



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Lent—Yr C - 27th March 2022

*We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Weekend (Horsham)*

*Saturday: Quinn & Ava Wills, children of Brendan and Brianna*  
*Sunday: - Eadie & Finn Bowey, children of Gregory and Jessica*  
*- Harper Parkinson, daughter of Robert and Rhiannon*

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



### CONTACTS:

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### EASTER SERVICES

~ Local communities, please organise your volunteers for Ministry at these Liturgies. (Horsham has a roster in the foyer to fill in)

#### Thursday 14th April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper - Warracknabeal 6pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - Horsham 6pm

#### Good Friday 15th April:

Stations of the Cross & Prayers - Hopetoun 10am  
Stations of the Cross & Prayers - Nhill 10am  
Service of the Lord's Passion - Warracknabeal 3pm  
Service of the Lord's Passion - Horsham 3pm

#### Easter Saturday Vigil 16th April:

- Horsham 6.30pm  
- Warracknabeal 6.30pm

#### Easter Sunday 17th April:

- Murtoa 8.30am  
- Hopetoun 9am  
- Rainbow LLA 10am  
- Horsham 10.30am  
- Nhill 11am

**Divine Chaplet 5.30pm Rosary from Good Friday 15th April to 24th April in Horsham**

### 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.

#### 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:

|                      | 9.00am        | 9.30am  |
|----------------------|---------------|---------|
| Monday 28th March    | Warracknabeal |         |
| Tuesday 29th March   | Warracknabeal | Horsham |
| Wednesday 30th March | Warracknabeal | Horsham |
| Thursday 31st March  | Warracknabeal | Horsham |
| Friday 1st April     | Warracknabeal | Horsham |
| Saturday 2nd April   | Warracknabeal | Horsham |

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

| Date & Time | Time   | Readers   | Prayers  | Collectors           | Special Ministers      | Cleaning— Apr.    |
|-------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| March 27th  | 8.30am | F Casey   | M Walder | B Bentley & L Downes | K Downes & B Evans     | B Evans & T Penny |
| April 2nd   | 6.30pm | P Winsall | F Casey  | D & K Baxter         | M Muller & J McFarlane |                   |

### HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

| 26th & 27th March                             | Vigil 6.30pm   | Sunday 10.30am  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                  | Simon Lynch<br>Bob Hayes<br>Joan Parker                          | Karen Hill<br>Lynda Hutchinson<br>Bob Pritchett                   |
| <b>Reader</b>                                 | John Parker  | Andrea Cox  |
| <b>Commentator</b>                            | Anthony Amor   | Gerard Raven  |
| 2nd & 3rd April                               | Vigil 6.30pm   | Sunday 10.30am  |
| <b>Reader</b>                                 | Kevin Dunn   | Louise Kemp   |
| <b>Commentator</b>                            | Sr Jacinta Rice  | Dianne Noy  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                  | Maree Plazzer<br>Anne Newton<br>Bernadette Trounce               | Zita Cannane<br>Andrea Cox<br>Kingsley Dalglish                   |
| <b>Projector</b>                              | Anita Masiero  | Robert Sartori  |
| <b>Musicians</b>                              | Chris Robarts  | Combined Choir  |
| <b>Welcomers</b>                              | Judy Bryan<br>Pat Williams                                       | Marina Manserra<br>Zita Cannane                                   |
| <b>Prayers</b>                                | Mary Dalglish and Anita Masiero                                  |   |
| <b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b> | <b>3rd April</b><br>Josie Phelan<br>Pauline Irwin<br>Joan Butler | <b>10th April</b><br>Jenny Clarke<br>Bernie Lakin<br>Rhonda Tursi |

### HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

|                           | <u>27th March</u><br>11am | <u>April 3rd</u><br>9am |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Readers</b>            | Claire White              | Horman Family           |
| <b>Offertory/ Lay-led</b> | Kevin & Claire White      | Horman family           |
| <b>Special Minister</b>   |                           |                         |

### NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

|                             | <u>March 27th</u><br>LLA at 10am | <u>April 3rd</u><br>LLA at 10am |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b> | M Millington                     | A Munro                         |
| <b>Lay Leaders</b>          | C Kennedy                        | M Millington                    |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | N Grayling                       | C Kennedy                       |
| <b>Offertory</b>            |                                  |                                 |
| <b>Monthly Collector</b>    | E Cameron                        | R Picone                        |
| <b>Cleaning</b>             | C Kennedy                        | M Millington                    |

**Child Safety Standards:** (Ss Michael & John Horsham)  
**Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisen** 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

### **1st Weekend of the Month:**

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am  
 Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am  
 Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm  
 Hopetoun: Sunday 9am  
 Rainbow: Sunday 11am  
 Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am  
 Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am  
 Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am  
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

### 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.

### OTHER MASSES

**Natimuk:** 6.30pm Tuesday 29th March 2022 at the home of Jeff & Liz Both, 71 Main St, Natimuk.

**Rupanyup:** Next date & location to be confirmed.

Please submit notices for our weekly Bulletin to the Parish Office by **Thursday**. Thank you.

### Position Vacant – Administrative role

*A part-time Administrative role is available in our Parish Office (based in Horsham).  
 Approx. 20-25 hrs over 3-4 days per week (days negotiable).*

**For further information please contact the Horsham office: Ph. (03) 5382 1155  
 Email: [wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Address: 10 Roberts Avenue, Horsham, VIC. 3400**

### 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.*

## PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

#### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Leonie Dibdin, Doreen Stowe, Patrick McLennan, Brian Rice, James and Hazel Cortesi, Maureen Giles

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

#### 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.*

#### 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.



### Project Compassion 2022:

**Rosalie 44**, is an ex-combatant

who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community. With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

#### 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 each month.

##### **Men's Fellowship Breakfast:**

7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of each month @ the Parish Hall.

##### **Ecumenical-Charismatic Prayer Group:**

1.30-3.30pm, Wednesdays @ Parish office meeting room

##### **Saturday Morning Devotions:**

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lay-led),

8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,

9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

##### **Confessions after Mass.**

**Note:** COVID restrictions, Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Organiser is away may cancel the event.

**Making Connections:** Reach out to someone with a gesture or a word of forgiveness. This line from today's gospel is particularly apt during Lent, the time of repentance. Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Forgive me.

**Did You Know?:** The son going to 'a distant country' shows that he has turned his back not only on his father but also on his faith. He has left his true heritage behind. His repentance and return becomes all the more poignant. By asking for his inheritance, the son was as good as saying to his father, 'I wish you were dead'. This makes the father's forgiveness all the more astounding. The religious leaders at the time of Jesus felt that there was no place for sinners in God's kingdom. This parable shows that there is always hope and a promise of forgiveness for those who repent and turn again to God, and that God never tires of seeking the lost. Heaven is open to the righteous and to the sinner who repents with God's boundless forgiveness and loving welcome

**Daily Prayer:** O God, in Christ you come in search of us, judging not by outward appearances but gazing into our hearts at the light you have kindled. Clear our vision, focus our sight that all of us, may acknowledge Christ as the Light

**Marriage Tip:** Talk with your spouse about ways you can communicate better or times when you don't feel "heard."

**Vocational View:** Jesus came to forgive. Since people continue to sin, we need people who will continue to forgive in Jesus' way. How about YOU?

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### **Growing Up is Hard to Do - GPBS Parables**

Living with his parents for the boy was never easy. So often he dreamed of moving out; of going to live with his grandparents. He wouldn't exactly say that he hated them, but he thought it often. Now, 40 years later, he knew that this was part of growing up. No family is perfect. Most of his friends had problems and conflicts with their parents.

But at the time he thought he was the only one. After all, no one went around telling their friends how crummy their life was at home. Friends' lives and families always looked so much better than one's own - from a distance.

He thought of running away. "If I run away, they will realise how much they miss me and what kind of parents they are". But he was too chicken to actually do it. He was afraid that if he did, they would find him and his dad would probably kill him.

He doesn't know why or what gave him the idea, but he wrote them a letter. It was a long and convoluted letter: "You never tell me that you love me," was the gist of it.

His mum responded: "We show you that we love you. You've never gone hungry; you've had so many opportunities. We go on summer holidays together. We've never missed any of your concerts or sporting events. Everything we have is yours. We may not say that we love you, but we do, and what's more, we show you".

And it was true. The reason he didn't run away was that his life was not perfect but pretty darn good. His parents gave everything for their children. Now, 40 years later and himself a father, he understands the challenges they faced, and he is grateful for them.

### **The Commissioning**

We take God's love with us as we leave this place. Love will overcome our selfishness and reach out to help others. Love will not dwell on past wrongs but will rejoice in a new path taken. Love will not criticise easily but will forgive generously. Love will not let go without a struggle but will welcome back joyfully. In Jesus, love is to be found absolutely. For Jesus, we thank God unceasingly. Amen.

### **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*

~ 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.**

**First Reading Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

**Responsorial Psalm**

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.  
Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

**Gospel Acclamation: Luke 15:18**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the

scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

**Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press:**

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love. The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God

acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree. Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father. First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being. The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time

watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father. We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.