



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B 3RD MARCH 2024

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this weekend

Charlotte Lexie Zadow
Daughter of Christopher & Luiza Zadow

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

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CLOSED MONDAYS
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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

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

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Third Sunday of Lent
2 & 3 March



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

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.

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>

WEEKDAY MASSES:		
Tuesday 5th March	5.30pm	Warracknabeal (followed by Stations of the Cross)
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 6th March	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 7th March	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	5.30pm	Nhill (followed by Stations of the Cross)
	No Mass	Horsham
Friday 8th March	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 9th March	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham (Reconciliation Follows)

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
2nd & 3rd March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Sr Jacinta	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane
9th & 10th March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Anna Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers	Nerrida Holland Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Andrea Cox Gerard Raven Alison McKinnon
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Hugh & Judie Delahunty	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Jayson Augustin, Janeth, Pam, Ruby, Maria
Prayers	Anita Masiero & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	10th March Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	17th March Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	3rd March Mass 8.30am	10th March Mass 8.30am
Reader	P Winsall	K Downes
Prayers	L Casey	P Winsall
Collectors	B Bentley & L Downes	B Bentley & L Downes
Cleaning	F Casey & O Phelan	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	3rd March Mass 11am	10th March Mass 11am
Sacristan	A Munro	M Millington
Reader	D Munro	J Gurry
Collector	J Kennedy	J Kennedy
Music	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
Cleaning	C Pilgrim	C Pilgrim

HOPETOON LITURGY ROSTER		
	2nd March Vigil Mass 6.30pm	9th March Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Readers	Coral Cox	Marilyn Clancy
Offertory	Allen & Jan	Kevin & Maureen
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

1st Sunday of the month: 2nd & 3rd March 2024

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT 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**
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PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Bev (Joan) O'Connor

ANNIVERSARIES: Monnie Lush, Edward Jackman, Bridget Jackman & Bob Picone

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, Eddie Taig, Jason O'Connell, Connie Butera, Tim Clancy, Astrid Van den Akker-Luttmer & John Byrne

ABIDE
(2nd Tuesday of the Month)

12th March 2024

- 5:30pm Mass
- 6:00pm Adoration
- 6:30pm Dinner (Free & No RSVP)
- 7:30pm Catholicism DVD Series

ST MARY'S CHURCH
WARRACKNABEAL

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.



We wish George Herd a very happy 90th birthday. We hope you enjoyed your celebrations! Onwards, with Gods blessings!

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

St Paul VI Parish Finance Committee Meeting **- Information for Members**

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6th March 2024, 5.30pm in the Parish Office.

Mass of the Oils 2024

We are seeking expressions of interest from anyone planning to attend this year's Mass of the Oils on Monday 25th March at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat 11.30am, who would like to represent St Paul VI Parish for the Collection of Oils.

(We will be receiving 4 sets of Oils.)

These are collected by Parishioners, not Clergy.

Please contact our Parish office by Tuesday 5th March 2024.

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

3rd March 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading A reading from the book of Exodus 20:1-17

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax. Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the

distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel. Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative. After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection. During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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

1st Reading: Second book of Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136 **Response:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21