



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Lent—Yr C - 20th March 2022

St Paul VI Parish Survey 2022

Reminder; Final Days to return feedback- closing 20th March

Our Parish Council would very much appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete the survey if you haven't already, which will help us determine areas we could improve upon. Your experience and suggestions are greatly valued.

Thankyou to those who have already participated.

You can **complete and submit the survey online** by entering the following URL link into your web browser - <https://forms.gle/8BGh1ZL9SJWffNn46>

OR

Hard-copies are available from your Church foyer today.

- After completing the form, you may place it in a 'Parish Survey' Envelope and leave in a basket at your Church Foyer, or scan and email the document back to the Parish.

All Parishioners will have until Sunday the 20th of March to provide feedback.
- We look forward to hearing from you.

St. Paul VI Parish News

~ We **welcome and thank Fr. Kevin Moloney VG** for Masses in Horsham and Murtoa this weekend.

~ **Mons Glynn** returns to the parish this weekend with a much improved outlook in health. He will ease back into routine ministry as we prepare to celebrate the great truth of Easter amongst us.
He is very grateful for prayers that have aided his recovery!

~ **Fr Jim** is currently on leave, returning to duties Sat 26th March.



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations.

With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture**



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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.

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 21st March	NO MASS	Fr Jim on Leave- No Mass Warracknabeal
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Tuesday 22nd March	9.30am	Horsham- <u>Rosary (Volunteers)</u> -Mons Glynn at DOBCEL Board meeting.
	—	Fr Jim on Leave- No Mass Warracknabeal
Wednesday 23rd March	9.30am	Horsham- <u>Rosary (Volunteers)</u> -Mons Glynn at DOBCEL Board meeting.
Thursday 24th March	9.30am	Fr Jim on Leave- No Mass Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 25th March	9.30am	Fr Jim on Leave- No Mass Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 26th March	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Prayers for Helen (Lorraine) Reddie:

Monday 21st March 2022, 1.00pm at St Joseph's Church Dimboola

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) —2022 LITURGY ROSTER

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning– Mar.
March 19th Vigil LLA	6.30pm	M Walder	P Winsall	B Bentley & L Downes	J McFarlane & M Lardner	T McKenzie & K Moloney
March 27th Mass	8.30am	F Casey	M Walder	B Bentley & L Downes	K Downes & B Evans	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

19th & 20th March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Cath Taylor Anthony Amor Pat Glaubitz	---- Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
Reader	Sr Jacinta Rice	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Micky Roberts	Louise Kemp
26th & 27th March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	John Parker	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Mary Marshall
Eucharistic Ministers	Simon Lynch Bob Hayes Joan Parker	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Embedded	
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Prayers	John and Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	27th March Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	3rd April Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	20th March LLA 9am	27th March 11 am
Readers	Marilyn Clancy	Claire White
Offertory/ Lay-led	Claire White Neha Kavoor	Kevin and Claire White
Special Minister	Joan Bellinger	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	March 20th LLA at 11am	March 27th LLA at 10am
Reader & Prayers	I Dart	M Millington
Lay Leaders		C Kennedy
Eucharistic Minister		N Grayling
Offertory	L Welsch	
Monthly Collector	E Cameron	E Cameron
Cleaning	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

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

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

4th Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
 Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
 Minyip: Saturday 6pm
 Hopetoun: Sunday 11am
 Murtoa: Sunday Mass livestream viewing 10.30am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
 Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

OTHER MASSES

Natimuk: 6.30pm Tuesday 29th March 2022 at the home of Mark & Elaine Uebergang, 1 Mitchell St Natimuk.

Rupanyup: Next date & location to be confirmed.

Stations of the Cross

For those wishing to participate in the Lenten Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, all are more than welcome to gather in the Horsham Church at 4pm. Please organise yourselves due to Fr Jim away and Monsignor Glynn still recovering.

Anointing:

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

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Confessions:

After Saturday Morning Mass at Horsham Church, or on request to our Priests.

Parish Volunteer Opportunities:

New volunteers are always welcome in all of our Churches. If you are interested in helping in any particular area, please contact the Horsham office to discuss.

- Parishioners of **St Mary's Church Warracknabeal** are invited to be readers and to offer prayers of the faithful on a roster. We are a small community and we need as many as possible to contribute so that we can each play an active role in our faith. ~If you can join the roster please register with Leo or David.~
- **Ss Michael & John's Church Horsham** - Overhead Projector Operator/s Saturday 6.30pm or Sunday 10.30am Masses
 - **Ss Michael & John's Church Horsham** - Mass Livestream Operator/s Sunday 10.30am Masses

**Note: For a volunteer position to be advertised in the bulletin, please contact the Horsham office.*

READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 (Year C)

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11 (Year C)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. R.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. R.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 (Year C)

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:17 (Year C)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 (Year C)

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."' "

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (Sun C Lent 03)

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

Mass of the Oils 2022

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils to be held on **Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm**. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.