

# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

1st SUNDAY of Advent - Year A  
27th November 2022



*Advent is the season  
of new beginnings*



**A** new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent and it beckons to us with images of hope.

It is the season of the impossible becoming possible. In the scriptures we read of the dry, barren wilderness bursting into bloom; of broken hearts healing; of a barren woman and a young virgin both conceiving children.

Candles are lit on the Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ, as the time of his birth draws near.

Advent heralds more than longing for the light of Christ. It paves our celebrating Christ as God-with-us, God in human flesh. This is the heart of our faith, and it is the cause of our joy, hope, peace, the reason for the Season to change our ways, to celebrate Christmas.

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We welcome Fr Rupert Bowd for Masses in Horsham and Dimboola this weekend.

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 28th November	<b>No Mass</b>	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 29th November	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 30th November	9am	Warracknabeal
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Horsham - Funeral Mass for Dianne Morrison</b>
Thursday 1st December	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 2nd December	9am	Warracknabeal
	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Horsham - Funeral mass for Maree Frew</b>
Saturday 3rd December	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

### Funeral Mass for Dianne Morrison

Wednesday 30th November 2022, 11.30am  
Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham.  
*Rosary will be offered at 6.30pm Tuesday 29th November*

### Funeral Mass for Maree Frew

Friday 2nd December 2022, 2pm  
Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham.  
*Rosary will be offered at 6.30pm Thursday 1st December*

**A Christmas Giving Tree has been placed in the foyer of St Mary's Church Warracknabeal.**

Age labels have been placed on the tree for generous parishioners to select and buy an appropriate gift for the age of the boy or girl listed on your label.

Please place the gift you have purchased under the tree *no later than 11/12/22.*

Do not wrap gifts, place them in a bag under the tree.

Sincere thanks for your generosity, you will add to the joy of children in our community at Christmas time.

St Mary's Ladies Club.

## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) - 2022 LITURGY ROSTER

Date	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning November
<u>27th Nov Mass</u>	8.30am	D Baxter	D Baxter	T Evans & L Casey	M Muller & J McFarlane	M Ginnane & B Murphy
<u>3rd Dec Mass</u>	6.30pm	M Aitken	K Downes	B Bentley & L Downes	M Lardner & K Downes	

### HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>26th &amp; 27th November</u>	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor Anthony Amor	Mary Dalglish Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
<b>Reader</b>	Kevin Dunn	Bob Pritchett
<b>Commentator</b>	Betty Heinrich	Kingsley Dalglish
<u>3rd &amp; 4th December</u>	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
<b>Reader</b>	Betty Heinrich	Louise Kemp
<b>Commentator</b>	Micky Robarts	Andrea Cox
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Geoff Simpson Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Choir
<b>Livestream</b>		
<b>Welcomers</b>	Bill & Josie Phelan	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl & Maree Wren	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<u>4th December</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	<u>11th December</u> Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

Please submit notices for our weekly Bulletin to the Parish Office by C.O.B **Thursday**. Thank you.

#### Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish

**Bob Pritchett** and **Jill McGenniken** are our Safeguarding Officers. 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.*

### HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>27th November Mass 11am</u>	<u>4th December Mass 9am</u>
<b>Readers</b>	Marilyn Clancy	School Children
<b>Offertory/ Lay-led</b>	Claire & Kevin White	School Children
<b>Special Minister</b>		

### NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>27th November LLA 10am</u>	<u>4th December LLA 10am</u>
<b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b>	I Dart	A Munro
<b>Lay Leaders</b>	D Munro	C Kennedy
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	A Munro	J Gurry
<b>Offertory</b>		
<b>Monthly Collector</b>	J Millington	R Picone
<b>Cleaning</b>	C Pilgrim	A Munro

**Natimuk Mass:** Tuesday 29th November at 6.30pm  
 Venue: 245 Pelchens Road Quantong Vic  
**Rupanyup Mass:** To be advised

#### 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 if you have one, 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.**

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

#### THIS WEEKEND

#### 4th Weekend of the Month: 26th & 27th November

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am  
 Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am  
 Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am  
 Minyip: Saturday 6pm  
 Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am  
 Hopetoun: Sunday 11am  
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am  
 Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am  
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

#### NEXT WEEKEND

#### 1st Weekend of the Month: 3rd & 4th December

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

## PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** Dianne Morrison, Maree Frew, Maureen Rickard, Mollie Bruty (*Bernadette Delahunty's mother*)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Alberto Luciani, Bernie Webb, Bob Arnott

**SICK:** Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Moira Kelly snr, Pat Hateley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Pat Brennan (Ballarat), Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Hughie McDonald

#### Anointing:

*On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Matt Restall, or please call the Parish Office.*

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#### Communion:

*Upon request to the Parish Office, Holy Communion can be arranged for the sick and infirm.*

#### Confessions:

*After Saturday Morning Mass at Horsham Church, or on request to our Priests.*

### Publications Available for Purchase

- We have a limited supply of **God's Word 2023** available for **\$20ea.** Please contact the Parish Office to arrange purchase.



- A limited supply of **Incarnate Daily Reflections** books for **Advent & Christmas** are available for **\$8 ea.** Please contact the Parish Office to purchase.



- **Columban Calendars** are available in The Piety Stall in the Horsham Church through St Vincent De Paul for \$10ea. Our own order has also now arrived and will be distributed to all other churches in our Parish for sale at **\$10 ea.**



-We still have copies of the **Brigidine Centenary** book available for **\$35** in the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church or at the Parish Office.

### Ladies Group **CHRISTMAS Lunch**

**When:** Tuesday 29th November  
**Time:** 11.30am  
**Where:** *White Hart Horsham*  
**Cost:** Pay as you order



### St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases on **Mon, Wed and Fri** mornings between 11am-12noon.

**\*Appointments essential-** Phone 5381 2371 to book.

**St Vincent de Paul Warracknabeal Conference Meeting will be at Minyip on Wednesday 30th November at 2pm.**

**Making Connections:** Be alert and watchful for the needs of others this week and be ready to respond to those needs. Rejoice in the unexpected.

**Marriage Tip:** Do you find yourself comparing your marriage or family life to others around you? Gratitude is the best remedy against jealousy.

**Daily Prayer:** Merciful and faithful God, you sent your only-begotten Son, the teacher of truth and the font of reconciliation, to gather the warring nations of earth into the peace of your everlasting reign. Stir within us the spirit of joyful expectation, that, leaving behind the night, we may run to greet your day as it draws near, and gladly welcome your Christ whenever he reveals himself.

**A Vocation View:** In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

**Advent:** Let us ponder what is in our minds and hearts when we say "Come Lord Jesus!"

**First Sunday of Advent:** The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

## St Patrick's NHILL Gifting Mass Tuesday 29 November at 2pm

Last Christmas, St Patrick's school donated non-perishable food items, gift cards and monetary contributions to help families in need in the lead up to Christmas. West Wimmera Health Service and local services were astounded by our generosity and again welcome our assistance in this area. We are asking St Patrick's families, if they are able to do so, to contribute items to make up hampers for local families. Non-perishable food items, IGA gift cards or monetary contributions would be greatly appreciated. We invite Parishioners to join us for Mass on Tuesday, at St Patrick's Church Nhill.

### Please remember to collect Planned Giving Envelopes from your local Churches.

*\*Don't forget to complete and return the Stewardship Program Brochure available at all churches, even if you do not wish to participate in any groups. This will enable the office staff to update contact details. Thankyou.*

*Congratulations!*

**Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Michael & Barbara Connellan**



### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

**Morning Craft Group:**  
**Wednesdays** in Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

**Meditation Group:**  
Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room

**Choir Practice:**  
2nd Wednesday of the month, 6pm  
- *Any newcomers always welcome*

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast:**  
7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of the month @ the Parish Hall



**Sunday Mass**  
27th November 2022

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*First Reading*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amos, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war  
O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*Responsorial Psalm* Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

**R.** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good.

**R.** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

*Second Reading*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Gospel Acclamation*

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

*Gospel*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.  
'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It 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. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centred on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in

Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.