



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B 10TH MARCH 2024



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CLOSED MONDAYS

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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>

FR MATT TO NEW POSTING

Bishop Bird has announced the Diocesan postings for clergy in 2024, which appear in our Bulletin this week. After his first couple of years ministry as a priest, Fr Matt is amongst those clergy moving this year, which will place him at Ballarat East, with Fr Justin Driscoll. There are several 'organic' moves of parish boundaries across the Ballarat/Central Zone region, as those of you familiar with the Ballarat traditional parishes will observe, by the Bishop's announcement. St Paul VI Parish will farewell Fr Matt but will also bid welcome to Fr Sajan Matthew who is currently serving in the Bungaree Parish region. We will formally welcome Fr Sajan as the April moves arrive.

We will have opportunities around our Parish for farewells with Fr Matt, particularly after Masses in appropriate locations. Our school communities within St Paul VI Parish are particularly grateful to Fr Matt for his dedicated Chaplaincy and visits, so too his work with parents and children preparing for reception of Christ's Sacraments.

Fr Matt's first years of priesthood have been demanding in a wide expanse of ministry and pastoral area. We pray that such experiences will stay with him and be built upon in coming years and decades of service. Also, our recent weather reminds us that Fr Matt's CFA skills will, no doubt, be 'warmly' welcomed in the Ballarat region, while missed in Warracknabeal. *'Ad multos annos!'* - Mons Glynn



Fourth Sunday of Lent
9 & 10 March



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 12th March	5.30pm	Warracknabeal Abide
	No Mass	Horsham
Wednesday 13th March	5.30pm	Warracknabeal (followed by Stations of the Cross)
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 14th March	10.30am	Murtoa- OLHC School Mass
	5.30pm	Rainbow (followed by Stations of the Cross)
	9.30am	Horsham
	5.30pm	Beulah
Friday 15th March	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	10.30am	Horsham - Funeral Mass for Livio Apolloni
	2pm	Nhill- St Patrick's Day School Mass
Saturday 16th March	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham (Reconciliation Follows)

Funeral Mass for Livio Apolloni

Ss Michael & John Catholic Church, Horsham
Friday 15th March 2024, 10.30am

Rosary will be offered at 6pm Thursday 14th March

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
9th & 10th March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Andrea Cox Alison McKinnon Bob Pritchett
16th & 17th March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Nerrida Holland
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Gerard Raven
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Faye Wills Rosie Taylor Bob Pritchett
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Gary Coutts	Alistair Castle
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Jisha ,Nimmy, Chrisna,Preeni
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	17th March Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	24th March Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	10th March Mass 8.30am	17th March Mass 8.30am
Reader	K Downes	M Walder
Prayers	P Winsall	M Walder
Collectors	B Bentley & L Downes	D & K Baxter
Cleaning	F Casey & O Phelan	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	10th March Mass 11am	17th March Mass 11am
Sacristan	M Millington	C Kennedy
Reader	J Gurry	Vanessa
Collector	J Kennedy	J Kennedy
Music	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
Cleaning	C Pilgrim	C Pilgrim

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
	9th March Vigil Mass 6.30pm	16th March Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Readers	Marilyn Clancy	Joan Bellinger
Offertory	Kevin & Maureen	Claire & Kevin
Eucharistic Minister		

Natimuk Mass:	TBA
Rupanyup Mass:	TBA

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.

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
2nd Sunday of the month: 9th & 10th March 2024

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Hopetoun: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**
Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am - *and Thursday Mass after the 2nd Sunday (14th March 5.30pm)*

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
NEXT WEEKEND
3rd Sunday of the month: 16th & 17th March 2024

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

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Joy Morrish, Livio Apolloni, Eddie Taig

ANNIVERSARIES: Harold Ballinger

SICK: 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, Jason O'Connell, Connie Butera, Tim Clancy, Astrid Van den Akker-Luttmer

The roster for Readers, Commentators, and Special Ministers for the Easter period in the Horsham Church, is in its Narthex. Please add your name if you can help with any of these ministries.

Walsh Clans Reunion and Walsh Book Launch at Horsham – 2025

For the descendants of –
William and Bridget (nee Shea) Walsh
of Tatyoon and McKenzie Creek.
and
Edward and Julia (nee Ryan) Walsh
of Vectis and Remlaw.

To be held at Horsham, Victoria on the weekend of 10th, 11th and 12th October, **2025**.

For further information, enquiries, registration of interest or inclusion in the book:-

Email walshreunion2025@gmail.com or message or phone 0419446100

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.

CLERGY MOVES 2024

After further consultations, I am now able to make appointments of priests to serve in these groups of parishes. The following appointments will take effect on April 10, 2024.

Ballarat Cathedral Parish, Ballarat North Parish and Beaufort Parish

Administrator: Fr Edward Moloney
Assistant Priests: Fr James McKay, Fr Francis Kureeckal MST

Ballarat East Parish, Bungaree Parish and Gordon Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Justin Driscoll
Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Restall

Redan Parish, Sebastopol Parish and Linton Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Concord Bagaoisan OSJ
Assistant Priest: Fr Eladio Lizada OSJ

Wendouree Parish, Creswick Parish and Daylesford Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

In view of Fr Matthew Restall's appointment to the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes, I have appointed Fr Sajan Mathew as Assistant Priest in the **St Paul VI Parish** in the Wimmera-Mallee. The priests who are currently serving in these parishes will continue in their current appointments until April 10, when the new appointments will take effect. I hope this advance planning will be helpful in allowing time to prepare for the transition to the new arrangements. I thank everyone who has been involved in the consultations over the past few months. I thank the priests for their readiness to serve in the various parish communities. God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Next Parish Luncheon (First Quarter of 2024)

Hosted by our St Mary's 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

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

Bookings necessary, as places are limited.

RSVP to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, March 12. Ph: 5382 1155

Office Staff Transition

We thank Janette McClure for her work in our Parish Office, last year into 2024. Janette has resigned to pursue other avenues. We wish her happiness in her future endeavours, with work and with family.

We will be advertising the position of Administration Officer in the near future.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

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

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

Men's Fellowship: *Breakfast - Third Thursday of the month 7.30am - 8.30am (Horsham Parish Hall)*
All men welcome.

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

Sunday Mass
MASS 4TH SUNDAY LENT
10 March 2024
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon where we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?
 If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not,
 if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
 that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue be-

tween Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

Next Weekend's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

1st Reading: from the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4,12-15

2nd Reading: Letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God

Gospel: John 12:20-33