



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A
27th September 2026



National Police Remembrance Day

National Police Remembrance Day is commemorated on Tuesday 29th September 2026 and honours the memory of Police Officers who have died in the line of duty in Australia, including in service between September 2025 and September 2026.

You are invited to the Horsham Police Remembrance Day Service to be held at Ss Michael and John Catholic Church at 10.00am.

Tuesday 29th September 2026



A Day of Prayer, Reflection and Friendship for the Special Year of St Francis of Assisi

To celebrate the Special Year of St Francis of Assisi the Catholic Women's League will be holding a day of prayer, reflection, friendship, and stories at St Francis of Assisi Church in Landsborough on Monday 5th October from 10am – 2.30pm. The day includes the Rosary, Mass, a presentation by Fr James Kerr on his visit to Assisi, lunch in the Landsborough Hall, sharing local history and stories of Landsborough's St Francis Church, and concludes with prayers for peace in that Church. Everyone is welcome to come along to all, or part of the day. For catering purposes RSVP by 28th Sept to Margaret Rowe -53582421, Jan Crowe -0428 916 941 or Anna Collins anna.collins@bigpond.com



DON'T FORGET Daylight Savings

At 2am Sunday 4th October we
move our clocks forward one
hour

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

CONTACTS

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Mons. Glynn Murphy
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Fr Sajan Mathew
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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

Ph: (03) 5382 1155

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>

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 29th September	10am	Horsham - National Police Remembrance Day Memorial Service
	1.30pm	Horsham - Funeral Mass for Barry Hogan
	5pm	Warracknabeal
Wednesday 30th September	9.30am	Horsham
	9.30am	Warracknabeal
Thursday 1st October	9.30am	Horsham
	9.30am	Warracknabeal
Friday 2nd October	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	5pm	Horsham
Saturday 3rd October	9.30am	Horsham
	9.30am	Warracknabeal



Funeral Mass for Barry Hogan

Ss Michael & John Church, Horsham
Tuesday 29th September 2026, 1.30pm



Graveside Prayers for Paulette Muller

Kaniva Cemetery
Thursday 1st October 2026, 1pm

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER			WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
<u>26th & 27th September</u>	<u>Sat 6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>Sun 10.30am Mass</u>		<u>27 September Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>4th October Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Bob Pritchett	Reader	L Casey	A Van den Ak.
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Anna Robertson	Prayers	M Walder	K Downes
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Patti Jamero	Rosie Taylor Karen Hill Geoff Simpson	Collectors	B Bentley & L Downes	B Bentley & L Downes
			Cleaning	J Drum	
<u>3rd & 4th October</u>	<u>Sat 6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>Sun 10.30am Mass</u>	<u>NHILL LITURGY ROSTER</u>		
Reader	Micky Robarts	Bernie Delahunty		<u>27th September Mass 11am</u>	<u>4th October Mass 11am</u>
Commentator	Sr Jacinta	Alvin Jiss	Sacristan	M Millington	A Munro
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Robarts Zita Cannane	Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett Lois Keegan	Reader	C Kennedy	I Dart
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Josie Phelan	Collector	E Cameron	J Kennedy
			Music	Quyen	Quyen
Tea/Coffee After Mass	-	Ruby, Janeth, Pam, Maria, May	Cleaning	M Millington	A Munro
Prayers	Louise Guest		<u>HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER</u>		
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>4th October</u> Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	<u>11th October</u> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn		<u>27th September LLA 9am</u>	<u>3rd October Vigil Mass 6.30pm</u>
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. <i>Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.</i>			<u>RUPANYUP MASS</u> 15th October 2026, 6.30pm		
			<u>NATIMUK MASS</u> TBA		
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.			<u>Our Parish Finance</u> 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 <i>(Please state envelope number and name)</i> St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy Support) Account (NAB) BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830345 <i>All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.</i>		
<u>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</u> THIS WEEKEND 4th Sunday of the month: <u>27th September</u> Horsham: Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am Beulah: Saturday Vigil 6pm Dimboola: Sunday Mass 8.30am Warracknabeal: Sunday Mass 8.30am Nhill: Sunday Mass 11am Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am			<u>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</u> NEXT WEEKEND 1st Sunday of the month: <u>4th October</u> 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 Rainbow: Sunday Mass 1pm Dimboola: NO LLA Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am		

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

Barry Hogan, Bernice Feery

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Johnston, Marie McLeish, Gavin Frew

SICK OR INJURED

Ted Haynes, Alex Kavoov, Kevin Clancy, Bernie Ryan, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Jimmy Cortesi, Bernie Bellinger, Noel Bellinger, Therese Bellinger, Martin Woolard (Stumpy), Samuel Penny, Troy Clancy, Fran Mulraney, Mary Jess, Cloby Punzalan, Noreen Kennedy, and any of our parishioners battling ill health.



"Faith Focus" (Catechism Notes)

The Church teaches that the one true God, our Creator and Lord, can be known with certainty from His works, by the natural light of human reason

St Mary's Warracknabeal is in need of Volunteers for:

- Prayers of the Faithful
- Readers

If you are able to assist with any of the above, please contact Leo Casey.



RSVP - St Brigid's College Past Students Reunion

St Brigid's College is excited to invite alumni from the Classes of 2016, 2006, 1996, 1986 and 1976 to your Milestone Reunion on **Saturday 17 October 2026 from 3:30-5:00pm.**

Visit the St Brigid's College Facebook page, or email alumni@stbc.vic.edu.au, to register your attendance. Please spread the word amongst your former classmates. We look forward to welcoming you back for your reunion!

Healthy Ageing

Grampians Community Health

Healthy Ageing Hubs provide older people with access to information, services and programs for living well and remaining socially connected.

GCH operates two mobile hubs across the Horsham, Hindmarsh, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack regions.

People aged 50+ or 45+ for First Nations people have access to free, confidential health checks with a community paramedic.

These checks can help prevent big health problems and support your overall wellbeing.

Checks include:

- Blood pressure (heart health)
- Heart rate
- Breathing and chest check
- Oxygen level (finger check)
- Blood sugar (finger prick check)
- Heart rhythm check (ECG)
- Temperature check
- Body measurements (height, weight and waist)
- Cholesterol and blood fats

This is a **free** drop in service. You do not need to make an appointment.

Upcoming dates and locations:

HORSHAM		
8 October	Horsham RSL	36 McLachlan St
DIMBOOLA		
6 October	Dimboola Community Centre	12 Wimmera St
GOROKE		
30 September	Goroke Community Centre	54-62 Natimuk-Frances Rd
NHILL		
7 October	Nhill Neighbourhood House Learning Centre	80 McPherson St



Celebrating 150 years of Christian Witness & Ministry For the Horsham community and region



You are warmly invited to come and share in a weekend of worship, fellowship, entertainment and fun to help celebrate this milestone and continued journey of Christian spiritual life in the heart of the Wimmera.



Friday 16th October - Sunday 18th October 2026

Find more information and registration form at SMJ Church foyer.

St Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee has five 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 Dagleish

Contact: 0419 929 271

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St Brigid's College, Horsham (Secondary)

Principal: Gerard Raven

Contact: 5382 3545

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Ss Michael and John's Primary School, Horsham

Principal: Louise Chesterfield

Contact: 5382 3000

principal@smjhorsham.catholic.edu.au

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

The next monthly gathering will be on **15th October** with dinner at **6:00pm** at the Horsham R.S.L.

Prayer Group

Prayer Group meetings are scheduled **every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each calendar month, at **1.30pm** in the Church Meeting Room, **except during school holidays.**

Sunday Mass

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

24(25):4-9

R. Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know Your ways.
 Lord, teach me Your paths.
 Make me walk in Your truth, and teach me:
 for You are God My saviour.

 Remember Your mercy, Lord,
 and the love You have shown from of old.
 Do not remember the sins of my youth.
 In Your love remember me,
 because of Your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 He guides the humble in the right path,
 He teaches His way to the poor.

R. Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy.

There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
 My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord;
 I know them, and they follow Me.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God. The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus

poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will. Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders. Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Next Weekend's Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Responsorial Psalm: 79:9, 12-16, 19-20
2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.