



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 25th July 2021



There will be no in-person Masses over the weekend, and no Weekday Masses in Horsham or Warracknabeal throughout the current Victorian Lockdown period.

Mass will be live-streamed from Horsham, at 9.30am on Sunday the 25th July
on our Facebook page:
"Eucharistic Group"



To watch the Mass and view updates, search "Eucharistic Group" on your Facebook homepage, find and click on the option with the picture shown to the right and click 'join'.

For those unable to connect via Facebook, other Masses are available to be viewed online or on TV. (Refer to link in Bishop's message below)

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Bishop's Message

During the current days of lockdown, all places of worship in Victoria are closed for private worship or religious ceremonies. Ceremonies and services can be recorded or broadcast live from the place of worship for viewing online. A place of worship may host a funeral, but attendance will be limited to 10 people plus those required to conduct the funeral.

During these days of lockdown, we will not be able to gather for worship as we usually do. However, we can still pray in our homes. I encourage you in your personal prayer and your prayer as a family. Our diocesan website has information about links to online Masses and other prayer resources at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/#links-to-masses-online>

May Christ be with you in all the days ahead. God bless.

Latest COVID Requirements:

Please wear a mask, practice safe hygiene, sign-in and maintain a 1.5m physical distance from others, as much as possible indoors & outdoors

If you would like to keep up with our **Weekly Bulletin electronically**,

Please send your email address to wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Visit from our Plenary delegate at Horsham SMJ Church on 31 July / 1 August.



Marie Shaddock, one of our two Diocesan delegates for the approaching Plenary, will be at the 6:30pm and 10:30am Masses in Horsham and will be available to speak after Mass.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about the Plenary, want to know what is going on, or just want to say "Hi!" feel free to do so after the 6:30pm and the 10:30am Masses in Horsham...

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 26 July	No Mass	Warracknabeal	COVID CLOSURE
Tuesday 27 July	No Mass No Mass	Warracknabeal Horsham	COVID CLOSURE COVID CLOSURE
Wednesday 28 July	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham	(IF PERMITTED) (IF PERMITTED)
Thursday 29 July	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham	(IF PERMITTED) (IF PERMITTED)
Friday 30 July	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham	(IF PERMITTED) (IF PERMITTED)
Saturday 31 July	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham	(IF PERMITTED) (IF PERMITTED)

Please Check Victorian Government directions for Church openings.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

ROSTERS

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) —2021 LITURGY ROSTER

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
July 25th Sun	No Mass	-	-	-	-	-
July 31st Sat	6.30pm	K Downes	F Casey	L Gibson/K Moloney	T Evans & L Casey	B Evans & M Muller

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

24/25 July	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday
Eucharistic Ministers	NO MASS	Live Stream 9.30am Through Eucharistic
Reader	-	Facebook Group
Commentator	-	-
31 July/1 Aug.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Emelia Sudholz	Louise Kemp
Commentator	(please volunteer)	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Anthony Amor Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch	Timothy Lannen Karen Hill Bob Pritchett
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Combined Choir	Chris Roberts
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	1st August Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhoda Tursi	8th August Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	July 25th	August 1st LLA at 10am
Reader & Prayers	No Mass	
Lay Leaders	-	
Eucharistic Minister	-	
Offertory	-	
Monthly Collector	-	
Counter	-	
Cleaning	-	

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	July 25:	August 1: 9am Mass
Readers	No Mass	Horman Family
Offertory/ Lay-led	-	
Ministers	-	-

MASSES, PRAYERS & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

1st Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am
 Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm
 Hopetoun: Sunday 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday 11am
 Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am
 Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
 Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

**Please note:
any upcoming changes
in Victorian COVID-19
restrictions will apply.**

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)

Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisken are our Safeguarding Officers. We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Code of Conduct** has also been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish.
Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.

PRAYER FOR SICK AND CARERS:

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort in pain, of hope in times of despair, woundedness or sorrow, their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and love. Bless caregivers, as channels of your love, they are your hands on earth. Give them gentleness as they help the sick, give them respect for their dignity and value to You. Give carers and helpers patience and courage as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care, to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands and when they need your enduring help. Give them love and understanding to be a caring companion, on the path of pain and sadness with the sick. Bless the ministry of those who take Holy Communion to the elderly or sick, in Homes or in Hospital.

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: *Please note, due to current Victorian COVID-19 restrictions, the Natimuk house Mass that was set to be on Tuesday 27 July has been cancelled.*

The next Natimuk House Mass will be on the 24th August, 6.30pm @ the home of Mark & Elaine Uebergang (1 Mitchell Street, Natimuk). Please RSVP with Elaine at 0428 871 227.

Rupanyup: *Next date and location to be decided...*

Pope's universal prayer for July - social friendship:

"We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship."

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Fr Robert Stickland, Noreen O'Connor (Horsham)

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Slattery, Patricia Sanders, Marjorie Haebich, Ray Coutts, Bill Kennedy, Vera Bigham

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Maureen Clancy, Tom & Margaret Murphy, John Hickey, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling, Pat Hateley, Patricia Simpson, Ted Haynes, Helen Polack, Peter Rowe, Sam McCulloch, Noreen Voigt, Olive Wellington, Margaret Lawson, Lou White

ANOINTING: On request to Fr Jim McKay or Mons. Glynn Murphy, or please call the Parish Office (please see front page for contact details).

Our Parish Finance:

For all wishing to support either our Parish or Clergy electronically (via Direct Debit); please feel free to do so with the account details below:

St Paul VI Parish Account -

Acc. No.: 515830337, BSB: 083 680

St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy support) Account -

Acc. No.: 515830345, BSB: 083 680

Under "Reference" please write "donation" or "planned-giving" (for Parish account only - if you have an envelope number). Normal contributions through Sunday Collections or dropping in to the office are also welcome.

All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly & equally appreciated.

Fan the Flame: Journey towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021.

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: How do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness? Read more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

ACN aims to finance 400 cars, 200 motorcycles, 300 bicycles and a couple of boats to help ensure that distance or harsh terrain does not stand in the way of the spiritual life of the Catholic people. To support this cause, please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/transport.

National Mass to mark Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day – August 2, 2021

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry are planning a live broadcast of a national Mass to mark National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on August 4, 2021, 12noon, Themed: "Proud in Culture - Strong in Spirit".

For more information contact Sherry Balcombe, ph. 0439 780 899 or email Sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au.

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

There will be an online pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31.

Visit: <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>



July 25,
2021



**I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS**

www.catholic.org.au/grandparents
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**WORLD DAY FOR
GRANDPARENTS
AND THE
ELDERLY**

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration. "Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren" he wrote. Archbishop Comensoli says: "At a time of great challenges at any age, we might look to our elders, neighbours and friends for their encouragement and wisdom in finding pathways through difficult times. In honouring them, we honour their lives and journeys, and open up a richness of experience to draw from. The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly gives the Church a chance to more deeply celebrate the role older people have played in forming us as people and as believers."

PRAYER:

"We thank You, Lord, for your blessings of life; the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me my family and friends. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen."

Making Connections: Try to provide what others need this week. What 'hungers' may have driven the vast crowd to follow Jesus? Reflect together a little on what our world today is hungering for. What great needs in our world need to be met? What are you hungering for at this point in your life?

Living the Word: When we see Jesus' concern for the crowd, his desire to feed and sustain them and his rejection of personal glory, we are reminded that Jesus came as one who serves. As Christians, we too must serve others. Another symbol here is that of the messianic feast. This image was used in the Hebrew Scriptures to describe the time when the messiah comes; all will be filled to abundance.

Marriage Tip: Saying "I love you" out loud is important, but sometimes indirect gestures of love make an even stronger impact. Be creative and have fun.

Daily Prayer: We lift our eyes to you, O God, we stretch out our hands in supplication. What you give we will share, for you have made us one body in one Spirit.

Vocational View: There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.' That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes.

• *The Eucharist is a special meal recalling the events of the Last Supper. Eucharist is a Greek word for 'thanksgiving'. At Eucharist we share a special meal that makes the life, death and resurrection of Jesus present to us; A celebration that recalls a past event and makes the past present.* •

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

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Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one

baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (17th Ordinary)

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse." In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass. In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others. John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us. The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

**St Vincent de Paul Conference:
face to face interviews for people
needing assistance.**

Please call 5381 2371, leave your name and phone number, and your call will be returned as soon as possible with an appointment. COVID restrictions apply.

St Vinnies - Winter Appeal 2021:

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is now underway, Donations of clean quality goods & clothing (e.g. Blankets, etc.) are needed. **Monetary donations may be handed in at SMJ Horsham Church's Piety Store; via e-mail: hsm@svdp.vic.org.au; or via their website: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>.**

