



West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

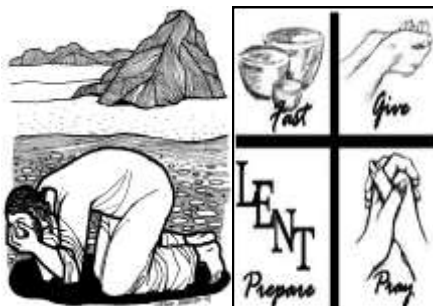
Ss Michael & John's Parish

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



BULLETIN

1st Sunday of Lent - 21st February 2021



This Weekend's Masses: 3rd Weekend of February

Mons. Glynn: Warracknabeal (Saturday 6.30pm), Beulah (Sunday 8.30am), Nhill (Sunday 11am)

Fr Jim: Horsham (Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 10.30am), Murtoa (Sunday 8.30am)

Lay-Led Assemblies:

Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, MARCH 5
@ St Patrick's Catholic Church, Nhill. At 7pm.**

*"Lord be Good to me. Your Sea is So Great and
My Boat is so small"
- (Prayer of the Breton Fisherman)*

**St Joseph's Hopetoun -
Stations of the Cross Friday 9am during lent**

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, 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, sick, in Homes or in Hospital.

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



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Project Compassion 2021: "Be More"

Boxes and envelope sets are available in each of the Church Foyers. Please take a set home in support of Caritas Australia. You can also donate online at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or via phone at 1800 024 413.



Latest COVID Requirements:

As of Thursday 18th February 2021, restrictions for Religious Services are back to "COVID-Normal" or how they were before the 5-day Lockdown which started last Friday night (12 February).

Those attending Mass must all still sign-in, sanitise, and wear their face masks and keep their distance as much as possible whilst inside our Churches. Thank you.

Mons. Glynn & Fr Jim will be away on an annual Clergy Retreat from Monday through to Thursday next week.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Monday 22 Feb - Ordinary	Warracknabeal 9am
Tuesday 23 Feb - Ordinary	(Mons. Glynn & Fr Jim on Clergy Retreat)
Wednesday 24 Feb -	"
Thursday 25 Feb	"
Friday 26 Feb	Horsham 9.30am
Saturday 27 Feb	Horsham 9.30am, Warracknabeal 9am

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

To all our church representatives; please submit any upcoming notices to Camille by **Thursday (each week)**. Thank you~

If you would like to keep up with our Weekly Bulletin electronically,
Please send your email address to horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call (03) 5382 1155.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Anna Luciani, John McNamara, Pauline Chalkley (Bendigo), Dave Simpson, Thomas A.J.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Macchia, Brian Tobin, Tony Uytdehaag, Peter Oakley, Beverley Manwarring, Leslie Woodhead, Ivy McGrath, Francis Griffin, Ann Hoye

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen, Cynthia Maiden, Kevin Clancy, John Hickey, Les White, Leo Bourke

ANOINTING AT HOME:

On request to Fr Jim McKay - mobile number: 0418 664 083. Or Contact the Parish office at 5382 1155.

To all Ministers of the Eucharist who visit the Hospitals/Nursing Homes in our Parish:
Please contact Fr Jim at 0418 664 083: to plan/schedule for Anointing Masses in the homes/hospitals which you visit. Thank you for your ministry.

Weekly Activities at SMJ Church Horsham

Morning Craft Group:

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

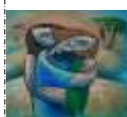
Meditation Group (with Sr Jacinta Rice):

Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room.



Lenten Program 2021: 'Comfort'
Booklets are now on sale \$5 ea,
(Contact Horsham Parish Office.)

Into A Strange Land: A Country Called Forgiveness



Walking the journey from unforgiveness to forgiveness: Retreat begins: 21 Feb 2021. for more info Visit <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/forgiveness-retreat/>

SCHOOL OPENING MASSES:

St. Patrick's Nhill - Friday 26 Feb, 10am.

St Brigid's Horsham - Monday 1 March, 11am.

Plenary Council Program:

Share your voice to help us all understand the current reality of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



MINISTRY ROSTERS - SMJ Horsham

20/21 Feb	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Jacinta Rice Micky Robarts Lorraine Clancy	Rosie Taylor Cate Rigby Mary Dalglish
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Angela Murphy
27/28 Feb	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Sr Jacinta Rice	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Anna Robertson Tim Lannen Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Joan Whiley Connie Bessler	Mary Dalglish Alistair Castle
Prayers	Mary Dalglish & Anita Masiero	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	21st February Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	28th February Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	February 21 Mass at 11am	February 28 LLA 10am
Reader & Prayers	K Dalglish	C Kennedy
Lay Leaders	-----	M Millington
Eucharistic Minister	-----	L Grayling
Offertory	L Welsch	-----
Monthly Collector	E Cameron	E Cameron
Counter	A Munro	J Kennedy
Cleaning	J Gurry	J Gurry

'Let the Heart Listen':

"A 15-week formation program on Thursday mornings. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, on 25 Feb. at Heart of Life, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern or online. Cost \$680. For more information and applications, contact info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101."



Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

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

Date & Day	Time	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
February 20th <i>Saturday evening</i>	11.00am	D Baxter	L. Casey	Baxter Family	B Bentley & L Downes	B Evans & M Muller
February 28th	8.30am	J McFarlane	P Winsall	Downes Family	B Bentley & L Downes	J McFarlane & M Lardner
March 6th <i>Saturday evening</i>	6.30pm	M. Aitken	F Casey	P Winsall/ M Walder	D & K Baxter	K Downes & B Evans
March 14th Sunday	8.30am	L Casey	D. Baxter	L & F Casey	D & K Baxter	M Muller & J McFarlane

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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 Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am
Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

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 Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

3rd Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am
Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm
Beulah: Sunday 8.30am
Nhill: Sunday 11am
Dimboola: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

4th Weekend of the Month:

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

5th Weekend of the Month:

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

Project Compassion Virtual Immersions

Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour, each week of Lent. To register visit <https://lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions>

Position Vacant : Finance/Administration Officer

1 day per week – Thursdays

A position is available for an enthusiastic and motivated person to become part of our Parish team as a Finance/Administration Officer.

We are looking for a person with knowledge of Reckon Software (advantage), good computer skills and communication.

Working with Children Check and National Police Check is required.

Job Description is available at the Parish Office, 10 Roberts Ave, Horsham or by phone 5382 1155 or email horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Applications close on 26th February 2021

Catholic Social Services Victoria - 2021: A time for solidarity, collaboration and cooperation



Throughout 2021, CSSV will continue to collaboratively focus on key areas of 'housing and homelessness' (we welcome the recent news that the Victorian Government is drafting a 10-year housing strategy), 'domestic violence' (a mini communications campaign around awareness, prevention and response to domestic violence is being developed by CSSV) and 'justice and equity' (a soon-to-be-publicly-released report on improving the care of ageing prisoners, and associated work and advocacy, is something to look out for). They strive to maintain a commitment to assisting with a coordinated service response to bushfire recovery, and responding to findings of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System final report, which is due for public release in the coming days. Keep up to date and get involved with various causes, scholarships, volunteer and job opportunities, and other Social Service news and events by visiting <https://www.css.org.au/>

"JESUS IS ALIVE" : 50th Anniversary Celebration of The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Melbourne .

Join us in listening to Archbishop Coleridge and many other speakers on Saturday, 6th March 2021 Online Celebration via Zoom, From 9.30 am to 5pm. At the Horsham Parish Office meeting rooms. Bookings



essential by Wednesday, 3rd March - contact 5382 1155. Flyers available in the Horsham church foyer.

ENGAGING SEEKERS

Reaching the Unchurched



Engaging Seekers- Reaching the Unchurched Webinar

Explore and discuss innovative ways to reach out to others who may be going through spiritual difficulty and seeking answers to life's deepest longings. Join Kevin Bailey and Donna Brennan (Alpha in a Catholic context co-ordinator for Alpha Australia) for a Webinar on 3rd March 2021, 7-8pm Sydney Time. Visit <https://www.tfaforms.com/4881634> for registrations and more info or contact Manisha at: manisha.gunathunga@divinerenovation.org

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

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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. 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.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Gospel Reflection Veronica Lawson rsm:

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time to consider how we might respond to the pain of the world and of its inhabitants. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into "the wilderness" and for grappling with the mysteries of life. It is a time of preparation for Easter when we will renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the greatest mysteries of our faith. The gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty-day experience in "the wilderness". Jesus is said to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many human beings before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness of life to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the original Greek term than is "tempted"]. Forty is a symbolic number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God.

The wilderness of Judah, with its unique desert flora and fauna, its wadis and waterholes, is ever so real. At the same time it functions symbolically in the narrative. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deuteronomy 8:2). Jesus now passes the tests that Israel failed in the wilderness. Jesus is "with the wild beasts". This terse statement recalls the prophet Isaiah's vision of a future time of reconciliation and harmony when "the wolf will lie down with the lamb" (Isaiah 11:6-9). Jesus is presented as the one who ushers in that age of peace and healing of division. God's agents care for him in his time of testing: "angels minister to him". In this context, Jesus announces the coming of God's empire or reign. His message is to "repent" or to "think beyond" in a way that might turn lives around in God's direction, and to "believe the good news" that he is set to proclaim in word and action. At a time of growing divide between the mega-rich and the desperately poor, we might look back to our symbolic tradition and forward to ways of bringing good news to those mostly deeply affected by the inequities in our world.

Next week's Gospel - SunBLent02: Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen

from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

This Lent, we are invited to reflect more deeply on the theme "Simply Jesus", which is drawn from the story of the Transfiguration in Mark 9:2-10, the Gospel reading for the 2nd Sunday of Lent. Having had their complacency shattered by an extraordinary and perplexing event, the disciples are left at the conclusion of this gospel with 'only Jesus'. He is, in the end, simply all we need.

