



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 29 August 2021**

**There will be no in-person Masses at all Churches in our Parish throughout the duration of the current Victorian lockdown which commenced 21st August 2021.**

**The 10.30am Parish Mass this Sunday 29th August 2021 will be livestreamed** on our Eucharistic Facebook group page which you can join at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



**The video recording of the Mass will also be available on the page after the livestream; for all to download and watch at a later time.**



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### 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

**Links to online Masses and other resources can be found on our Diocesan website at:**

<https://bit.ly/2Viah12>

*"All who are led by the Spirit of God, are sons and daughters of God."*

- St Paul, Romans 8:14

### BISHOP PAUL VISITING WARRACKNABEAL & HOPETOUN



Bishop Paul's visit to the northern former parishes over 27-30th August, has been **postponed until further notice** due to the current Victorian COVID-19 restrictions.

Mons Glynn will remain in contact with the Bishop to arrange a different time for the visit, as well as planning for the Thanksgiving Masses to be celebrated at the former Hopetoun, Horsham, Nhill & Warracknabeal Mass Centres.

### Social Justice Sunday – August 29, 2021

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It also touches upon the topic of the sacramentality of nature; how God uses His Creation to remind us of the presence of His divine love. You can download the statement at: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

### Season of Creation - September 1 to October 4

"I strongly encourage the faithful to pray that, as the result of a timely ecumenical initiative, these days are being celebrated as a Season of Creation. This season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home begins September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. It is an opportunity to draw closer to our brothers and sisters of various Christian confessions. In this ecological crisis affecting everyone, we should also feel close to all called to promote stewardship of the network of life of which we are part of." -Pope Francis. This year our theme is 'A Home for All? Renewing the oikos of God'. (One of the meanings for the ancient Greek word 'oikos' is home.) Oikos is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger because of people's greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection and systematic degradation.



We welcome SPRING this week, and pray for good seasonal rain for our crops, trees, gardens & dams, along with some warmth and sunshine.

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 30 August	-	No Masses due to VIC Lockdown.
Tuesday 31 August	-	No Masses due to VIC Lockdown.
Wednesday 1 September	-	No Masses due to VIC Lockdown.
Thursday 2 September	-	No Masses due to VIC Lockdown.
Friday 3 September	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal (IF PERMITTED) Horsham (IF PERMITTED)
Saturday 4 September	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal (IF PERMITTED) Horsham (IF PERMITTED)

**Please Check Victorian Government directions for Church openings.**

# ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
Aug.29 - Sun.	The Parish Mass will be Livestream only - 10.30am Sunday 29 August at our Facebook group page.					
Sep. 4 Sat	6.30pm	M Farrall	L Casey	P Winsall/M Walder	J & M Aitken	B Evans & M Muller

### HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

28/29 Aug.		
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	The Parish Mass will be Livestream only. ⇒ 10.30am Sunday 29 August 2021. <i>At our Eucharistic Facebook group page.</i>	
<b>Reader</b>		
<b>Commentator</b>		
4/5 Sep.	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Kevin Dunn	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Commentator</b>	Maree Plazzer	Alison McKinnon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anthony Amor Geoff Simpson Simon Lynch	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox <i>(please volunteer)</i>
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Joan Whiley Connie Besselaar	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>5th September</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	<b>12th September</b> Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

### Warracknabeal Church Cleaning: August

- K Baxter, M Farrall, M Ginnane

### NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>August 29th:</u>	<u>September 5:</u> 10am LLA
<b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b>	The Parish Mass will be Livestream only - 10.30am Sunday 29 August 2021 at our Facebook group page.	C Kennedy
<b>Lay Leaders</b>		M Millington
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>		N Grayling
<b>Offertory</b>		-
<b>Monthly Collector</b>		J Millington
<b>Counter</b>		E Cameron
<b>Cleaning</b>		A Munro

### HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>August 29:</u>	<u>September 5:</u> 9am Mass
<b>Readers</b>	The Parish Mass will be Livestream only - 10.30am Sunday 29 August 2021.	Coral Cox
<b>Offertory/ Lay-led</b>		Coral Cox & Olive Wellington
<b>Ministers</b>		-

## 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.

### OTHER MASSES:

**Natimuk: Tuesday 28 September - location to be decided...**  
**Rupanyup: Next date and location to be decided...**

### NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

Please submit any upcoming notices to the Parish Office by **Thursday**. Thank you.

### Pope's universal prayer for August:

"Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel."

If you would like to keep up with our Weekly Bulletin electronically, Please send your email address to [wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### 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 THE 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.

## SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

#### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul Connors, Rocco Carbone, Veronica Bouts, Fr Bob Markey, Helen Brennan, Ivan Keenan, Charles & Michael Rowe, Mary & Leo Rabl

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

**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 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


Normal contributions through Sunday Collections or dropping in to the office are also welcome.

~ 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.**

#### BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend.

 Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

#### Prayer for the Plenary Council:

“Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary McKillop, pray for us.”  
Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> for more information and to keep up to date with reports.



**Making Connections:** What assists you to become more ‘pure of heart’ and to strengthen your commitment to Christ? It may be the Rosary, volunteering, attending Mass. Think about what helps you grow in faith and keeps you focussed on following Jesus.

**Exploring the Word:** Becoming obsessed with external practices and rituals is not what God asks of us. The Prophet Micah famously put it this way: This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8) Truly loving others and living for them is an act from the heart.

**Daily Prayer:** Lord God, as we welcome your saving word, help us speak it in the generous service of those most in need, for this alone is religion pure and undefiled. Let the praise on our lips resound in the depths of our hearts, the word you have sown, the word that has taken root within us to sanctify and renew our entire lives.

**Marriage Tip:** Is life overwhelming right now? “This too shall pass.” Take a deep breath, and remind yourself of your blessings, especially your faith and your marriage.

**Vocational View:** Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. ‘Do what the word tells you.’ Be doers of the word.

#### Be Doers of the Word - GPBS Weekly Parables

We invest so much in appearances, it’s hard to imagine they don’t matter. We’re taught to believe that having the right face, clothes, and hair is what counts. We want to drive the cool car, have the proper schools on our resume, be seen with the beautiful people. When it comes to religion, we’re tempted to go for the right look, too. We want to keep the proscribed days holy, observe the designated observances. We impress ourselves so well with this, sometimes, it’s hard to imagine that God is not equally impressed. We look on the outside of the cup; God looks within. No matter how we pretty up the outside, what’s in our hearts is obvious at a glance. If we have no love, our obedience to the forms of religion is meaningless. In religion, appearances count for nothing. Bending the knee when our hearts do not bow gets us nowhere. Clasp our hands in prayer when we don’t open our hands in charity betrays us. Speaking of God’s love when not practicing God’s justice is a kind of blasphemy. Rituals are only as good as what they stand for. If there’s nothing to confirm them in our living, they collapse like a house of cards.

#### What are the rituals of your religious practice?

#### How do you support them in the way you live?

Choose a verse of Scripture and do the word you hear.

Find ways to put that word into action throughout the day.

Continue to listen to the word more deeply each hour.

Consider how the word has changed you by the end of the day.

#### Safeguarding Sunday—12 September 2021

We pray for those who have been abused, along with their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for all. You can find out more about the Church’s work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

#### PRAYER FOR RAIN:

*Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in You we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, bless our land with rain, especially in these coming months to nurture crops sown, and to bring them to a head, and for rain to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve in times of trial and difficulty and teach us to seek your help on our life journey.*



**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5**

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. R.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

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**Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27**

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can

save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**Gospel Acclamation: James 1:18**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

**Gospel; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

**Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunBOrd22)**

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event. In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians. In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples. Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses. Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is

not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life. If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning. Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.