



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C**  
**26th January 2025**

### EMAIL PROBLEM (GMAIL)

The Diocese of Ballarat has advised after investigation into the issue, that Google have updated their inbound email policies and protections which will in turn reject any emails to @gmail accounts that are included in bulk emails or group emails when sending to more than 10 email addresses in the 'BCC' field. We have had to create multiple separate groups of 'gmail' email addresses for our bulletin mail out to hopefully get around the issue. **A digital copy is also uploaded each week to the Diocese website.**

### Communion from the Chalice

The option to reintroduce Communion from the Chalice was first tabled for discussion in September, 2024 (A Letter from Bishop Paul was placed in the Bulletin & displayed in Church foyers) but no feedback was received. Worshipping communities across St. Paul VI Parish are encouraged to discuss this option amongst themselves, or with Fr. Sajan or Mons. Glynn. Views might vary across the communities. More to follow.



### Prayer for Australia Day



*Blessed be God, for this ancient and beautiful land - a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood.*

*We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice. Amen.*

### HOLY HOUR FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**Friday 31st January, 2025**

1pm-2pm, Ss Michael & John Church Horsham

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 28th January	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	5pm	Horsham
Wednesday 29th January	10.30am	Horsham - Funeral Prayers for Jen Lloyd
	9.30am	Warracknabeal
Thursday 30th January	9.30am	Horsham
	9.30am	Warracknabeal
Friday 31st January	9.30am	Horsham
	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	10.30am	Sunnyside Lutheran Rest Home Mass
	1pm	Holy Hour - Horsham
Saturday 1st February	6.30pm	Syro-Malabar Rite Mass - Horsham
	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

### CONTACTS

#### Parish Priest

Mons. Glynn Murphy  
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#### Assistant Priest

Fr Sajan Mathew  
Ph: 0416 194 825

#### Parish Office

**CLOSED MONDAYS**

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

Ph: (03) 5382 1155

#### Staff

Olivia & Josh

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

#### Email

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#### Mailing

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#### Website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/wimmera-mallee/>

### 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 will be available until Friday each week)

#### YouTube Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams>

### Funeral Prayer Service for

*Jennifer Lloyd*

Ss Michael & John, Horsham

Tuesday, 28th of January at 10.30am



<b>HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER</b>			<b>WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
<b>25th &amp; 26th January</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>10.30am Sunday</b>		<b>25th January Vigil Mass 6.30pm</b>	<b>2nd February Mass 8.30am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	John Parker	May Rosello	<b>Reader</b>	L. Casey	A. Van den Ak.
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson	<b>Prayers</b>	M. Farrall	L. Casey
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Rosie Taylor Bob Pritchett	<b>Collectors</b>	L. Casey	L. Casey
			<b>Cleaning</b>	T. McKenzie K. Moloney	T. McKenzie K. Moloney
<b>1st &amp; 2nd February</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>10.30am Sunday</b>	<b>NHILL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
<b>Reader</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Bob Pritchett		<b>26th January Mass 11am</b>	<b>2nd February Mass 11am</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	May Rosello	Gerard Raven	<b>Sacristan</b>	J. Gurry	M. Millington
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Zita Cannane Gerard Raven Nerrida Holland	<b>Reader</b>	D. Munro	M. Millington
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills	<b>Collector</b>	J. Millington	R. Picone
<b>Musicians</b>	Embedded	Embedded	<b>Music</b>	Quyen	Quyen
<b>Livestream</b>	Geoff Simpson	N/A	<b>Cleaning</b>	M. Millington	C. Pilgrim
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Alistair Castle	<b>HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>	N/A	Anne Rowe Zita Cannane Lynda Hutchinson Esther Fry		<b>26th January LLA 9am</b>	<b>1st February Vigil Mass 6.30pm</b>
<b>Prayers</b>	Angela Amor & Pauline Breen		<b>Reader</b>	Horman Family	Joan Bellinger
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>2nd February</b> Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Pauline Breen Judi Delahunty	<b>9th February</b> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Carmel O'Connor	<b>Offertory</b>	Joan & Cynthia	Anju & Alex Kovoov
			<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Therese Bellinger	N/A
			<b>RUPANYUP MASS</b> 20th February <b>NATIMUK MASS</b> TBA		
<p><b>Child Safety Standards:</b> St Paul VI Parish <b>Bob Pritchett</b> is our Safeguarding Officer, Horsham and <b>Cynthia Maiden</b>, Hopetoun.</p> <p>A <b>Child Safety Policy</b> and <b>Code of Conduct</b> has been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish, to ensure the safety of all.</p> <p><i>Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.</i></p>			<p><b>Our Parish Finance</b></p> <p>For all wishing to support either our Parish or Clergy through online banking transfer:</p> <p>St Paul VI Parish Account (NAB) BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830337 <i>(Please state envelope number and name)</i></p> <p>St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy Support) Account (NAB) BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830345</p> <p>The option of regular automatic Direct Debit contributions can be arranged by contacting our office.</p> <p><b>All amounts are an active support to our faith</b></p>		
<p><b>HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND</b></p> <p>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.</p>					
<p><b>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</b> <b>THIS WEEKEND (Australia Day)</b> 4th Sunday of the month: <b>25th &amp; 26th January</b></p> <p>Horsham: <b>Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am</b> Dimboola: <b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b> Warracknabeal: <b>Vigil Mass 6.30pm</b> Nhill: <b>Sunday Mass 11am</b> Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am <b>Beulah: NO MASS</b></p>			<p><b>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</b> <b>NEXT WEEKEND</b> 1st Sunday of the month: <b>1st &amp; 2nd February</b></p> <p>Horsham: <b>Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am</b> Murtoa: <b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b> Warracknabeal: <b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b> Nhill: <b>Sunday Mass 11am</b> Hopetoun: <b>Saturday Vigil 6.30pm</b> Rainbow: <b>Sunday Mass 1pm</b> Dimboola: NO LLA Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am</p>		

## PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

#### RECENT DEATHS

David Lewis (Geelong)

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Cheryl Ann Keenan, Silvino Sartori, George Brasier,  
Des Brasier, Danny Brasier

#### SICK OR INJURED

Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa,  
Kevin Clancy, 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, Joan McNamara

### THANK YOU - GWEN ANTONUCCI

As you depart your team, we would like express our deepest gratitude for your countless years of dedication to the Ss Michael & John Church Horsham. Your time and effort have brought beauty and joy to our community. Thank you for your unwavering commitment over the years.

### Position Vacant

#### **Administration Officer**

**3 days per week – 9am- 4pm**  
**Parish Office, Roberts Ave Horsham**

From the 29th of January, Josh will be moving to another employment position as he continues to build future direction with his family.

We express our gratitude to Josh for his hard work and dedication during his time at the Parish Office, he will be greatly missed. We wish Josh and his family all the very best in their future endeavours.

We are looking for a person with sound knowledge of Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel and PowerPoint to fill this role as soon as possible. Must have excellent computer, communication and organisational skills, and be able to work independently as well as part of a team.

A Working with Children Check and National Police Check are required for the successful applicant.

A position description is available at the Parish Office: **(10 Roberts Ave, Horsham),**

**Ph: 5382 1155** or email

[managerwimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:managerwimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Please submit application letter and resume with two referees listed.**

#### 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 - Presentation of the Lord

**1st Reading:** Malachi 3:1-4

**Response:** Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 23:7-10

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-32 (Short Version)

**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](mailto:principal@sjhopetoun.catholic.edu.au)

#### St Mary's Primary School, Warracknabeal

Principal: Julie Leonard

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[principal@smwarracknabeal.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smwarracknabeal.catholic.edu.au)

#### St Patrick's Primary School, Nhill

Principal: Kingsley Dalgleish

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#### St Brigid's College, Horsham (Secondary)

Principal: Gerard Raven

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#### Ss Michael and John Primary School, Horsham

Principal: Louise Chesterfield

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#### Our Lady Help of Christian's Primary School, Murtoa

Principal: Chris McCumstie

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**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 will resume the first Tuesday in February, 2025

#### Prayer Group

Will 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](mailto:wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

# SUNDAY MASS - 26th January 2025

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*A reading from the book of Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 18: 8-10, 15

**R.** Your words, Lord, are spirit and 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.

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O  
Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

**R.** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

### Second Reading

*The first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

### Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up and went into the synagogues on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Lectionary takes us back to the very beginning of Luke's gospel, to the introductory address to "your Excellency" Theophilus - friend or lover of God, or even beloved of God. We cannot know whether Theophilus, an actual name, was an actual person or is a polite reference to the reader. It does not hurt for preachers to think of each listener as the friend of God.

This Sunday each year begins a programmatic reading of our Lord's public ministry that lasts until the end of November, with of course a detour for Lent and Easter. Matthew and Mark both testify to Jesus proclaiming at the beginning "The Kingdom of Heaven/God is near". Luke takes us back to Nazareth instead, to the Synagogue where Jesus reads from Isaiah 61:1-2 to announce the year of favour, a passage understood to point to Leviticus 25:10-13 that describes the Jubilee. We must wait until next Sunday to hear of the following reaction to his teaching on it. Matthew and Mark have a similar scene set in "his own country", but much later in the story. Only Luke has it in this precise form and place, and it needs to be understood as an expansive equivalent of Matthew's and Mark's opening proclamation "The Kingdom of Heaven/ God is near"; here Jesus says, in effect, this prophesy is even now being fulfilled. The episode is read annually at the Chrism Mass

in conjunction with the Isaiah pericope that otherwise appears only in Advent in Year B. Instead duplicating that combination today the Lectionary gives us Nehemiah's account of the reaffirmation of the covenant during the post-exilic restoration of Jerusalem - which is actually the subject of the full passage from Isaiah 61. The reaffirmation was conducted by Ezra the priest reading the Law, its contents then being made clear, or translated and interpreted so all could understand. He did as Jesus would do in the synagogue - as we are to do in our liturgies with the homily breaking open the readings it follows.

Jesus declared Isaiah's passage was being fulfilled there and then. He had no legal authority to declare the nationwide Jubilee, so we must interpret it as already indicating another kind, or as pertaining to another realm. The Jubilee practice reset property ownership and debt. Since on entering the Holy Land all were made equal sharers in the land within their tribes, how is it that later some have more land than others, or that some were even dispossessed? No society and economic system is perfect, and complexities in primarily agricultural societies gradually lead to the shift of the originally shared wealth, some losing direct access to land, becoming labourers for others. The Jubilee cancels spiralling debt and restores land distribution. One can imagine just how disagreeable such a proposal may be to those who are wealthy, especially if so not by nefarious means

but through the inheritance of wealth accumulated over the generations courtesy of an imperfect economy. But the Jubilee proclaimed by Jesus is not imposed from on high; it emerges with the Kingdom from the grass roots level, freely enacted by the people who seek the Kingdom.

Each society and economy has its flaws, and produces its own inequalities, so the Jubilee work will never end, even as we strive constantly to redress them. There will always be dispossessed, to whom the active missionary work of mercy must be directed. This does not mean simply giving things in temporary assistance, which maintains the status quo, but striving to improve the situation itself. In this "year of Luke" there will be many reminders of his particular concern for the dispossessed and the fringe-dwellers, and so while a true reset of land ownership will never be achieved, we in Australia need to be particularly attentive to the dispossession of this land's first nations peoples.

A jarring note arises from the use of Nehemiah: the restoration was exclusionary; it cast off those who had impure ancestry and rebuffed the welcoming Samaritans thus setting up centuries of animosity between the two peoples. The Second Temple period it inaugurated was by no means universally exclusivist, and Christianity emerged from or was shaped by inclusivist strands. As our gospels make clear, perhaps Luke most clearly, the mission of Jesus is to all.