



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT



Fifth Sunday of Lent - YEAR C
6th April, 2025



REMINDER:

At 3am this Sunday 6th April, we move our clocks
BACK by 1 hour for the end of Daylight Savings.

CONTACTS

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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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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 WEEK LITURGIES

St Paul VI Parish 2025

- ◆ **HOLY TUESDAY - 15th April** - Horsham - 2nd Rite Reconciliation - **6.30pm**
- Hopetoun - 2nd Rite Reconciliation - **12.30pm**
- ◆ **HOLY WEDNESDAY - 16th April** - Warracknabeal - 2nd Rite Reconciliation - **5.30pm**
- Nhill - 2nd Rite Reconciliation - **5.30pm**
- ◆ **HOLY THURSDAY - 17th April** - Horsham - Mass of the Lords Supper - **7pm**
- Warracknabeal - Mass of the Lords Supper - **7pm**
- ◆ **GOOD FRIDAY - 18th April** - Horsham - Lords Passion - **3pm**
- Warracknabeal - Lords Passion - **3pm**
- Nhill - Stations Of the Cross - **10am**
- Hopetoun - Stations Of the Cross - **10am**
- Murtoa - Stations of the Cross - **3pm**
- ◆ **EASTER VIGIL (Sat) - 19th April** - Horsham - **8pm** - Warracknabeal - **8.30pm**
- Murtoa - **5.30pm** - Nhill **6pm**
- ◆ **EASTER SUNDAY - 20th April** - Horsham - **10.30am** - Dimboola - **8.30am**
- Hopetoun - **8.30am** - Beulah - **10am**

~ Safe & Blessed Easter be Yours ~

Mass of the Oils 2025

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils
this year on Monday, April 14, 2025 at
St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 1.00pm.
Afternoon tea will follow in the Hall.

The Mass will also be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/qUVA70FoZ9c?feature=share>

Reminder:

Mass of Thanksgiving - Kaniva Church

- Sunday 6th April, 1pm
- Outdoor Mass - BYO Chair
- Social gathering afterwards at Little Guys
Pizza and Café, Kaniva



WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 9th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	5.00pm	Horsham
Thursday 10th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 11th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	12 noon	Horsham
	6.00pm 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross - Syro Malabar Rite - Horsham Syro-Malabar Rite Mass - Horsham
Saturday 12th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>5th & 6th April</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Mass</u>
Reader	Lesley Price	May Rosello
Commentator	John Parker	Bob Pritchett
Eucharist Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett
<u>12th & 13th April</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Mass</u>
Reader	Micky Robarts	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Dianne Noy
Eucharist Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Karen Hill Bob Pritchett
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Geoff Simpson	N/A
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar Pat Glaubitz	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Anne Rowe Zita Cannane Lynda Hutchinson Ester Fry
Prayers	Angela Amor & Pauline Breen	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	13th April Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn	20th April Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Pauline Breen

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>6th April Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>13th April Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	M Walder	M Farrell
Prayers	D Baxter	K Downes
Collectors	L Casey	B Bentley & L Downes
Cleaning		

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>6th April Mass 11am</u>	<u>13th April Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	M Millington	A Munro
Reader	J Gurry	I Dart
Collector	J Millington	J Millington
Music	Quyen	Quyen
Cleaning	M Millington	M Millington

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>5th April Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>12th April Vigil 6.30pm</u>
Reader	Marilyn Clancy	Claire White
Collectors	Jan & Allen	Diyon Ciju
Offertory	Anju & Alex	Marilyn & Therese
Eucharistic Minister		

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

1st Sunday of the month: 5th & 6th April

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 Mass 1pm**

Caniva: Final Mass of Thanksgiving 1pm

Dimboola: NO LLA

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Sunday of the month: 12th & 13th April

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

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew Slattery, Giovanna Panozzo, Brian Bentley

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



Pilgrimage with St Paul - Missionary of Hope

In this Jubilee year, dedicated to becoming Pilgrims of Hope, pilgrims are invited to experience the world of the early Christian communities. The Acts of the Apostles will come alive as we go out with St Paul and his companions to rediscover the faith and struggles of the early Christian communities. The proposed itinerary departs Melbourne on Sunday, September 21st 2025 with the pilgrims arriving in Istanbul and proceeding to Adana, Tarsus, Antioch, Ephesus, Troas, Kavala, Philippi, Thessalonica and Athens with the possibility of an extension to Rome. For further information please contact Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong Street North (PO Box 740), Ballarat, 3350, ph. 03 5331 8077, email info@lifestyletravel.com.au or Fr Justin Driscoll justin.driscoll@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

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St Mary's Primary School, Warracknabeal

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St Patrick's Primary School, Nhill

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St Brigid's College, Horsham (Secondary)

Principal: Gerard Raven
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Ss Michael and John Primary School, Horsham

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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.

A HORSHAM COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INITIATIVE

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Speakers include:

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Includes morning tea & light lunch

Register now with: fayeallisonsmith@gmail.com M: 0427 821 510
or Catherine: persoos@gmail.com M: 0417 339 219

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.



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 and returns to Ss Michael and John's 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

Next Weekend's Readings:

Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

Sunday Mass

6th April 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death. In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by

his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah.

The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus. Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's

passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing.

This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end,

claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.