



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time Year A
19th NOVEMBER 2023**



*We welcome to the family of God in Baptism
this weekend:*

Murtoa (Sunday)

~ Toby Mitchell & Mila Mitchell ~

Children of Christopher Mitchell & Cher McIntyre



*May they continue to grow in faith with loving support from their Family, Godparents,
sponsors and our Parish Community.*

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Mass Livestreaming

Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at **6.30pm each Saturday evening**, and will be available to watch 'live', or for replay viewing at a time convenient. (Recordings are deleted weekly, and will be available until Friday each week) **YouTube**

Channel Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/
@smjchurchhorsham/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams)

Seminarian **Cay Trinh** will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10am. Please pray for Cay as he prepares. All welcome to attend. This Mass will be livestreamed. Link to be advised.



Bishop Paul is pleased to announce the appointment of **Fr Marcello Colasante** to be the new Vicar General of our Diocese.

Fr Marcello will continue in his service as Parish Priest of Ballarat North and Wendouree. He will begin in the role of Vicar General on November 20, 2023.



We pray for all the Year 12 students completing their school life and beginning their adult journey.

May they grow in wisdom through the years ahead and be citizens assisting the growth and goodness of Australia.

God Bless their futures with gifts of the Holy Spirit, true "talents", well used.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 21st November	9am	Warracknabeal
	5pm	Horsham (<i>St Brigid's Graduation Mass</i>)
Wednesday 22nd November	5.30pm	Warracknabeal
	5pm	Horsham (<i>After DOBCEL Board</i>)
Thursday 23rd November	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 24th November	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 25th November	No Mass	Warracknabeal (Melbourne Ordinations)
	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>18th & 19th November</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Louise Kemp
Commentator	John Parker	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Mary Dalglish Geoff Simpson Timothy Lannen
<u>25th & 26th November</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Reader	Anthony Amor	Dianne Noy
Commentator	May Rosello	Kingsley Dalglish
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Jayson Agustin, Janeth, Pam, Ruby, Maria, May
Prayers	Anita Masiero & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>26th November</u> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	<u>3rd December</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>19th November Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>26th November Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	K Downes	M Walder
Prayers	F Casey	A Van den Ak
Collectors	L Casey	B Bentley & L Downes
Cleaning	M Ginnane & B Murphy	M Ginnane & B Murphy

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>19th November Mass 11am</u>	<u>26th November Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	C Kennedy	M Millington
Reader	J Gurry	I Dart
Collector	J Kennedy	J Kennedy
Offertory	S Lawler	Family
Music	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

Natimuk Mass: Thursday 30th November, 6.30pm
1 Mitchell St Natimuk

Rupanyup Mass: Thursday 7th December, 6.30pm
Stewart St Rupanyup

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish
Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer.
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.

ROSARY - MURTOA:

Rosary will be prayed at St Mary's Church, Murtoa each Wednesday at 4.30pm.

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

Anointing:

On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Matt Restall, or please call the Parish Office.

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Communion:

Upon request to the Parish Office, Holy Communion can be arranged for the sick and infirm.

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Confessions:

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

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, and name)

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 ~
The Parish also has an NGR number for grain growers who wish to donate through harvest.

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

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES
THIS WEEKEND**

3rd Sunday of the month: 18th & 19 Nov

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

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES
NEXT WEEKEND**

4th Sunday of the month: 25th & 26th Nov

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Beulah: **Saturday Vigil 7pm**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am
Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

**Natimuk: Thursday after the 4th Sunday, 30th Nov 6.30pm*

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Italina Scutti

ANNIVERSARIES: Gavan Merrett, Barbara Pfeiffer, Maxine Manwarring, Dawn Woodhead, Betty Fitzgerald, Lorna Torney, Maree Frew, Irene Hallam, Diosma Chandler (Keenan)

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Pat Brennan (Ballarat), Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Pat Cummins, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Maggie Landrigan.

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 essential-** Phone 5381 2371 to book.

Refugee Scene Update and Discussion- Facilitator Sr Jacinta

What's happening to thousands of refugees in Australia and offshore?

Find out on Tuesday 21st November, at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Centre. Pre-reading is recommended. (15 copies of Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project Newsletter available from Sr Jacinta.) Contact 0414 337 807. Can we help?

Future Hopes

All widows in the parish are welcome to a Gathering to assist in future planning for this Group.

Facilitator: Sr Jacinta

Venue: Horsham Parish Centre

Time and Date: 2 p.m. on Thursday 23rd November, 2023.

Publications Available for Purchase

We have ordered more copies of **God's Word 2024** which will be available again this week for **\$20**ea. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange purchase.



A limited supply of **The Sign** books for Advent and Christmas daily reflections are also available now for **\$8**ea at the Parish Office.



We still have copies of the **Brigidine Centenary** book available for **\$35** in the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church, at St Brigid's College, or at the Parish Office.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2023/24 are now ready for pick up from Church foyers. Parishioners of the Natimuk and Rupanyup areas will find your envelopes in the Horsham Church foyer.

PARISH LUNCH

The next Parish lunch outing will be held at the **Hope-toun Community Hotel, at 16 Austin St Hopetoun on Wednesday 29th November 12pm.**

Please RSVP by 22nd Nov for catering purposes, by phoning the Parish Office on 5382 1155.
(Please also let us know if you can car pool)

Menu (\$25 per head)

- Roast Chicken or Roast Pork
- Apple Pie or Pavlova
- ~ Drinks at bar prices ~

A Christmas get together has been planned for St Mary's Warracknabeal Church Community and friends, together with St Vincent De Paul Stewards.

- ◆ Friday 15th December 2023
- ◆ 5.30pm Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Church.
- ◆ 6pm onwards, drinks and dinner at The Creekside Hotel.

The marquee has been booked for this dinner. Please list your name on the sheet provided in the foyer of the Warracknabeal church. **RSVP: Tuesday 5 December 2023**

Sacramental Program 2024 Information Session

This year St Paul VI Parish has completed its first Sacramental Program involving over 50 children and their families. The Program has been engaging and enjoyable, as well as educational and inspiring. Parents and their children re-discovered the richness of our faith, responding with their lives to the words of Jesus "ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you." (Mt. 7:7)

Parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children. The fruit of parents playing an active part in helping their child prepare for the Sacraments this year has been evident, and therefore the Parish based Sacramental program will run according to this model in 2024 also. For those families who have a child in year 4 and above who has not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Communion, or for children in year 6 and above who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation – please feel welcome to attend one of the information sessions listed below.

Murtoa: Wednesday 22 Nov 4pm (in church)

Nhill: Friday 24 Nov 3.45pm (in church)

Horsham: Sunday 3 Dec 11.30am (in church)

Warracknabeal: Tuesday 5 Dec 3.30pm (in church)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Wednesdays in Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group: Every Tuesday, 2.00pm in the Church meeting room.

Choir Practice:

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm

- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship: Breakfast

7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of the month at the Parish Hall. All Parish men welcome! (Prior to work hours)

Sunday Mass
19 November 2023

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

(Short version)

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the mon-

ey in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

(Long version of Gospel)

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of

Next Weekend's Readings: The Feast of Christ The King, Year A

1st Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 34:11-12 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6 **Response:** The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

2nd Reading: 1st letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46