



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT

First Sunday of Lent - YEAR C  
9th March, 2025

### CONTACTS

#### Parish Priest

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#### Parish Office

**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 & Naomi

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

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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>



HOLY HOUR, HORSHAM  
(Lenten Prayer)

Thursday 13th March 1 - 2pm



#### Bulletin Email Issues

We are aware of spasmodic issues with the delivery of bulk emails to Gmail addresses, unfortunately this is out of our control, however if you have any issues in receiving the bulletin, it can also be found on the Diocese of Ballarat Website by 3.30pm each Friday afternoon.

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**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we're invited to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - *a time of renewal and solidarity*.

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritize education

We'll get to know **Lam** from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer.

And we'll meet **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Or by calling: 1800 024 413

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 11th March	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 12th March	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 13th March	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	1-2pm	Holy Hour - Horsham
Friday 14th March	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	6.00pm 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross - Syro Malabar Rite - Horsham Syro-Malabar Rite Mass - Horsham
Saturday 15th March	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

**HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER**

<u>8th &amp; 9th March</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil Saturday</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
<b>Reader</b>	Anthony Amor	Dianne Noy
<b>Commentator</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Louise Kemp
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Karen Hill Lois Keegan
<u>15th &amp; 16th March</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil Saturday</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
<b>Reader</b>	Maree Plazzer	Louise Kemp
<b>Commentator</b>	John Parker	Bob Pritchett
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane Lois Keegan
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
<b>Musicians</b>	Embedded	Embedded
<b>Livestream</b>	Geoff Simpson	N/A
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Denise Vallance
<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>	N/A	Angela Amor Liz Both Anna Robertson Lyn Starr
<b>Prayers</b>	Pat Glaubitz	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<u>16th March</u> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Carmel O'Connor	<u>23rd March</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

**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**

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.

**WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER**

	<u>9th March Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>16th March Mass 8.30am</u>
<b>Reader</b>	D Baxter	M Aitken
<b>Prayers</b>	J McFarlane	D Baxter
<b>Collectors</b>	L Casey	L Casey
<b>Cleaning</b>	F Casey & O Phelan	F Casey & O Phelan

**NHILL LITURGY ROSTER**

	<u>9th March Mass 11am</u>	<u>16th March Mass 11am</u>
<b>Sacristan</b>	A Munro	C Kennedy
<b>Reader</b>	I Dart	D Munro
<b>Collector</b>	J Kennedy	J Kennedy
<b>Music</b>	Quyen	Quyen
<b>Cleaning</b>	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

**HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER**

	<u>8th March Vigil Mass 6.30pm</u>	<u>15th March Vigil Mass 6.30pm</u>
<b>Reader</b>	Claire White	Cynthia Maiden
<b>Collectors</b>	Jan & Allen	Diyon Ciju
<b>Offertory</b>	Kevin & Maureen	Claire & Kevin
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>		

**RUPANYUP MASS**

TBA

**NATIMUK MASS**

TBA

**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 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**

2nd Sunday of the month: 8th & 9th March

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 9.00am**  
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**  
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**  
Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES****NEXT WEEKEND**

3rd Sunday of the month: 15th & 16th March

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**  
Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**  
Dimboola: **No LLA**  
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**  
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**

## PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

### RECENT DEATHS

### ANNIVERSARIES

Livio Apolloni

### 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, Tim Clancy,  
Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Adam Cooper,  
Mary Hallam



### REMINDER



#### ST PATRICK'S CHURCH COMMUNITY, NHILL - LUNCHEON

- WHEN:** Friday 14th March 12.00 – 2.00pm  
**WHERE:** The Farmer's Arms Hotel, Nhill.  
**DETAILS:** The meal will consist of alternating serves of Roast Chicken Roll & Vegetables or Fish & Chips & Salad, followed by alternating deserts.  
**COST:** All meals will be **SENIOR** sized serves, costing **\$30** to be paid on the day.  
*Drinks will be available at bar prices.*

**Please Note: RSVP's have now closed**

### Prayer for the Jubilee of the World of Volunteering March 8-9, 2025

*Loving God, may we be inspired by the great witness to mercy provided by those who volunteer their time, skills and resources in the service of others.*

*In doing so, these generous individuals make the love of Christ visible in the world.*

*May we imitate their example, as we ask to be humble instruments in your hands in order to alleviate the world's sufferings, and to share the joy and hope of the resurrection. Amen.*

*St Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of volunteers, pray for us!*

#### Pope Francis' message for Lent

"Let Us Journey Together in Hope" is Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025. He reminds us that we cannot stay where it is comfortable, that we must always accompany others, and that we must always do everything with the hope that never disappoints. The Dicastery for Integral Human Development have provided resources for Lent.

### 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.

**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: Julie Leonard  
Contact: 5398 2001  
principal@smwarracknabeal.catholic.edu.au

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

Principal: Kingsley Dalgleish  
Contact: 5391 1575  
principal@sphill.catholic.edu.au

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

Principal: Gerard Raven  
Contact: 5382 3545  
principal@stbc.vic.edu.au

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

Principal: Louise Chesterfield  
Contact: 5382 3000  
principal@smjhorsham.catholic.edu.au

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

Principal: Chris McCumstie  
Contact: 0434 508 994  
principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au

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

#### Next Weekend's Readings Second Sunday of Lent

- 1st Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 26:1,7-9, 13-14  
**Response:** The Lord is my light and my salvation  
**2nd Reading:** Philippians 3:17 - 4:1  
**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36

### 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 2pm in the Church meeting room.

#### Prayer Group

Prayer Group meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 1.30pm in the Church meeting room.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul are no longer able to lead the Rosary the evening before a funeral in Horsham due to lack of numbers available. Families wishing to pray the Rosary on evening prior to a funeral can arrange access to the church via the Parish Office and a **family led Rosary** can occur.



# Sunday Mass

9th March 2025

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 90:1-2, 10-15*

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

### Second Reading *Romans 10:8-13*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

### Gospel *Luke 4:1-13*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test. 'Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship

God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.