



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 3rd October 2021

In Our Parish This Week:

Fr Jim will have some annual leave, commencing after Masses this weekend (3rd Oct.) and will be back on the 16th October 2021.

Mons. Glynn will be **attending online sessions for the Fifth Plenary Council Assembly** (3-9 October; sessions on Sunday afternoon, Mon-Sat 10.30am - 7pm); as a representative of the Military Diocese of Australia.

There will be **no Weekday Masses in Warracknabeal** this week (4-9 October).
- For **Horsham, Weekday Masses will be at 9am.**

The **Parish office will be open** Monday—Friday from 9am-4pm: for any calls, messages or visitors.

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At 2am this Sunday October 3rd (*Saturday night*), we **move our clocks forward by one hour** for the **beginning of Daylight Savings.**



We also pray for our **School staff, teachers, families and students; especially our Yr. 11 & 12s;** as they commence the last term of the School year on the 5th October 2021.

Based on the Victorian Government's announcement on 8th September 2021: **Religious Ceremonies (such as Parish Mass) Are allowed to be held - for up to 20 attendees; excluding those who are required to conduct the service.**

This Weekend's Masses will proceed as per the below schedule:

- ◆ **Warracknabeal – Mass Saturday 6.30pm**
- ◆ **Murtoa – Mass Sunday 8.30am**
- ◆ **Hopetoun – Mass Sunday 9am**
- ◆ **Rainbow – Mass Sunday 11am**
- ◆ **Horsham – Livestreamed Mass Sunday 10.30am**
+ the first 20 bookings through the parish office to attend the Mass in-person*

**Please note: we advise that those who are able to watch the online Mass consider doing so; this allows us to reserve our 20-person booking limit for those who do not have online/technological access.*

The 10.30am Parish Mass this Sunday 3rd October 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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Horsham Sunday Mass Collections:

Donations and envelopes can be dropped into the baskets at the foyer of the Horsham Church; after the Sunday 10.30am Mass.
Thank you.

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: (Please see notice on Weekday Masses above)

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| Monday 4 October - <i>St Francis of Assisi</i> | No Masses | |
| Tuesday 5 October | 9am | Horsham |
| Wednesday 6 October | 9am | Horsham |
| Thursday 7 October - <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> | 9am | Horsham |
| Friday 8 October | 9am | Horsham |
| Saturday 9 October | 9am | Horsham |

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 |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Oct. 2 - Sat. | 6.30pm | L Casey | P Winsall | Baxter Family | B Bentley & L Downes | M Lardner & K Downes |
| Oct. 10 - Sat. | 6.30pm | M. Walder | M Walder | Downes Family | B Bentley & L Downes | B Evans & M Muller |

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

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| 3 October | <u>10.30am Sunday only</u> | |
| The Horsham Mass will be Livestreamed. In-person attendance is limited to 20 bookings. | | |
| Reader | Anna Robertson | |
| Commentator | Bob Pritchett | |
| 9/10 October | Vigil 6.30pm <i>(If 50+ Allowed)</i> | Sunday 10.30am |
| Reader | Emelia Sudholz | Michael Connellan |
| Commentator | John Parker | Mary Marshall |
| Eucharistic Ministers <i>(if 50+ allowed)</i> | Anthony Amor Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch | Kingsley Dagleish Alison McKinnon Fay Wills |
| Projector <i>(if 50+ allowed)</i> | Geoff Simpson | Gabby Mills |
| Musicians | Chris Robarts | Men's Choir |
| Welcomers | Bill & Josie Phelan | Marina Manserra Zita Cannane |
| Prayers | Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson | |
| Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging | 10th October Lynda Hutchinson Bernie Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor | 17th October Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan |

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

| | <u>October 3:</u> LLA 10am | <u>October 10:</u> LLA 10am |
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| Reader & Prayers | C Kennedy | D Munro |
| Lay Leaders | M Millington | - |
| Eucharistic Minister | N Grayling | - |
| Offertory | - | Family |
| Monthly Collector | R Picone | R Picone |
| Counter | E Cameron | A Munro |
| Cleaning | A Munro | A Munro |

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

| | <u>October 3:</u> 9am Mass | <u>October 10:</u> 9am LLA |
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| Readers | Marilyn Clancy | Marshman Family |
| Offertory/Lay-led | Marilyn Clancy & Therese Bellingher | Olive Wellington & Cynthia Maiden |
| Ministers | - | Marilyn Clancy |
| Church Cleaning | <u>October 22:</u> Claire White | <u>November 5:</u> Nicole McLean |

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

2nd Weekend of the Month: *(9/10 October: Fr Jim away)*
Warracknabeal: Saturday 6pm
Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
Horsham: Sunday 10.30am *(with livestream)*
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 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 26 October, 6.30pm—venue to be confirmed...
Rupanyup: Next date and location to be decided...

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.

Pope's intention for October:

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Links to online Masses and other resources can be found on our Diocesan website at: <https://bit.ly/2Viah12>

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.

Collections:

1st Collection (Presbytery):

Beulah: \$50.00 **Dimboola:** \$143.00 **Horsham:** \$230.00
Hopetoun: \$126.00 **Murtoa:** \$103.00 **Nhill:** \$140.00
Minyip: \$145.00 **Rainbow:** \$90.00 **Warracknabeal:** \$151.30

2nd Collection (Parish/Envelopes):

Dimboola: \$210.00 **Horsham:** \$141.00 **Hopetoun:** \$5.00
Murtoa: \$ 50.00 **Minyip:** \$547.00 **Nhill:** \$450.00
Warracknabeal: \$90.00

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

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Fr John Keane, Brenda Noonan

ANNIVERSARIES: Gay Valmadre, Frank Drum, Adrian Fernee, John Jess, Brendan Kennedy

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

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

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

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."



Plenary Council – Nearly there!

The **First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 2.00pm AEST** from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth on Sunday, October 3. The historic event will develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia. Watch the live-streamed Mass and follow key moments during the First General Assembly between October 3 and 10 on the Plenary Council website at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

The **10.30am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird for the start of the Assembly will be also be livestreamed.** A link to this livestream will be uploaded to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenary-council/>

Printouts of the Plenary Council Agenda are available via email and from the Parish office as well our Churches this weekend; for those who would like to reflect along and contribute to the discussion. Answers for the worksheet can be emailed to pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au— which will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members of the Plenary Council.

Season of Creation – September 1 – October 4, 2021



As this year's season of creation comes to a close, we continue to pray and celebrate God as Creator.

We reflect on the gifts and the mission given to us by God to care for His creation and respond to its needs and cries.

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

Making Connections: Put particular effort into your own marriage or a significant relationship this week. In what ways can your love for another become a present representation of the love of God for all people.

Symbols & Images: The love and fidelity of a bride and groom or husband and wife is often used in Scripture to illustrate the love and fidelity of God for his people. In the same way, the Church is often spoken of as the bride of Christ. Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church (Eph 5:25). The image evokes all the passion, patience, forgiveness and love of a married relationship.

Daily Prayer: O God, you created man and woman so that the two might share one life, lived out in freedom and concord, and reaching toward perfection under the guidance of your love. Through the work of your Spirit, restore to the children of Adam and Eve the holiness and harmony of creation's earliest days, and give us faithful hearts, that what you have joined together no human power may put asunder.

Marriage Tip: Research says it takes five positive comments to counteract one negative. Try keeping track for one day, and seek to affirm more than criticize.

Vocational View: The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God. 'Let the little children come to me; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.'

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"Longing and Belonging" (GPBS Weekly Parables):

There are all kinds of ways to divide up the people of the world. We can divide them in half by gender or into a handful of races and colours. Or we can divide them into countries, ethnic groups, or languages. We can divide them by class, sexual orientation, political party, or aesthetic sensibility if we prefer. We can slice up the world according to economics: rich and poor works well in most places. There are the happy and the unhappy; this generation or that; saints or sinners. Or we can just use the simple compartments "us" and "them," and add whoever we want to each box. We can, and do, divide the world's people into lots of little categories, each of which contains an implicit judgment on who they are. Jesus represents the opposite impulse. He doesn't dismiss children as irrelevant. He doesn't champion a man's rights over a woman's in marriage. He doesn't put religious people in one corner, and sinners in another. Jesus presents love as the binding force which holds everyone together, rich and poor, men and women, slave and free. Can we change our way of thinking, from dividing to uniting?

The Commissioning

Go from here with child-like enthusiasm. We will fill our homes with joy and laughter. We will fill our friendship circle with love. We will bring hope to the downhearted. We will bring encouragement to the dispirited. We will give time to the sick and housebound. We will offer our presence to the sorrowful. We won't be afraid to play with the youngest. We won't resist the urge to smell the roses. We will be ready to give an account of our faith. We will be ready to doubt and question. God is our companion, day in and day out.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Catholic Mission Month

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. Donation envelopes are available at our Churches and office.

For more info visit: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! by the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:2-12

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunBOrd27)

For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him. The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness. In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more

restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery. At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

Operation Christmas Child: October Shoebox Appeal

- Share a box full of 'goodies' with less fortunate children around the world.

Information brochures and prayer cards are available from our Parish office as well as at our Church foyers.

The brochure includes a list of recommended items to pack, as well as what not to pack. Pre-labelled shoe boxes are available at 50 cents each from the Parish office. Once packed, drop your boxes back in to the office

before November 6, 2021— along with a letter & an essential \$10 donation which helps with customs, shipping and handling costs. You can also 'Pack a shoebox' online and find other donation options via the Samaritan Purse website:

<https://occdonations.samaritanpurse.org.au/>

