



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

1st Sunday of Lent- Yr. C - 6th March 2022

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Weekend (Horsham)
Roman Bruce Bolwell ~ son of Paul & Bronwyn



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



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COVID RESTRICTIONS:

There is currently no requirement for face masks to be worn in Church, and there are no vaccination limits or sign-in requirements. Join in on our Masses online at any time by visiting our Eucharistic

Facebook page : <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>

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

St Paul VI Parish Survey 2022

Our Parish Council want feedback on

how you as a Parishioner feel we as a Parish are going at the moment.

You can complete and submit the survey online by entering the following URL link into your web browser - <https://forms.gle/8BGh1ZL9SJWffNn46>

OR

Hard-copies are available from your Church foyer today.

- After completing the form, you may place it in a 'Parish Survey' Envelope and leave in a basket at your Church Foyer, or scan and email the document back to the Parish.

All Parishioners will have until Sunday the 20th of March to provide feedback.

- We look forward to hearing from you.

St. Paul VI Parish News:

We welcome and thank Fr Eladio Lizava for Masses in Horsham and Murtoa this weekend.

Monsignor Glynn will be on leave for rest and recovery.

Fr Jim will continue to be based in Warracknabeal; travelling for any events or emergencies in our Parish.



Project Compassion 2022:

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia .



WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 7th March	9.00am 1.30pm	Warracknabeal Horsham - funeral Brian Phelan
Tuesday 8th March	--	Warracknabeal No Mass Horsham (Fr Jim at Priest's Northern Zone meeting)
Wednesday 9th March	9.00am 12 noon	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 10th March	9.00am 10.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham - funeral Marion Sharry
Friday 11th March	9.00am 12 noon	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 12th March	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Mass for Brian Phelan: Monday 7th March 2022, 1.30pm Horsham
Rosary - Sunday 6th March 2022, 5.30pm.

Funeral Mass for Leo Bourke: Monday 7th March 2022, 10.30am Minyip

Funeral Mass for Marion Sharry: Thursday 10th March 2022, 10.30am Horsham

ROSTERS (Note: currently working on new design/layout)

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning- Mar.
March 5th	6.30pm	M Aitken	M Farrall	T Evans and L Casey	M Lardner and K Downes	T McKenzie & K Moloney
March 13th	8.30am	L Casey	L Casey	T Evans & L Casey	B Evans & L Muller	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

5th / 6th March	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dagleish
Reader	Micky Robarts	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	May Rosello
12th /13th March	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
Reader	Gary Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Embedded
Welcomers	Bob Hayes Tess Hayes	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	13th March Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	20th March Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>March 6</u> Mass 9am	<u>March 13</u> LLA 9am
Readers	Olive Wellington	Coral Cox
Offertory/ Lay-led	Kavoor family	Joan Bellinger Cynthia Maiden
Ministers		Marilyn Clancy

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>March 6</u> LLA at 10am	<u>March 13</u> LLA 10am
Reader & Prayers	A Munro	C Kennedy
Lay Leaders	M Millington	D Munro
Eucharistic Minister	C Kennedy	A Munro
Offertory		
Monthly Collector	E Cameron	E Cameron
Cleaning	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)
Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisken 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.

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Weekend of the Month:
 Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
 Beulah: Saturday 7pm
 Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
 Minyip: Sunday 10am
 Murtoa: Sunday Mass
 Livestream viewing 10.30am
 Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

Any upcoming changes in Victorian COVID-19 restrictions will apply.

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)

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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Our Parish also has a National Grower Register Account - for farmers in our community who would like to arrange **planned giving via a small share of grain sales** through the NGR.
Please feel free to call our Parish Office for more information.

OTHER MASSES

Natimuk: 6.30pm on Tuesday, 22 March, venue TBA...
Rupanyup: Next date & location to be confirmed...

Parish Volunteer Opportunities:

New volunteers are always welcome in all of our Churches. If you are interested in helping in any particular area, please contact the Horsham office to discuss.

- Parishioners of **St Mary's Church Warracknabeal** are invited to be readers and to offer prayers of the faithful on a roster. We are a small community and we need as many as possible to contribute so that we can each play an active role in our faith. ~If you can join the roster please register with Leo or David.~
- Ss Michael & John's Church Horsham** - Overhead Projector Operator/s Saturday 6.30pm or Sunday 10.30am Masses
 - Ss Michael & John's Church Horsham** - Mass Livestream Operator/s Sunday 10.30am Masses

**Note: For a volunteer position to be advertised in the bulletin, please contact the Horsham office.*

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Leo Bourke

ANNIVERSARIES: Dick Walsh, Denis Dowling

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Brett Cox, Moira Kelly snr, Graham Klemm, Pat Hateley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Peter Rowe, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamarra, Peter Sheridan

Anointing:

On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Jim McKay, or please call the Parish Office.

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Confessions:

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

LENT 2022 WITH BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

For 40 days you can receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful.

This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22> or call 1300 734 880.

'Lenten Reflections' (via Zoom), Thursday evenings, 7.30pm-8.30pm from 3/3/22 to 7/4/22.

Join us on a Thursday evening during Lent for some reflective time. Each week there will be guided meditation, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for group sharing.

Come to one or all. Cost: Donation.

Book via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, tel 9890 1101.

Invitation to Blessing of Statue of St Patrick

A statue of St Patrick will be placed and blessed in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR during Evening Prayer (Vespers) on the Vigil of St Patrick's Day (Wednesday, March 16) at 7.00pm.

On St Patrick's Day itself, there will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Fr Ed Moloney and Fr Abraham Thomas will preside and acknowledge the blessing of the statue during those Masses. People of the Diocese are welcome to the Evening Prayer and the Masses. More information is available from the diocesan website.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Mondays @ Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group:

Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Choir Practice:

6pm, 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of each month @ the Parish Hall.

Ecumenical-Charismatic Prayer Group:

1.30-3.30pm, Wednesdays @ Parish office meeting room

Saturday Morning Devotions:

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lay-led),

8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,

9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

Confessions after Mass.

Note: COVID restrictions, Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Organiser is away may cancel the event.

Daily Prayer: Through all their desert wanderings, O Lord our God, you led our ancestors from toil and oppression to a land of milk and honey. Through forty days in the wilderness, the Spirit led your Son from the devil's testing to victory as your Servant. Lead us through these forty days of Lent and make that victory of Christ's our own, till at the font of living water the elect find new birth, the penitent find pardon, and all rejoice to serve you alone.

Marriage Tip: Humour is often the best medicine.

Learning to laugh and not taking ourselves too seriously can make life more enjoyable for us and our family.

Vocational View: The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

Compassion has many faces: kindness, tenderness, mercy, forgiveness and gentleness.

The Season of Lent is a time of prayer, self-denial and for helping others. In this way the whole Church prepares for Easter. On Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any of the following:

Prayer: Mass attendance; family prayer, visit to the church read the Bible, make the Stations of the Cross, pray the rosary.

Self-denial: not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.

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"Teach Your Children Well" - GPBS Weekly Parables

Some old-timers look back fondly at all that used to be a part of Lenten fasting and abstinence. Some felt it provided them with benefits beyond the spiritual renewal intended. They speak about a sense of camaraderie during Lent. It was easy to spot another Catholic eating a cheese sandwich at work or ordering tuna salad at a restaurant. You weren't alone in your sacrificing. There was a shared consciousness. Others who were more pragmatic felt that Lent provided them an annual diet, a good way to shed the weight put on in the dead of last winter.

The readings of the first Sunday of Lent remind us that indeed we are not alone in our faith. Our roots go back to Moses. Our faith is shared among believers of all backgrounds. It is for all who accept Jesus, according to Paul.

While we have simplified the Lenten fast and abstinence, we are still called to use self-denial as an offering of thanksgiving to God and as a way to put into perspective that all we have and that gives us comfort is not as important as our eternal salvation.

To sacrifice alone as Jesus did in the desert is tough. To realise that we do it together in Lent with other believers gives us strength and makes our actions not self-serving acts of self-improvement but common acts of faith and reconciliation. They are good not for the body as much as for the soul and spirit. We are in Lent together. That's good.

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

Study Tour of the Biblical Lands

Olive Tree Travel have planned a study Tour of the Biblical Lands from December 3-14, 2022. This tour is focussed on the Gospel of Luke engaging the narrative in the contextual landscape. The tour will be escorted by Dr Rosemary Canavan of Catholic Theological College. More information available from <https://www.olivetree-travel.com.au/upcoming-tours/>

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your

heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunCLent01)

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test.

Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the evil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

God, my creator, breathe on me, renew me, refresh me, extend my abilities, comfort me in adjusting to changes in health, mobility and activity. Body of Jesus Christ flow through every fibre of my being. Keep me well, and hope filled, always. Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for the good of others. Amen.



Recently, we have been made aware of some parishioners not receiving our weekly bulletin email. If you have also noticed this occurring please contact our Horsham office on 5382 1155 to report this issue for us to investigate further. Thankyou.