



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr C - 15th May - 2022

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. John 13

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National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>.

There is also, "A Blessing for Families" on this webpage.

Prayer for the Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

There are currently no requirements for face masks to be worn in Church, and no vaccination limits. View our online Masses at any time by joining our Facebook Eucharistic Group at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



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:

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| Monday 16th May | 9.00am | Warracknabeal |
| Tuesday 17th May | 9.00am | Warracknabeal |
| | 9.30am | Horsham |
| Wednesday 18th May | 9.00am | Warracknabeal |
| | 9.30am | Horsham |
| Thursday 19th May | 9.00am | Warracknabeal |
| | 9.30am | Horsham |
| Friday 20th May | 9.00am | Warracknabeal |
| | 9.30am | Horsham |
| Saturday 21st May | 9.00am | Warracknabeal |
| | 9.30am | Horsham |

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

| Date & Time | Time | Readers | Prayers | Collectors | Special Ministers | Cleaning– May. |
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| <u>May 14th</u> | 6.30pm | M Aitken | P Winsall | B Bentley & L Downes | M Lardner & K Downes | J Robertson & K Baxter |
| <u>May 22nd</u> | 8.30am | L Casey | M Walder | B Bentley & L Downes | B Evans & M Muller | |

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

| <u>14th/15th May</u> | Vigil <u>6.30pm</u> | Sunday <u>10.30am</u> |
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| Eucharistic Ministers | Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice | Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor |
| Reader | John Parker | Gerard Raven |
| Commentator | Maree Plazzer | Louise Kemp |
| <u>21st/22nd May</u> | Vigil <u>6.30pm</u> | Sunday <u>10.30am</u> |
| Reader | Micky Robarts | Gerard Raven |
| Commentator | Emelia Sudholz | Andrea Cox |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Micky Robarts Cath Taylor Anthony Amor | Mary Dalgleish Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen |
| Projector | Geoff Simpson | Robert Sartori |
| Musicians | Chris | Teresa |
| Welcomers | Bill & Josie Phelan | Mary Dowsley |
| Prayers | Angela Amor & Pauline Breen | |
| Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging | <u>22/05/2022</u> Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi | <u>29/05/2022</u> Helen Hunter Margaret Fisher Dianne Quinn Maureen McInery |

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

| | <u>May 15th LLA 9am</u> | <u>May 22nd Mass 11am</u> |
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| Readers | Cynthia Maiden | Marilyn Clancy |
| Offertory/ Lay-led | Joan Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy | Marilyn & Therese |
| Special Minister | Cynthia Maiden | |

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

| | <u>May 15th Mass 11am</u> | <u>May 22nd LLA 10am</u> |
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| Reader & Prayers | I Dart | C Kennedy |
| Lay Leaders | | M Millington |
| Eucharistic Minister | J Millington | N Grayling |
| Offertory | Paul & Leah | |
| Monthly Collector | | J Millington |
| Cleaning | C Pilgrim | C Pilgrim |

Natimuk: 6.30pm Tues 24th May at 245 Pelchans Road Quantong

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

Reminder: 2nd week of Mass Counts THIS weekend 14-15 May

The annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held each weekend.

4th Weekend of the Month: 21/22 May 2022

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

St Mary's Warracknabeal

During the month of May, Rosary will be held in honour of Our Lady at **9 a.m.** each morning.
Mass will follow at 9.15 a.m.

CWL Ballarat Diocesan Conference

Theme: *"Discipleship in a changed world."*
 24th May 2022, St Mary's Parish Centre, Ararat
 Time: 10am - 3pm Mass: 11.30am
 All Welcome. Cost \$10 with Morning Tea and Lunch provided.
 RSVP for catering purposes 18th May.
 Contact: Anna Krohn 0400 260 660 Margaret Rowe 5358 2421

Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference

Last year, over 1000 Australian & New Zealand bishops, priests, deacons, religious, pastoral councils, parish and diocesan staff and ministry teams participated in the "Alive in the Spirit" experience, inspired by many homegrown ideas, practical pathways and opportunities to renew and revitalise our pastoral settings. In 2022, "Alive in the Spirit" returns, this year's theme: "What does God require of us: To Act Justly, To Love Mercy & To Walk Humbly". Endorsed by bishops from both Australia and New Zealand, this interactive online pastoral experience offers both individuals and groups a variety of ways to flexibly engage. With parishes and dioceses hungering for fresh hope, new ideas, and positive stories and models of practice in service of Christ's mission, "Alive in the Spirit" will engage you with over thirty workshops, amazing keynotes, and balancing on-screen input with time for off-screen prayer, reflection and a call to action. Our Catholic Church offers so much richness, and "Alive in the Spirit" celebrates the good of who we are, while inviting us to continue to cooperate with the Holy Spirit as we engage with the Signs of the Times in our Oceania Region. For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Neville McNamara (Brother in Law of Rosemary Pritchett and Helen Hunter) Sr Robert Aitken, St Josephs Kensington Adelaide SA

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Facchin, Murray Lloyd, Max Robertson

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, Pat Hateley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Sr John Spurr CSB (Ararat)

Anointing:

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

Confessions:

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

29 May - 5 June 2022 "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him." (Matthew 2:2) The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia...

<https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu22>

PLENARY COUNCIL 2ND (FINAL) GROUP SESSIONS:

- SYDNEY (ST PATRICK'S)
- MONDAY 4TH JULY TO SATURDAY 9TH JULY
- FINAL DISCERNMENT GROUPS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA TO PUT RESULTS TO AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS AND ROME.
- BALLARAT DIOCESAN MEMBERS ARE:
 - Vicar General Kevin Moloney
 - Lay Members; Marie Shaddock & Felicity Knobel

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)

Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisken 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.

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.

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.

Pope Francis gives us ten suggestions for living in holiness:

1. **Don't avoid the call** "We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church" § 14.
2. **Let yourself be guided by the beatitudes** "The Beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. We can only practise them if the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride"
3. **Give glory to God** "Those who really wish to give glory to God by their lives, who truly long to grow in holiness, are called to be single-minded and tenacious in their practice of the works of mercy" § 107.
4. **Cultivate humility** "Humility can only take root in the heart through humiliations. Without them, there is no humility or holiness. If you are unable to suffer and offer up a few humiliations, you are not humble and are not on the path to holiness"
5. **Live with joy and a sense of humor** "The saints are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. The Christian life is "joy in the Holy Spirit, the result of the love of charity is joy" § 122.
6. **Dare and Evangelise** "Holiness is also parrhesía: it is boldness, an impulse to evangelize and to leave a mark in this world. To allow us to do this, Jesus himself comes and tells us once more, serenely yet firmly: "Do not be afraid" (Mk 6:50)" § 129. "God is eternal newness. He impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond. He takes us to where humanity is most wounded, where men and women, beneath the appearance of a shallow conformity, continue to seek an answer to the question of life's meaning" § 135.
7. **Let the Lord come and rouse us up** "By force of habit we no longer stand up to evil. We "let things be", or as others have decided they ought to be. Yet let us allow the Lord to rouse us from our torpor, to free us from our inertia. Let us rethink our usual way of doing things; let us open our eyes and ears, and above all our hearts" § 137. "Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and to stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories" § 139.
8. **Pray often and know how to start over** "The saints are distinguished by a spirit of prayer and a need for communion with God. They find an exclusive concern with this world to be narrow and stifling, and, amid their own concerns and commitments, they long for God, losing themselves in praise and contemplation of the Lord. I do not believe in holiness without prayer. Prayer need not be lengthy or involve deep emotions"
9. **Prepare for the battle** "The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, we can rejoice when the Lord triumphs in our lives".
10. **Learning to discern** "How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must implore"

St Vincent De Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases on Mon, Wed and Fri mornings between 11am -12noon. ***Appointments are essential-** Phone 53812371 to book.

The Piety Store at the Horsham Church now stocks Columban Calendars.

Sunday Mass 15th May 2022

First Reading: Apostles Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144 (145)

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God

Second Reading: Apocalypse (Revelation) 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.