



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

### THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th September 2024 - YEAR B

#### **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

Let us begin with a question, one perhaps without an immediately obvious answer. If we are truly believers, *how did we come to have faith?* It is not simply because we believe in something transcendent, beyond the power of reason, the unattainable mystery of a distant and remote God, invisible and unnameable. Rather, as Saint Paul tells us, it is because *the Holy Spirit dwells within us*. We are believers because the very love of God “has been poured into our hearts” (*Rom 5:5*) and the Spirit is now truly “the pledge of our inheritance” (*Eph 1:14*), constantly prompting us to strive for eternal goods, *according to the fullness of Jesus’ authentic humanity*.

The Spirit enables believers to be creative and pro-active in charity. He sends us forth on a great journey of spiritual freedom, yet one that does not eliminate the tension between the Spirit’s way of thinking and that of the world, whose fruits are opposed to each other (cf. *Gal 5:16-17*). We know that the first fruit of the Spirit, which sums up all the others, is *love*. Led by the Holy Spirit, believers are children of God and can turn to him with the words “Abba, Father” (*Rom 8:15*), just as Jesus did. Moreover, they can do so with the freedom of those who no longer fall back into the fear of death, for *Jesus has risen from the dead*. This is our great hope: God’s love has triumphed and continues to triumph over everything. Indeed, even in the face of physical death, future glory is already assured for those who live the new life of the Spirit. Nor does this hope disappoint, as was affirmed in the recent *Bull of Indiction* of the forthcoming Jubilee.



#### CONTACTS

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**CLOSED MONDAYS**

Office Hours: **TUES - FRI**  
9am-12.30pm - 1.30pm-4.00pm  
Closed between 12.30pm -1.30pm

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##### Staff

Olivia & Josh

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>

#### 110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2024



The theme of Pope Francis’ Message for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees is “GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE.” The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has created online resources, including the liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews, to help celebrate this special day.

Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2024>

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 17th September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 18th September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 19th September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 20th September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.00am	Horsham (Early Mass)
Saturday 21st September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham



#### Funeral Prayers for Ken Hunter

Ss Michael & John Catholic Church, Horsham

Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 1pm



<b>HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER</b>		
<b>14th &amp; 15th September</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>10.30am Sunday</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Anthony Amor	Dianne Noy
<b>Commentator</b>	Kevin Dunn	May Rosello
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Faye Wills Rosie Taylor Bob Pritchett
<b>21st &amp; 22nd September</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>10.30am Sunday</b>
<b>Reader</b>	John Parker	Alison McKinnon
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Choir
<b>Livestream</b>	Robert Sartori	N/A
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bob & Tess Hayes	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>	N/A	Angela Amor Liz, Anna, Lyn
<b>Prayers</b>	Pat Glaubitz	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>22nd September</b> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	<b>29th September</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

<b>WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b>15th September Mass 8.30am</b>	<b>22nd September Mass 8.30am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	D. Baxter	M. Aitken
<b>Prayers</b>	K. Downes	M. Farrall
<b>Collectors</b>	D & K Baxter	L. Casey
<b>Cleaning</b>	M Walder & R Barbetti	

<b>NHILL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b>15th September Mass 11am</b>	<b>22nd September Mass 11am</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	C. Kennedy	J. Gurry
<b>Reader</b>	D. Munro	J. Gurry
<b>Collector</b>	J. Kennedy	J. Kennedy
<b>Music</b>	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
<b>Cleaning</b>	A Munro	A. Munro

<b>HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b>14th September Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>22nd September LLA 9am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Coral Cox	Horman Family
<b>Offertory</b>	Jan & Allan	Cynthia & Joan
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	N/A	Olive

<b>Natimuk Mass: TBA</b>
<b>Rupanyup Mass: TBA</b>

**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.

**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.

**All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND**

3rd Sunday of the month: **15th September 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**  
**Rainbow: Sunday Mass 1pm**  
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am  
Dimboola: No LLA  
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND**

4th Sunday of the month: **22nd September 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

## PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

#### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James & Mary Hynes, Robert Simpson

**SICK:** Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Jason O'Connell, Tim Clancy, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Joan Whiley, Adam Cooper



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sunday 15th September

We congratulate those completing their First Holy Communion this Sunday in Nhill & Rainbow.

As you receive this Sacrament, take time to reflect on the sacrifice and love of Jesus, for you.

**Congratulations and may your faith deepen.**

### Next Weekend's Readings:

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

**1st Reading:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 53:3-6, 8

**Response:** The Lord upholds my life.

**2nd Reading:** Letter of St James 3:16 - 4:3

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

## Be part of the Good News

# 5.35% P.A.\*

### 12-month Term Investment account

By opening an account with CDF Community Fund you can save for a greater reward. Help build classrooms for students, places of worship for communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the vulnerable.



Visit [catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer](http://catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer) to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code.

To arrange a meeting via appointment, contact Bernard Docherty on 0428 890 185.



\*rate subject to change. Interest paid on maturity.



### 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.

### **Altar Ministry (Servers wanted) Invited: 10.30 Sunday Mass, Horsham**

Young parishioners in Horsham area, male or female, who have received First Holy Communion.  
(Primary or Secondary school age. With parent approval)

Preparation/training provided before ministry begins. Teams encouraged on a roster system. You can add this ministry to that of the readers, musicians, singers and all who contribute to our celebration of the 10.30am Mass.

Any interested who are attending St Brigid's College can email the Principal at [Principal@stbc.vic.edu.au](mailto:Principal@stbc.vic.edu.au).

Any volunteers (Primary or Secondary) can leave contact details (parent) at the Parish Office. (email, phone or drop in.)

*'To serve at Mass is to serve Jesus'*

## THANK YOU !

from Sr. Jacinta

*Thank you for the Surprise Celebration of my Platinum Jubilee in my "home country" and to all those who contributed so generously to a joyful and blessed event at Mass in faith, with music and with generous fare and your very helpful gift.*

*I am very deeply moved by your love and care.*

*God bless each of you abundantly in your lives with courageous strength and kind gentleness every day .*

*Love from, Jacinta*

## 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. *Note: Due to a funeral on Wed 18th Sept, the next prayer group meeting will be postponed to 25th Sept.*

## Sunday Mass

15th September 2024

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:5-9*

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 114: 1-6, 8-9

**R.** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me!

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**R.** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

#### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St James 2:14-18*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that?

Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

#### Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 8: 27-35*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The opening line of the first reading (Isa 50:5-9), concerning the opening of the ear of the Lord's servant, echoes a theme from last Sunday. This apparent link is, however, coincidental, for here the phrase is an idiom for teaching, thus meaning *the Lord taught me*, as is made clear by reading the verse preceding the Lectionary's pericope. As the reading unfolds we hear that what the servant has been taught is not received by way of a verbal message but by way of the experience of hardship imposed as a consequence of sin. The sin is not the servant's own, but he accepts the punishment, knowing it results from the sins of his people; he maintains his innocence through the affliction. It is no surprise that the Church reads in this passage reference to Christ, the son and servant who, though innocent, suffers the consequences of all people's sins.

People often expose an innate belief that personal misfortune comes as a consequence of personal sin. In difficult times some ask "What did I do wrong?", but less as a protest of innocence and more in conviction that there must be some

overlooked wrong. Others, in the face of disease, protest, saying in various ways "But I did the right things!" or "I did not do the wrong things!", often betraying a sense that they are entitled not to be subject to the experience of which they complain. In such cases they suffer not for sin, neither personal nor as a consequence of others' wrongdoing, but for the shared frailty of the human condition, little knowing that the genetic heritage that protects individuals in one situation may prove insufficiently protective, or possibly destructive, in another. In other cases suffering is clearly due to one's own folly or wrongdoing, or to that of others. It is the latter case that both Isaiah and Mark acknowledge in the horror of the suffering of the innocent. It is evident in the world where many people suffer and die through no fault of their own, but due to the iniquity of others. Close to home are those such as children ill-treated by parents or other adults, and further away are those displaced by war or in flight from persecution. The sin for which they suffer is multiplied and their own suffering is compounded when others treat them as a nuisance, and worse, when the indifference of world powers permits

the growth of predatory trafficking, the ensuing war on all "people traffickers" then inflicting even more harm on the already injured now caught between profiteering "helpers", unwelcoming would-be havens and unhelpful countries. If the affirmative answer to the question, "Did you convey persons away from their place of suffering?", especially if risk is involved, can earn the condemnatory label "people trafficker", a label properly applicable only to those who convey others to suffering in the like of prostitution and slavery, then Christ—who conveys us in himself from slavery to sin, through the cross and death, to new life—is condemned by his own good actions.

There is nothing good to be gained in acclaiming Christ while denying his cross, but neither should this be so spiritualised as to rob it of effect in the current suffering of real people. When we say to refugees, "Stay there, and keep safe! We wish you well!" without giving them the necessities of life, then what good is that? A want of good actions demonstrates a lack of faith and a denial of the cross, and therefore of Christ himself, regardless of what our lips say in his honour.