



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
28th JULY 2024 YEAR B**



Sea Sunday: July 21st & 28th, 2024



Sea Sunday is a day when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

To donate or for more information go to www.stellamarisaustralia.org

Prayer for Sea Seafarers from Pope John Paul II

*Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,
guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas
that they may reach the haven of peace and light
prepared in Him who calmed the sea.*

*As we set forth upon the oceans of the world
and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary,
the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.*

*Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,
that in heart and mind, work and deed,
in days of turmoil and in days of calm,
we will always look to Christ and say,*

"Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"

Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!

Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.

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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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Save the Date

Reflection Day in celebration of the launch of Bishops' 2024 Social Justice Statement: **"Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World"**.

September 7th 2024, 10 am to 2:30 pm, in the Horsham Parish Centre Hall.

The facilitator will be writer and educator Michael McGirr.

Hosted by the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 30th July	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	12 Noon	Horsham
Wednesday 31st July	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	No Mass	Horsham
Thursday 1st August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 2nd August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	6.30pm	Syro-Malabar Rite Mass- Horsham Church with Fr Sajan (every second Friday)
Saturday 3rd August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

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>

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
27th & 28th July	6.30 Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Emelia Sudholz	May Rosello
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Eucharist Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Geoff Simpson Alison McKinnon Fay Wills
3rd & 4th August	6.30 Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Micky Robarts	Nerrida Holland
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
Eucharist Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Zita Cannane Gerard Raven Nerrida Holland
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Satori
Musicians	Embedded	Embedded
Livestream	Rob Satori	N/A
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar Pat Glaubitz	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Jisha Luke Nimmy, Chrisna, Preeni
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	4th August 2024 Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	11th August 2024 Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	28th July Mass 8.30am	4th August Mass 8.30am
Reader	M Aitken	L. Casey
Prayers	L Casey	P. Winsall
Collectors	D & K Baxter	D & K Baxter
Cleaning	D Sleep & P McCoy	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	28th July Mass 11am	4th August Mass 11am
Sacristan	J Gurry	M. Millington
Reader	Vanessa T	C. Kennedy
Collector	J Millington	R. Picone
Music	-	Paul Ramas
Cleaning	C. Pilgrim	C. Kennedy

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
	28th July LLA 9am	3rd August Vigil 6.30pm
Reader	Horman Family	Coral Cox
Offertory	Cynthia & Joan	Jan & Allen
Eucharistic Minister	Therese	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 Alumni Committee & Reunion Planning** 
We invite those interested to attend our **upcoming meeting** on **Monday 29 July, 6pm** at St Brigid's College (arrive to the Front Office).
We will be discussing and planning this years milestone reunion. If you are part of the graduating classes of 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004 or 2014, we would particularly love to see you there. **We are looking for people who can spread the word amongst former classmates about the milestone reunion planned for Saturday 19th October, 2024.**
To register your interest or find out more information contact alumni@stbc.vic.edu.au or the College Front Office on (03) 5382 3545.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND
4th Sunday of the month: 28th July 2024
Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Beulah: **Saturday Vigil 6pm**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Murtoa: **Sunday LLA 10.30am**
Hopetoun: **Sunday LLA 9am**
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND
1st Sunday of the month: 4th August 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: **NO LLA**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Carol Hale, Alfonso Sanford, Margaret Downes

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, Jason O'Connell, Tim Clancy, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Joan Whiley, Adam Cooper

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.

Warracknabeal - St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Warracknabeal Conference will be meeting on **Wed 31st July at 2pm**, at St Mary's Church.

St Mary's Ladies Club

Their Annual Meeting will be held in the foyer of St Mary's Church, Warracknabeal on **Tuesday 30th July at 2pm**
All welcome.



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***Prayer for the Fourth World Day
for Grandparents and the Elderly
Sunday July 28th, 2024***

*Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through
every season of life, Do not abandon us, take care of us, and
grant us, once again, the ability to discover ourselves
and recognise that we are Your children.*

*Renew our hearts with your Word and do not allow anyone to be
cast aside. May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness
and teach us to say: "I will not abandon you!" to those
we meet on our journey.*

*With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for
fraternity and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope, and make the
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly a day
without loneliness, and a day abundant with the
first-fruits of Your peace.*

Amen.

Next Weekend's Readings:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54

Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

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

28th July 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Second Book of Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to

preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today, when account of the feeding of five thousand would have been next in our serial reading of Mark's Gospel, the Lectionary turns instead to John's version. This was done so that the Bread of Life discourse (John 6:22-69) would have a place in the Sunday cycle; it is read over the next four Sundays (as well as in six pericopes on the weekdays of the third week of Easter). Today it is accompanied by the Old Testament antecedent of the feeding from twenty barley loaves at the command of Elisha the prophet. John alone links the feeding to Elisha's story by specifying the use of barley loaves, but all four gospels share with it the references to having some left over after the multitude has eaten. These details in John's Gospel appear to belong to a subplot in which John the Baptist is likened to, but greater than, the prophet Elijah, and Jesus is in some ways likened to, but far greater than, Elijah's successor, Elisha.

When the accounts are all compared, the most notable difference is that Elisha simply commands the food be given to the people: there is no giving thanks (or blessing) or breaking. On this point, something about John's narrative needs to be clarified: too often people say it lacks reference to breaking the loaves, and then creative explanations for this are invented. The simple fact is that John's text alone uses a Greek verb that better translates as *apportion*, covering *both* breaking *and* giving, a verb that corresponds to one not uncommonly used in

Aramaic. Keeping that matter in mind, we should also note that there is no evidence in Hebrew Scripture for a ritual of taking, blessing over and breaking before distributing. In fact there is no reference to praying over food at all, and only one command for blessing (or giving thanks) after eating: Deuteronomy 8:10. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (11:23-24) and the feedings in the four Gospels and the Last Supper accounts in three are among the earliest witnesses to such a ritual, a fact that has led some to believe that it was invented by Jesus. However, similar descriptions are found among the Dead Sea Scrolls from the century before Christ, and in later but still ancient Jewish literature, the Talmud. These three groups of sources together point to a general Jewish meal ritual as having developed much later than the formulation of the core Hebrew Scriptures.

Delving further into our feeding accounts, other interesting features emerge, too many to cover fully here. Among them we should note that the references to sitting are not direct translations: the Greek refers to *reclining*. People in the Holy Land by the time of Christ had adopted elements of the Graeco-Roman formal meals, including the posture of reclining. This terminology that belongs to formal meals, such as the Passover (for which the original posture was standing), is strangely out of place in the outdoor setting of our feeding stories. Other features in the broader contexts of each of our feeding accounts also point to the influence of images from the shepherd psalm,

Psalm 23(22). A key one is the grass (which Mark even emphasises was green) upon which they recline. Put together, the many curiosities indicate that these accounts are not simple historical reports; they are multi-layered, stylised literary devices. A connection to the Last Supper is found in the literary links of bread, ritual, and the posture of reclining, but a connection to the Eucharist is also made obvious in John's Bread of Life discourse following the feeding. In earliest Christian art, too, the images more commonly used to indicate the Eucharist are not depictions of the Last Supper, but emblems of the loaves and fishes, or of baskets of the leftover bread fragments. Even the institution narrative of our Eucharistic Prayer I borrows the reference to Jesus looking upward before blessing from the Synoptic Gospels' accounts of this feeding.

This overlapping of the feedings and the Eucharist sometimes unsettles people who think it confuses ordinary meals with the sacred one. Perhaps a clue can be taken from the second reading (Eph 4:1-6), where we are urged to preserve the Body's unity in the Spirit by bonds of peace. The meal of the Eucharist is not for anyone; it is for members only. In its celebration the members of the Body remember and express who and what they are—even exchanging the sign of peace with other members of the Body before receiving it in sacramental form. The refreshed and strengthened Body, the Church, may then in each of its members engage in its work in the world, which is directed to everybody.