish community.**

**Horsham Ministry Rosters for Christmas Masses are in the Church Foyer**

Please sign for a Ministry you can assist with at any of our Masses.  
Thank you :)

We welcome family members home for Christmas, and a warm welcome to all visitors to us. We pray for a safe and blessed holiday and travels for those going away over the holidays.