



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



Second Sunday of Lent

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16th March, 2025

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this weekend



Lou Haintz Delahunty
Son of John & Eve Delahunty



May he continue to grow in faith with loving support of his family, friends, Godparents, sponsors and our Parish community.

CONTACTS

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Parish Office

CLOSED MONDAYS

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9am-12.30pm - 1.30pm-4.00pm
Closed between 12.30pm -1.30pm

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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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<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>

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

COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE



For those who choose, Holy Communion is again available from the chalice at Sunday Mass across St Paul VI Parish. The method/point of distribution will vary dependent upon the church location. (Size of congregation, access aisles, etc.)

Such distribution locations in a church **may change over future weeks**, dependent upon 'test and adjust' for best ease of access and return to seating for communicants. We will monitor from week to week in each location. Parishioners are always free to return to their seats after receiving Holy Communion through the host alone, without the chalice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 17th March	12pm	Nhill - St Patrick's P.S Patronal Feast Day Mass
Tuesday 18th March	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	No Mass	Horsham
Wednesday 19th March	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 20th March	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 21st March	11am	Warracknabeal - Funeral Mass for Tom Evans
	9.30am	Horsham
	6.00pm 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross - Syro Malabar Rite - Horsham Syro-Malabar Rite Mass - Horsham
Saturday 22nd March	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Mass for Tom Evans

St Mary's Church, Warracknabeal
Friday 21st March at 11am



HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>15th & 16th March</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil Saturday</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Lesley Price	Bob Pritchett
Eucharist Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Anthony Amor	Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane Lois Keegan
<u>22nd & 23rd March</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil Saturday</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	May Rosello
Eucharist Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Nerrida Holland Gerard Raven Alison McKinnon
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Embedded	Embedded
Livestream	Geoff Simpson	N/A
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Dianne Noy Carmel Veronica Louise Kemp
Prayers	Louise Guest	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>16th March</u> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Carmel O'Connor	<u>23rd March</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>16th March Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>23rd March Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	M Aitken	L Casey
Prayers	D Baxter	K Downes
Collectors	L Casey	B Bentley & L Downes
Cleaning	F Casey & O Phelan	F Casey & O Phelan

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>16th March Mass 11am</u>	<u>23rd March Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	C Kennedy	J Gurry
Reader	D Munro	M Millington
Collector	J Kennedy	J Kennedy
Music	Quyen	Quyen
Cleaning	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>15th March Vigil Mass 6.30pm</u>	<u>23rd March LLA 9am</u>
Reader	LLA	Lana & Toby
Collectors	Diyon Ciju	Jacki & Brian
Offertory	Claire & Kevin	Claire & Marilyn
Eucharistic Minister		Cynthia Maiden

RUPANYUP MASS

TBA

NATIMUK 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

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.

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

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**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND

4th Sunday of the month: 22nd & 23rd March

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Beulah: **Saturday Vigil 7pm**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Murtoa: **Sunday LLA 9am**
Hopetoun: **Sunday LLA 9am**
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

Tom Evans

ANNIVERSARIES

Harold Ballinger

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:

VIVALDI -The Four Seasons is on **THIS** weekend

Sunday 16th March - 7pm to 8.45pm

Performance from 7pm-8.45pm

Ticket Prices are as follows:

Adult: \$45 **Conc:** \$40

Children: \$35 4-16yrs, and Students (school or university from 6-25yrs {proof required})

Note: St Paul VI Parish are providing the venue only, and are not taking bookings or ticket sales.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent
15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Please donate today.

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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

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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.

Next Weekend's Readings Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4,6-8, 11

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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. (Web-Vatican)

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.

Sunday 16th March 2025 at 7 pm
HORSHAM
Ss MICHAEL & JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

VIVALDI
THE FOUR SEASONS
4 Concertos for Violin, Strings and basso continuo

J.C. BACH
Concert in C minor for Violoncello and String Orchestra

BRAHMS
»F-A-E Sonate« in A minor for String Orchestra (Scherzo)

SARASATE
»Gypsy Airs« for Violin and Orchestra op. 20

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko * Violin Dmitriy Gornowskij * Violoncello



Book here

Bookings online at

www.trybooking.com/CXCWG **OR**

Door sales at Ss Michael & John Catholic Church 30 minutes prior to the concert (cash sales only)

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.

Sunday Mass

16 March 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14*

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading *Philippians 3:17 - 4:1*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel *Luke 9:28-36*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John.

These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.