



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

Second Sunday of Easter - YEAR C
27th April, 2025 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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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 will be available until Friday each week)

YouTube Channel Link:

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



POPE FRANCIS

Jorge Mario Bergoglio
17 December 1936 - 21 April 2025

May he Rest in Peace

Pope Francis has died on Easter Monday aged 88. We offer the following prayer on the death of the Pontiff:

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy forever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Mass Counts start on weekend May 3-4

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on the weekend of May 3-4 and continue each weekend until the end of May. A count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in parishes on each of the four weekends is required.

Please Note: Father Sajan will be away from Sunday 4th May until Saturday 7th June, therefore Mass times will vary during this time.
Further details in next week's bulletin.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 29th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 30th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 1st May	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 2nd May	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 3rd May	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
26th & 27th April	Sat 6.30pm Vigil	Sun 10.30am Mass
Reader	Sr Jacinta	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
Eucharist Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Alison McKinnon Rosie Taylor Simon Lynch
3rd & 4th May	Sat 6.30pm Vigil	Sun 10.30am Mass
Reader	Kevin Dunn	May Rosello
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Dianne Noy
Eucharist Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce	Nerrida Holland Gerard Raven Zita Cannane
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Embedded	Embedded
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Alistair Castle
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Janeth, Pam Ruby, Maria May
Prayers	Anita Masiero & Mary Dalgleish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	4th May Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Pauline Breen	11th May Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Zita Cannane

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	27th April Mass 8.30am	4th May Mass 8.30am
Reader	M Aitken	L Casey
Prayers	L Casey	P Winsall
Collectors	D & K Baxter	D & K Baxter
Cleaning	B Evans & T Penny	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	27th April Mass 11am	4th May Mass 11am
Sacristan	J Curry	M Millington
Reader	C Kennedy	C Kennedy
Collector	J Millington	R Picone
Music	Quyen	Quyen
Cleaning	M Millington	C Pilgrim

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
	27th April LLA 9.00am	3rd May Sat Vigil 6.30pm
Reader	Ellerdy Seipolt	Marilyn Clancy
Collectors	Jacki & Brian	Jan & Allan
Offertory	Claire White & Marilyn Clancy	Maureen & Kevin
Eucharistic Minister	Therese Bellinger	

RUPANYUP MASS TBA	NATIMUK MASS TBA
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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

4th Sunday of the month: **27th April**

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 9am
 Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

1st Sunday of the month: **4th May 2025**

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
 Murtoa: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
 Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
 Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
 Hopetoun: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**
 Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**
 Dimboola: NO LLA
 Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
 Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

Pope Francis, John Ahern, Kevin Carracher (Brother of Rosemary Pritchett & Helen Hunter)
Summah Francis (Daughter of Melissa Francis-Beulah)

ANNIVERSARIES

Judy Murphy and Mary Torney

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

Vale Pope Francis

We give thanks to God for the life and service of Pope Francis within the Church and the world. "Bishop of Rome" (266th in unbroken succession from St Peter), "Vicar of Jesus Christ" and "Servant of the Servants of God". Our Parish joined the universal Church in offering Requiem Mass for Pope Francis on the day of his funeral in Rome. *Our Parish Mass held in Ss Michael & John Church Horsham on Saturday 26th April, at 9.30am will be livestreamed and available on our YouTube channel over the next week.*

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.

*Let us also offer our prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon all Cardinal members of the **Papal Conclave** which will convene at Vatican City, for the election of a new Bishop of Rome, and thus Successor to St Peter. Mass for Divine assistance will be offered in our Parish at the formal start of the Conclave. "May the Divine assistance remain always with us. Amen."*

CRAFT GROUP

The Morning Craft Group (who meet weekly at the Parish Office meeting room), are organising a trip to the **Woods' Farming & Heritage Museum Rupanyup** on **Friday 2nd May 2025** Open to all Parish members.

The group will meet at the Parish Office (10 Roberts Ave Horsham) at 10.30am and will car pool to Rupanyup.

Museum Entry Fee - \$15.00

2 Course Hot Lunch - \$25 per head

RSVP: Pauline Barber 0429 811 240 by **Mon 28th April.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from

readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the

grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.



FREE SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School Murtoa now offer their students from Horsham a free school bus service. The bus departs from and returns to Ss Michael and John Church, with pick up in the morning at 8am, and drop off in the afternoon at 4pm.

Low fee Catholic education in a beautiful rural setting is available to families just 25 minutes away from Horsham!

Interested families are encouraged to contact the school on

03 5385 2526 or email principal Chris McCumstie at:
principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au

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

NOTE: The **MAY** gathering will be on **THURSDAY 15th**, Dinner at **6pm** at the **RSL - McLachlan St, Horsham**
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.

Warracknabeal Conference of St Vincent de Paul will meet at St Mary's Church Warracknabeal on Wednesday 30 April at 2:00pm.

Second Sunday of Easter Mass

27th April 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have
seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but
still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained. 'Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Next Weekend's Readings: **Third Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19