



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 5 September 2021



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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

Pastoral Care, Funerals & Anointing:

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

Please Check Victorian Government directions for Church openings.



Happy Fathers Day

To all our fathers, spiritual fathers and those who stand in the place of a father. We pray for young fathers, may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy

and sacrifice. We pray for Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. We pray for families hurt by separation, violence and loss.

"Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gift of our fathers and those who have been father-figures to us. We thank you for the life and love they have brought to our world. Strengthen them in virtue and faith so that they give glory to you through lives filled with love and service. Amen."

There will be no in-person Masses at all Churches in our Parish until further notice, due to Victorian lockdown restrictions.

The 10.30am Parish Mass this Sunday 5th September 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.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND



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. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Envelopes are available at all our Churches, or you can also drop in any donations at our Parish office (open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm).

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 6 September	9.00am	Warracknabeal (IF PERMITTED)
Tuesday 7 September	9.00am	Warracknabeal (IF PERMITTED)
	9.30am	Horsham (IF PERMITTED)
Wednesday 8 September - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Warracknabeal (IF PERMITTED)
	9.30am	Horsham (IF PERMITTED)
Thursday 9 September	9.00am	Warracknabeal (IF PERMITTED)
	9.30am	Horsham (IF PERMITTED)
Friday 10 September	9.00am	Warracknabeal (IF PERMITTED)
	9.30am	Horsham (IF PERMITTED)
Saturday 11 September	9.00am	Warracknabeal (IF PERMITTED)
	9.30am	Horsham (IF PERMITTED)

ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
September 5	The Parish Mass will be Livestream only - 10.30am Sunday 5 September at our Facebook group page.					
Sept. 12 - Sun.	8.30am	D Baxter	P Winsall	L & F Casey	J & M Aitken	J McFarlane & M Lardner

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

4/5 Sep.		
Eucharistic Ministers	The Parish Mass will be Livestream only. ⇒ 10.30am Sunday 5 September 2021.	
Reader	At our Eucharistic Facebook group page.	
Commentator		
11/12 Sep.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Michael Connellan
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	<i>To be confirmed...</i>	<i>To be confirmed...</i>
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Mary Dagleish Alistair Castle
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	12th September Anna Robertson Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	19th September Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>September 5:</u>	<u>September 12:</u> LLA 10am
Reader & Prayers	The Parish Mass will be Livestream only - 10.30am Sunday 5 September 2021 at our Facebook group page.	J Gurry
Lay Leaders		C Kennedy
Eucharistic Minister		A Munro
Offertory		-
Monthly Collector		J Millington
Counter		J Millington
Cleaning		A Munro

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>September 5:</u>	<u>September 12:</u> 9am LLA
Readers	The Parish Mass will be Livestream only - 10.30am Sunday 5 September 2021.	Cynthia Maiden
Offertory/ Lay-led		Claire White & Olive Wellington
Ministers		Therese Bellinger

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

MASSES, PRAYERS & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

2nd Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
 Beulah: Saturday 6pm (Winter season)
 Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
 Minyip: Sunday 10am
 Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am
 Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
 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...

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.

Pope's universal prayer for September:

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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: Shaun Moloney (Sydney)

ANNIVERSARIES: Ann Reinsma, Domenico "Mick" Scutti, Kath Delahunty, Jean McManus, Charles Rowe, Carmel Gibson, Lily Dowling, 9/11 victims

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

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.

Season of Creation - September 1 to October 4



This year's 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. God often shows his wonderful presence in nature - from the crisp mountain air, the rolling waves, to crops and flowers in our own gardens.

This spring, let us act and pray for the preservation and care of our one and only planet.

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World Suicide Prevention Day—September 10, 2021.

This day hopes to raise awareness of suicide in our communities and identifying where and how we can work together to support those in need.

'There are no problems 'too small' to call out for help.'

Programs and support are available for ALL to access online (BeyondBlue: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/the-facts/suicide-prevention/world-suicide-prevention-day>) and via phone (Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14). For emergencies or if you are in immediate danger to yourself or others, please call 000.

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"The Greatest Story Ever Told: An Introduction to Scripture"

As a collection of books by many authors from many centuries, the Bible contains many different kinds of writing. At 7pm during Monday nights - from 13 September to 11 October: Lecturer David Schutz seeks to introduce you to the Scriptures, what kind of writings they are, how they came to us, and how the Church reads them.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for a small group to gather at our Parish office (*COVID restrictions allowing*) - to attend the five, 2-hour sessions lectures via Zoom online conference. If you and/or someone you know may be interested, please call the Parish office at 5382 1155 - throughout the coming week. Deadline for expressions of interest will be 12pm on Friday 10th September, 2021.

Plenary Council 2021: Agenda

Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> for more information and to keep up to date with reports. Copies of the full **Agenda for the Fifth Australian Plenary Council** are now available in the website link above. It covers 6 main areas of discussion:

- "Conversion" - e.g. How might we better accompany one another on the journey of personal and communal conversion which mission in Australia requires?
- "Prayer" - e.g. How might we better embrace the diverse liturgical traditions of the Churches which make up the Catholic Church and the cultural gifts of immigrant communities to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Church in Australia?
- "Formation" - e.g. How might we better form leaders for mission - adults, children and families, couples and single people?
- "Structures" - e.g. How might parishes better become local centres for the formation and animation of missionary disciples?
- "Governance" - e.g. How might the People of God, lay and ordained, women and men, approach governance in the spirit of synodality and co-responsibility for more effective proclamation of the Gospel?
- "Institutions" - e.g. How might we better see the future of Catholic social services, education, health and aged care?



I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.'

-Pope Francis, *Evaangelii Gaudium* 27

GPBS Weekly Parables:

Poor in the World, Rich in Faith

A young man got up to speak at the local Newman Community Centre last week. At first, I thought he was speaking a language unknown to me; then gradually I realised he was speaking my language. But his ability to make himself understood was nearly strangled by an impediment that made him repeat himself in a loop, over and over, until he could complete a single sentence. I felt sad and frustrated for him. When he finished speaking, an attractive young woman translated his message for him, emphasising his main points. And the crowd of adolescent students cheered his name, over and over. I realised that this young man, though impaired, was practically a cult figure among his peers. They knew him, liked him, accepted him. Though his tongue was bound, his spirit was free. Many of us labour under impediments to love that seem insurmountable. They may be physical, mental, or spiritual in nature, grounded in past injury or present dysfunction. However impossible it seems that we may be freed from what holds us bound, the appearance is deceiving. Jesus cured a deaf mute with his spit. He holds the power to open hearts too. *What part of your life is closed and bound?* Embrace downward mobility in the world, upward mobility in the Kingdom. Find ways to share what you have with the materially and spiritually poor. *Isn't it clear by now that God operates quite differently?*

The Commissioning

"Go from here as those who will widen their horizons. We will not be bound by habitual thoughts and actions. We will listen for different voices. We will reflect on new approaches. We will try opening our hearts to other things. We will rejoice in unexpected experiences of justice. We will accept fresh leading of the Spirit. The God of Love will be your companion. We have nothing to fear."

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes

in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunBOrd23)

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs. Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there,

which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea. Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

Making Connections: In this gospel, physical deafness could be seen as a symbol of being closed off from the world around us. Are there voices you do not hear, or do not hear well enough, in your family or workplace; in our nation or our world? Are we always attentive enough to those who have something to say to us?

Symbols & Images: Jesus could have healed this man with words alone but he chose to use gestures as well. The actions are a sign of what is taking place. Ritual gestures continue to be a rich means of communication in the Church.

Vocational View: Has God not chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom, to be rich in faith? Take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

Living the Word: Pray for openness to the word and action of God in your life.

Marriage Tip: Psychologically, negative messages are more powerful than positive ones. If you've been hard on yourself lately, list three things you did well today - to help bring back some personal positivity and inner hope.

Daily Prayer: O strong and faithful God, open our eyes to your presence everywhere. Unstop our ears to hear the challenge of your word. Loose our tongues in songs of praise and fearless witness to your justice.