



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



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Parish Office

CLOSED MONDAYS

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9am-12.30pm - 1.30pm-4.00pm
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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>

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - YEAR C 29th December 2024



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of
the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the whole
cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish office will be closed on
Wednesday the 1st & Thursday the 2nd of January
It will re-open Friday the 3rd of January

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 31st December	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 1st January (New Years Day) (Mary, Mother of God)	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 2nd January	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 3rd January	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 4th January	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER			WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
28th & 29th December	6.30pm Vigil	10.30am Sunday		29th December Mass 8.30am	5th January Mass 8.30am
Reader	Kevin Dunn	May Rosello	Reader	M. Farrall	P. Winsall
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Dianne Noy	Prayers	A. Van den Akker	J. McFarlane
Eucharist Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen	Collectors	B. Bentley L. Downes	B. Bentley L. Downes
4th & 5th January	6.30pm Vigil	10.30am Sunday	Cleaning	Working Bee	Working Bee
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Louise Kemp	NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
Commentator	John Parker	Louise Chesterfield		29th December Mass 11am	5th January Mass 11am
Eucharist Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett	Sacristan	C. Kennedy	M. Millington
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori	Reader	M. Millington	C. Kennedy
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir	Collector	J. Millington	J. Millington
Livestream	Robert Sartori	N/A	Music	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
Welcomers	Gary Coutts	Joan Whiley Mary Dowsley	Cleaning	C. Kennedy J. Gurry	M. Millington
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Angela Amor Liz Both Anna Robertson	HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
Prayers	Pat Glaubitz			29th December 9am LLA	5th January Vigil 6.30pm
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	5th January Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	12th January Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	Reader	Luca & Dakota	Claire White
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. <i>Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.</i>			Offertory	Claire & Joan	Jan & Allan
HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND Any family members who are aware of relatives (or friends) in the above situations who would like to receive Holy Communion at their place of residence. Please advise details to our Parish Office at any time. Ministry will be arranged.			Eucharistic Minister	Marilyn	N/A
WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND 5th Sunday of the month: 28th & 29th December Horsham: Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am Nhill: Sunday Mass 11am Minyip: Sunday Mass 8.30am Warracknabeal: Sunday Mass 8.30am Murtoa: Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am Dimboola: No LLA Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am			RUPANYUP MASS TBA NATIMUK MASS TBA.		
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PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

Caterina Chincarini and Peter Dybing

ANNIVERSARIES

SICK OR INJURED

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, Adam Cooper,

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are currently calling for volunteers for the Ss Michael & John Church Roster and St Mary's Warracknabeal Roster.

If you are interested, or need more details contact:

St Marys: (David Baxter): tedbax17@gmail.com

Horsham: wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Or the Parish Office

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Forgive us our trespasses, Lord,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
In this cycle of forgiveness, grant us your peace,
the peace that you alone can give
to those who let themselves be disarmed in heart,
to those who choose in hope to forgive the debts
of their brothers and sisters,
to those who are unafraid to confess their
debt to you, and to those who do not close their
ears to the cry of the poor.

New Years Blessings

We hope you all had a blessed and joyous Christmas, filled with love and peace.

May this holy season bring you the spirit of faith, community, and family.

As we enter the New Year, may God's grace guide you in every step and may 2025 be a year of blessings, joy and growth.

Have a wonderful and safe New Year from,
Mons Glynn, Fr Sajan, Olivia & Josh

St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases in **Horsham** on

Mon and Fri mornings between 11am - 12noon

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

Next Weekend's Readings - Epiphany

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 7.1-2, 7-8, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

St Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee has six schools governed by DOBCEL

Schools can be contacted at the details below.



St Joseph's Primary School, Hopetoun

Principal: Cynthia Maiden

Contact: 5083 3296

principal@sjhopetoun.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Primary School, Warracknabeal

Principal: Nerrida Holland

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St Patrick's Primary School, Nhill

Principal: Kingsley Dalgleish

Contact: 5391 1575

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St Brigid's College, Horsham (Secondary)

Principal: Gerard Raven

Contact: 5382 3545

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Ss Michael and John's Primary School, Horsham

Principal: Louise Chesterfield

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principal@smjhorsham.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady Help of Christian's Primary School, Murtoa

Principal: Chris McCumstie

Contact: 5385 2886

principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au

As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.

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 then resume Wednesday 5th February 2025.

2025 Sacramental Program

Reconciliation – Holy Communion – Confirmation

Reconciliation & Holy Communion available to children in Year 4 and above.

Confirmation is available for children in Year 6 and above who have completed Reconciliation & Holy Communion.

Enrolments close - Friday 14th Feb at 4pm

If you would like more information or to enrol your child, please visit the Parish Office at 10 Roberts Ave or Email: wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Sunday Mass

29 December 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said,

'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord.

This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. John 3:1-2,21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of

Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God. The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes

Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry. In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.