



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C 1st December 2024

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this weekend



Willa Poppy Pekin

Daughter of Joshua and Abbey Pekin

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



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 & Josh

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 are deleted weekly, and will be available until Friday each week)

YouTube Channel Link:

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	Christmas Day Mass
5.30pm Murtoa	9am Warracknabeal
5.30pm Hopetoun	
7pm Horsham - Carols 7.30pm Horsham- Mass	9am Horsham
8.00pm Nhill	

St Paul VI Parish Christmas Luncheon

Join us for our next Parish luncheon at the Vic Hotel, Horsham

Date: Wednesday, December 11th

Time: 12pm Cost: \$20

(Main meal only- 'lunch special'. Dessert not included in cost)
Drinks available at bar prices, dessert may be purchased additionally if desired.

Enjoy a beautiful lunch with fun activities and great company!

RSVP Essential

A STRICT limit of 40 places available and filling up fast!



Please provide names to the Parish Office by

Thursday 5th December

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 3rd December	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 4th December	5pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 5th December	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 6th December	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	6.30pm	Syro Malabar Rite Mass - Horsham
Saturday 7th December	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

<u>HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER</u>			<u>WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER</u>		
<u>30th November 1st December</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>		<u>1st December Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>8th December Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	Garry Heinrich	Bob Pritchett	Reader	A. Van den Ak.	P. Winsall
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	May Rosello	Prayers	L. Casey	P. Winsall
Eucharist Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Karen Hill	Collectors	D & K Baxter	D & K Baxter
<u>7th & 8th December</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>	Cleaning	Working Bee	Working Bee
Reader	Micky Robarts	Nerrida Holland	<u>NHILL LITURGY ROSTER</u>		
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon		<u>1st December Mass 11am</u>	<u>8th December Mass 11am</u>
Eucharist Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane	Sacristan	M. Millington	C. Kennedy
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori	Reader	C. Kennedy	I. Dart
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir	Collector	J. Kennedy	J. Kennedy
Livestream	Robert Sartori	N/A	Music	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar Pat Glaubitz	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr	Cleaning	C. Kennedy J. Gurry	C. Kennedy J. Gurry
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Dianne Noy Carmel, Veronica, Louise	<u>HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER</u>		
Prayers	<i>Volunteers Required - Contact Parish Office</i>			<u>30th November Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>7th November Vigil 6.30pm</u>
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>8th December</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	<u>15th December</u> Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	Reader	Joan Bellinger	Cynthia Maiden
<p style="text-align: center;">Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer, Horsham and Cynthia Maiden, Hopetoun.</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.</i></p>			Offertory	Claire & Kevin	Alex & Anju
			Eucharistic Minister	N/A	N/A
HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND			<u>Our Parish Finance</u>		
<p>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.</p>			<p>For all wishing to support either our Parish or Clergy through online banking transfer:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Paul VI Parish Account (NAB) <i>BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830337</i> <i>(Please state envelope number if you have one, and name)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy Support) Account (NAB) <i>BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830345</i></p> <p>The option of regular automatic Direct Debit contributions can be arranged by contacting our office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.</p>		
<u>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</u> THIS WEEKEND			<u>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</u> NEXT WEEKEND		
1st Sunday of the month: <u>1st December, 2024</u>			2nd Sunday of the month: <u>8th December, 2024</u>		
<p>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 Dimboola: NO LLA Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am</p>			<p>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</p>		

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Chacko

SICK OR INJURED

Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Jason O'Connell, Tim Clancy, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Adam Cooper, Peter Dybing

Publications Available for Purchase

Delivery of God's Word 2025 has arrived. Please contact the office to secure your copy. \$20ea

A limited supply of *The Light* for Advent and Christmas daily reflections are also available for \$8ea at the Parish Office.

2025 Columban Calendars and packs of Christmas cards are available through the St Vincent de Paul piety store which is open after weekend Masses, located in the Horsham church foyer.

St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases in **Horsham** on **Mon, Wed and Fri** mornings between 11am - 12noon
Appointments essential - Phone **5381 2371** to book.

November Mass Offerings

Any November Mass offerings that have been received will have Masses individually offered for the deceased.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

Planned Giving envelopes for 2024/25 are still available for pick up from most Church foyers.



Prelude to Christmas

Sunday 1st December 2024, 6pm



St Mary's Church Warracknabeal are hosting this year's Warracknabeal Minister's Association 'Prelude to Christmas'.

Thankyou to all who can help to provide food for supper. Please leave sandwiches, slices etc. at the Anglican Hall prior to the 6pm service.

If you can assist in the kitchen or with cleaning up afterwards it would be very much appreciated.

Thankyou, St Mary's Ladies Club.

ADVENT WREATH

PRAYER

WEEK ONE

LORD GOD, WE PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST; HOPE OF THE PEOPLES, THE SAVIOUR OF EVERY NATION. YOU ASK US TO BE WATCHFUL AND ALERT BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN YOU WILL COME. LET THIS CANDLE BRING US LIGHT AND CALL US TO A NEW WAKEFULNESS. AT THOSE TIMES WHEN YOU ASK US TO ACT, GIVE US STRENGTH TO RESPOND AT ONCE.

LOVING GOD, LET YOUR BLESSING COME UPON US GATHERED AROUND THIS WREATH. MAY THE WREATH AND ITS LIGHT BE A SIGN OF CHRIST'S PROMISE TO BRING US SALVATION.

MAY HE COME QUICKLY AND NOT DELAY. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN

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 2.00pm in the Church meeting room.

Prayer Group

Final meeting for 2024 **Monday 16th Dec at 1.30pm.**
Will then resume **Wednesday 5th February 2025.**

2025 Sacramental Program EARLY ENROLMENT

Reconciliation – Holy Communion – Confirmation

Reconciliation & Holy Communion is available to children in Year 4 and above. Confirmation is available for children in Year 6 and above who have completed Reconciliation & Holy Communion.

Early Enrolments help us decide where sessions are held and how many are needed.

Early Enrolments close Friday 13th December at 4pm.



General Enrolment will follow and be open until **February 15th, 2025**



If you would like more information or to enrol your child, please visit the Parish Office at 10 Roberts Ave or Email: wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Mary's Church Warracknabeal



Christmas get-together,

Thursday 5/12/24. Mass 5.30pm

Evening meal at Creekside Hotel 6pm (Library).

contact 0428627563 (Maureen). Order and pay for own meal and drinks. RSVP 29/11/24.

Everyone Welcome



1 December 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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.

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.

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This

passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise

deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unflinching love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

Next Weekend's Readings - Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Prophet Baruch 5:1-9

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Phillipians 1:4-6,8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6