

St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



Second Sunday of Advent

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Advent is the
season of new
beginnings

We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah*, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis*, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

2nd SUNDAY of Advent - 4th December 2022
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Saturday, 24th December 2022

Horsham	5.30pm-6pm Children's Nativity Activity 6pm Mass
	8.30pm-9pm Christmas Carols 9pm Vigil Mass
Hopetoun	6pm Vigil Mass
Nhill	9pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Morning

Sunday, 25th December 2022

Horsham	9am Mass
Warracknabeal	8.30am Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 5th December	No Mass	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 6th November	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 7th December	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 8th December	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 9th December	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 10th December	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Prayers for John Talbot - St Joseph's Church Hopetoun
Tuesday December 6th, 11am

Funeral Prayers for Maria Williamson - Ss Michael & John's Church Horsham
Friday December 9th, 1.30pm

Funeral Prayers for Roma Cook - St Mary's Church Warracknabeal
Saturday December 10th, 10.30am

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

Date	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning
3rd December Mass	6.30pm	M Aitken	K Downes	B Bentley & L Downes	M Lardner & K Downes	
11th December Mass	8.30am	L Casey	M Farrall	B Bentley & L Downes	B Evans & M Muller	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

3rd & 4th December	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Andrea Cox
10th & 11th December	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Commentator	John Parker	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream		
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Mary Dalglish Alistair Castle
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	11th December Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	18th December Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	4th December Mass 9am	11th December LLA 9am
Readers	School Children	Marshman Family
Offertory/ Lay-led	School Children	Claire White Joan Bellinger
Special Minister		Cynthia Maiden

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	4th December LLA 10am	11th December LLA 10am
Reader & Prayers	A Munro	C Kennedy
Lay Leaders	C Kennedy	M Millington
Eucharistic Minister	J Gurry	N Grayling
Offertory		
Monthly Collector	R Picone	R Picone
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

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, and name)

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

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish

Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinniken 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.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

1st Weekend of the Month: 3rd & 4th December

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Weekend of the Month: 10th & 11th December

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
 Beulah: Saturday 7pm
 Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
 Minyip: Sunday 10am
 Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am
 Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Maria Williamson, Roma Cook (Warracknabeal), John Talbot (Hopetoun)

ANNIVERSARIES: Joyce Mackay, Kevin O'Connor, Stephen Baker, Brice Craig

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Moira Kelly snr, Pat Hateley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Pat Brennan (Ballarat), Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Hughie McDonald

Anointing:

On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Matt Restall, or please call the Parish Office.

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Communion:

Upon request to the Parish Office, Holy Communion can be arranged for the sick and infirm.

Confessions:

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

Publications Available for Purchase

- We have a limited supply of **God's Word 2023** available for **\$20**ea. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange purchase.



- A limited supply of **Incarate Daily Reflections** books for **Advent & Christmas** are available for **\$8** ea. Please contact the Parish Office to purchase.



- **Columban Calendars** are available in The Piety Stall in the Horsham Church through St Vincent De Paul for \$10ea. Our own order has also now arrived and has been distributed to all other churches in our Parish for sale at **\$10** ea.



-We still have copies of the **Brigidine Centenary** book available for **\$35** in the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church or at the Parish Office.

Christmas Cards are available for purchase from the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church.



The Piety Stall is run by St Vincent de Paul volunteers and is open after Saturday night and Sunday morning Mass.

! Please remember to collect Planned Giving Envelopes from your local Churches.

**Don't forget to complete and return the Stewardship Program Brochure available at all churches, even if you do not wish to participate in any groups. This will enable the office staff to update contact details. Thankyou.*

St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases on **Mon, Wed and Fri** mornings between 11am-12noon.

***Appointments essential-** Phone 5381 2371 to book.

A Christmas Giving Tree has been placed in the foyer of St Mary's Church Warracknabeal.

Age labels have been placed on the tree for generous parishioners to select and buy an appropriate gift for the age of the boy or girl listed on your label.

Please place the gift you have purchased under the tree **no later than 11/12/22.**
Do not wrap gifts, place them in a bag under the tree.

Sincere thanks for your generosity, you will add to the joy of children in our community at Christmas time.

St Mary's Ladies Club.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

By helping Vinnies Christmas Appeal you will assist in two ways, at a local level our members and volunteers will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals. At a broader level you will be contributing to the large and varied network of short and longer-term support services for Victorians experiencing disadvantage.

St Vincent de Paul told his followers there are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give.

Support for this appeal will benefit recipients, address poverty and disadvantage in our communities.

Envelopes available in the Piety Stall and Narthex in the Horsham Church.

Blessing Prayer for Volunteers (taken from the Order of Blessings):

*God of glory,
your beloved Son has shown us that true worship
comes from humble and contrite hearts.*

*Bless our volunteers
who have responded to the needs of our parish
and wish to commit themselves to your service.*

*Grant that their ministry may be fruitful
and our worship pleasing to you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Wednesdays in Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group:

Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room

Choir Practice:

2nd Wednesday of the month, 6pm

- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship Christmas Dinner:

6pm Thursday 15th December @ the White Hart Hotel Horsham

Please note: No Breakfast gathering in January.

Sunday Mass
4th December 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails:
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

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and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

This week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian

baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.