

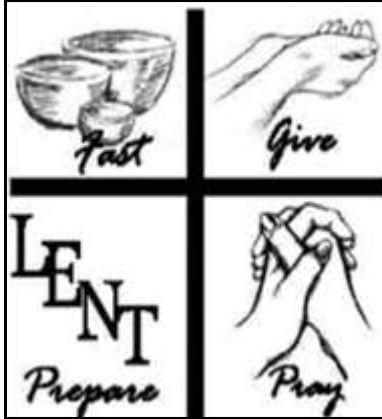


St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B 18th February 2024



ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS - NAMES EACH WEEK

Please contact the Parish Office to place a name of any deceased, for ANNIVERSARY prayers each week in our Bulletin. This ensures that remembrance prayers remain current, rather than being automatically taken from outdated or historical lists from years past. Across St Paul VI Parish, requests can be made for any deceased to be remembered in prayer, **around the anniversary of their death**, per Catholic custom. Upon receiving such requests at the Office, names will then be placed on our Parish Bulletin for prayers.
Please note: cut off time each week for Bulletin names is C.O.B. Thursdays.

We have received an additional order of the Daily Reflection of Lent booklet "A Resurrected Life", available for \$8ea at the Parish Office.



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

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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>



First Sunday of Lent
17 & 18 February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

The DOBCEL Catholic Education Board members will be meeting at St Mary's Primary School in Warracknabeal on Tuesday 20th February. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm, St Mary's Church. All parishioners and visitors are very welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 20th February	5.00pm	Warracknabeal (DOBCEL Mass)
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 21st February	5.30pm	Warracknabeal
	12.00pm	Horsham (Opening Mass St Brigid's)
Thursday 22nd February	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	5.00pm	Horsham
Friday 23rd February	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 24th February	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham (Reconciliation Follows)

Funeral Prayer Service for Greta Hogart

Ss Michael & John Catholic Church, Horsham
Tuesday 20th February 2024, 11am

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>17th & 18th February</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Nerrida Holland
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Alison McKinnon
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Geoff Simpson Timothy Lannen
<u>24th & 25th February</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Reader	Micky Roberts	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Sr Jacinta	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Roberts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Angela Amor Liz Both Anna Robertson
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>25th February</u> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McLnerney	<u>3rd March</u> Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>18th February Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>25th February Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	L Casey	A Van den Ak
Prayers	K Downes	M Farrall
Collectors	L Casey	L Casey
Cleaning		

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>18th February Mass 11am</u>	<u>25th February Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	M Millington	C Kennedy
Reader	J Gurry	I Dart
Collector	R Picone	R Picone
Music	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>17th February Vigil Mass 6.30pm</u>	<u>25th February LLA 9am</u>
Readers	Claire White	Luca & Dakota
Offertory		Marilyn & Claire
Eucharistic Minister		Joan Bellinger

Natimuk Mass: TBA**Rupanyup Mass:** Thursday 29th February 6.30pm at Sue's**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.***HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND:***Parishioners interested in receiving preparation / guidance to be able to bring Holy Communion from our churches to Parishioners can notify Mons Glynn or Fr Matt.***WEEKEND MASS TIMES
THIS WEEKEND****3rd Sunday of the month: 17th & 18th February**

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****Fourth Sunday of the month: 24th & 25th February**

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**

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.

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Phillip Mason, Greta Hogart, Oriana Maroso (Sister of Giovanna Panozzo)

ANNIVERSARIES: John McNamara, Ralph Cook, Brian Tobin, Tony Uytdehaag, Peter Oakley, Ben Leslie, Brian Phelan, Joan & Jack Coffey

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Maggie Landrigan, Eddie Taig, Jason O'Connell, Connie Butera, Tim Clancy

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.

World Day of Prayer 2024, Warracknabeal

Date: Friday 1st March 2024

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Anglican Church,
Lyle St Warracknabeal.

Participating denominations will be involved in readings. The focus country is Palestine. It is intended to bring the theme of peace into the service as much as possible. *All welcome.*



Laudato Si'



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217).

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Next Parish Luncheon (First Quarter of 2024)

Hosted by our St Marys Murtoa community

St. Patrick's Day theme

Murtoa, Thursday, March 14 at the Railway Hotel

12 O'clock gathering for a 12.30 start - All welcome - Car Pool

Cost - \$25 for two courses (*Roast Meat and Vegetables followed by Fruit Salad and Ice Cream*)

Booking necessary. Numbers to the Parish Office no later that Tuesday, March 12. Ph: 5382 1155

OPERATION 19:14 **FREE**

Family FUN EVENT

**FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024
5PM - 8PM, SAWYER PARK HSM**

Publications Available for Purchase

We have a small number of God's Word Daily Reflections 2024 still available for \$20 each from the Parish Office.



We have received an additional order of the Daily Reflection of Lent booklet "**A Resurrected Life**", available for \$8ea at the Parish Office.



*Copies of the **Brigidine Centenary** book are available for **\$35** in the Piety Stall at the Horsham Church, St Brigid's College and the Parish Office.*

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Men's Fellowship: Breakfast - third Thursday of the month 7.30am - 8.30am (Horsham Parish Hall)

Meditation Group: The Meditation Group meet weekly on Tuesdays, at 2.00pm in the Church meeting room.

Choir Practice:
2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm at the Church
- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Morning Craft Group: The Craft Group gather weekly in the Parish Office meeting room on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am

Sunday Mass

18th February 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading St Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event. Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert. In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent. In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Next Weekend's Readings: Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10, 15-19

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10