



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7th JULY 2024 YEAR B



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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

Vigil Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at 6.30pm Saturday Night 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>

Anniversary Diocesan Assembly

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance.

This is to garner parishioner input into the November Diocesan Assembly in Ballarat. (More information on the Assembly is available on the Diocesan website).

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

A regional formation session (with lunch) will occur after the 10.30 Mass in Horsham on **Sunday 28th July**, in the parish hall. Facilitators from Ballarat will lead the session, seeking local input via discussion groups. Various representatives from local parishes, including St Paul VI, will be attending to provide this input. (Not only St Paul VI parish).

If YOU would like to be involved in this Sunday afternoon session, please advise our parish office. Reps shall be included from our local church (Sunday) communities, the Finance Committee, St Vincent de Paul, Pastoral planning and other areas. It is thought that this session will conclude by 3.30 or 4 pm.

The Diocesan Assembly in Ballarat in November will bring together clergy, representatives of the parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in communities into the future.



A Diocese is Born

Sr Berenice Kerr rsm has written about the events leading up to the establishment of the diocese.

As the anniversary approaches, it is an opportune time to revisit the stories and historical journals related to the formation of the Diocese.

To read more, visit the link below on the Diocese of Ballarat Website:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/A-Diocese-is-born.pdf>



WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9th July	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 10th July	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 11th July	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 12th July	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 13th July	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>6th & 7th July</u>	<u>6.30 Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Commentator	John Parker	Gerard Raven
Eucharist Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Karen Hill Bob Pritchett
<u>13th & 14th July</u>	<u>6.30 Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	Anthony Amor	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	May Rosello	Bob Pritchett
Eucharist Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Nerrida Holland Gerard Raven Alison McKinnon
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Satori	N/A
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Anne Rowe, Zita, Lynda, Esther
Prayers	Pat Glaubitz	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>14th July 2024</u> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	<u>21st July 2024</u> Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Pauline Breen Judi Delahunty

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>7th July Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>14th July Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	M. Walder	M. Farrall
Prayers	D. Baxter	K. Downes
Collectors	L. Casey	B. Bentley & L. Downes
Cleaning	D Sleep & P McCoy	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>7th July Mass 11am</u>	<u>14th July Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	M. Millington	A. Munro
Reader	C. Kennedy	I. Dart
Collector	J. Millington	J. Millington
Music	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
Cleaning	C. Pilgrim	C. Pilgrim

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>6th July 6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>13th July 6.30pm Vigil</u>
Reader	Joan Bellinger	Cynthia Maiden
Offertory	Kevin & Claire	Anju & Alex
Eucharistic Minister	N/A	N/A

Natimuk Mass: TBA**Rupanyup Mass:** TBA

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish
Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer, Horsham
and Cynthia Maiden, Hopetoun.

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.

St Brigid's College Milestone School Reunion

Saturday 19th October, 2024
Celebrating the Classes of 1974, 1984,
1994, 2004 & 2014.

To register your interest or find out more information, contact alumni@stbc.vic.edu.au or the College Front Office on (03) 5382 3545.
Further information to come.

We look forward to welcoming back these graduating classes!

WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND

1st Sunday of the month: 7th of July, 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 Mass 1pm
Dimboola: **NO LLA**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Sunday of the month: 14th of July, 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 10.30am**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**
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PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Elena Rossi, George Javarovich, Maurice Walsh, Brian Butler

SICK: Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, 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, Tim Clancy, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Joan Whiley

St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases in **Horsham** on **Mon, Wed and Fri** mornings between 11am - 12noon

Appointments essential - Phone **5381 2371** to book.

THANK YOU

To everyone who planned and organised the recent Luncheon in Warracknabeal

A fantastic afternoon was had by all!



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL **June 1st—August 31st**



Our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul

Society's Winter Appeal. Each year, our Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

Over the past six months, the Society has provided over \$5 million in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria **alone**.

With the current homelessness crisis, the assistance we provide for people experiencing hardship this Winter will be needed more than ever.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need.

Envelopes are available in Horsham church foyer or visit vinnies.org.au.

Clean household items are needed, also bedding and blankets, which can be donated at your local St Vincent de Paul assistance centre. (Horsham & Warracknabeal)

Next Weekend's Readings:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Response: Show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM

Morning Craft Group

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

Choir Practice

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm at the Church
Any newcomers always welcome

Men's Fellowship

Breakfast - **3rd Thursday** of the month
7.30am - 8.30am at the Parish Hall. All men welcome

Meditation Group

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

Prayer Group

Will meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month, at 1.30pm in the church meeting room.

Sunday Mass

7th July 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Following the events in last Sunday's gospel Jesus departs and returns to his home town, his only reported return home. Here again, similarly to the disciples last Sunday, we find familiarity breeding contempt. Mark's Gospel is briefer than the others but it nonetheless sometimes gives more detail than they do because Mark has a tendency not to shy away from embarrassing details. Today he has Jesus say "A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house." Matthew drops the mention of his relations, as does Luke who also drops reference to his house. John's reference is similar to Luke's, but it fits oddly in a different context, and his mother and "brothers" do follow him (though their belief is not perfect). It seems the other evangelists find any suggestion of rejection of Jesus by his own family too uncomfortable, as also the difficult matter of his parentage, which is not avoided by Mark, who refers to him as "son of Mary", and not of Joseph, as the other evangelists do. The townsfolk of Nazareth too have trouble accepting one of their own.

The dynamics of opposition at work here are interesting, and are found throughout the gos-

pel. Prophets are often viewed as bearers of bad news, but if the message is not bad news it may still be a corrective, or one that augurs change, or it may be a view contrary to the one already accepted. However, no-one likes or even wants to hear bad news, nor to be corrected, nor to have things changed, and there are none so deaf as those who will not hear.

A scene in the movie *Manon des sources* (part 2 of *Jean de Florette*) provides a safe example: a visiting expert faces farmers desperate not to hear bad news as he seeks to explain why their spring may have stopped flowing and that he cannot fix it; they are outraged. Sophisticated viewers may laugh at the irrationality of the irate peasants, but the same situation is witnessed in any number of contentious public meetings. On top of our natural aversion to unwanted news, a messenger may be rejected for being a despised expert, a briefcase-carrying out-of-towner who does not understand the local situation, but if a messenger is a local, he or she is dismissed as an upstart. This latter rejection is found all too often in the supposedly rational circles of scientists; many a time a theory that challenges the establishment view is hotly rejected, and the theorist, one of their own, is reviled. They will always

recount Galileo's treatment by Catholic hierarchs but ignore the ruin of reputations inflicted within their own ranks. And in my own experience, proposing that historical liturgical data reveal a picture different from the commonly accepted one has been met mainly with incredulity from colleagues to whom I sometimes have responded unwisely, crankily saying that I cared not whether they liked or disliked the findings, but asking only whether they could offer contradictory evidence. One interlocutor finally bewailed, 'But, why you?' A useless question.

No matter where we turn we find the same human dynamics at play as in the gospel reading. Since such reactions are so apparently natural we could do with cultivating a healthy self-doubt, as history informs us it is not always clear who the true prophet is: the protagonist espousing something new, or the antagonist who calls back to the established path. Each hearer needs to ask, "Why does this message cause me disquiet? What do I fear should the other be right?" This then opens us to honest reflection and the ability to enter discussion on any contentious matter. If all participants, or both sides, so reflect and enter discussion then we have conversation, and the possibility of conversion.