

St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Easter Year A - 16th April 2023

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Weekend

(Horsham) Sunday- Raya Dianne Hawker

Daughter of Damien & Nikki Hawker

(Horsham) Sunday- Maggie Elizabeth Ervin

Daughter of Brett & Stephanie Ervin

*May they continue to grow in faith with loving support of their families,
friends, Godparents, sponsors and our Parish community.*

We welcome and thank **Fr. Rupert Bowd** for Masses in Horsham and Murtoa this weekend.



St Paul VI Parish Mass Schedule

Effective from weekend of 15th / 16th April 2023

	1 st Sunday of the Month	2 nd Sunday of the Month	3 rd Sunday of the Month	4 th Sunday of the Month	5 th Sunday of the Month
Beulah	LLA Sun 9.30am	LLA - Sun 9.30am MASS - Thursday after the 2 nd Sunday, 5.30pm	LLA Sun 9.30am	MASS Saturday Vigil 7pm (6pm Winter)	LLA Sun 9.30am
Dimboola	LLA Sun 8.30am	MASS Sun 8.30am	LLA Sun 8.30am	MASS Sun 8.30am	LLA Sun 8.30am
Hopetoun	MASS Saturday Vigil 6.30pm	MASS Saturday Vigil 6.30pm	MASS Saturday Vigil 6.30pm	LLA Sun 9am	LLA Sun 9am
Horsham	MASS Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10.30am	MASS Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10.30am	MASS Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10.30am	MASS Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10.30am	MASS Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10.30am
Minyip	LLA - Sun 10am MASS - Thursday after the 1 st Sunday, 5.30pm	LLA Sun 10am	LLA - Sun 10am MASS - Thursday after the 3 rd Sunday, 5.30pm	LLA Sun 10am	MASS Sun 8.30am
Murtoa	MASS Sun 8.30am	LLA Sun 9am	MASS Sun 8.30am	LLA Sun 9am	LLA Sun 9am
Nhill	MASS Sun 11am	MASS Sun 11am	MASS Sun 11am	MASS Sun 11am	MASS Sun 11am
Rainbow	LLA Sun 10am	LLA - Sun 10am MASS - Thursday after the 2 nd Sunday, 5.30pm	LLA Sun 10am	LLA Sun 10am	MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Warracknabeal	MASS Sun 8.30am	MASS Sun 8.30am	MASS Sun 8.30am	MASS Sun 8.30am	MASS Sun 8.30am

Natimuk Mass- Thursday after the 4th Sunday of the month

Rupanyup Mass- Thursday after the 5th Sunday of the month

NEW SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

This Sunday
(15/16 April, the 3rd Sunday of the Month)

the **new**
Sunday Mass Roster across
St Paul VI Parish will
Commence.

Mass Livestreaming

This weekend, Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at **6.30pm each Saturday evening**, and will be available to watch 'live', or for replay viewing at a time convenient.

(Recordings are deleted weekly, and will be available until Friday next week)

YouTube Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams>

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 17th April	9am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 18th April	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 19th April	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 20th April	9am	Warracknabeal
	9am	Horsham (Early)
Friday 21st April	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 22nd April	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Patrick 'Hairy' Hennessey

ANNIVERSARIES: John Patrick McDonald, Fr Frank Madden, Mary Torney, Danny Byrne, Ed Byrne, Rosina Radolovi, Elisa Sartori.

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Moira Kelly Snr, Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Pat Brennan (Ballarat), Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon and Cynthia Maiden

SPECIAL MINISTERS Holy Communion

Anyone wishing to become a special minister please give names to the Parish office, and a program will be organised. Also any wishing to refresh are most welcome.



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.

Faith Conversation

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic but isn't ready to take the plunge? Over the next couple of months, a few informal yet structured Faith Conversations on Sunday evenings will take place in Horsham. If you know of someone who is interested to find out more, please encourage them to contact **Fr Matt** on:
0417 991 387

A HORSHAM COMBINED
 PROBUS CLUB INITIATIVE

**MANAGING THE
 Twilight
 YEARS**

WEDNESDAY MAY 10
 9.30AM - 3PM

Lawyer, Accountant, Centrelink,
 Crampians Health, Undertaker,
 Celebrant
 Mobility aids display

HORSHAM CHURCH OF CHRIST
 91 RIVER RD

COST: \$5
 (INCLUDES MORNING TEA
 & LIGHT LUNCH)
 RSVP MAY 3 FOR CATERING

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St. Mary's Warracknabeal Catholic Church will be hosting a CWL gathering on **Wednesday the 24th of May** following 10.30am Mass. This is the Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians, a Patroness of Australia. Lunch; soup, sausage rolls/party pies/ sandwiches (at own cost of approx. \$17 per head) will follow, at the Anglican hall across the road. During lunch there will be guest speakers, and the day will finish about 3 pm. In Horsham we will be asking drivers of cars to take two or three passengers and place your name at the Parish Office (ph.53821155) along with those interested needing a lift. The gathering is open to all in surrounding towns and Parishes, all are welcome. **RSVP Friday 12th May 2023.**



**ST PATRICK'S
 CATHOLIC CHURCH
 NHILL FUNDRAISER**

- Friday 5 May 6:30pm
- Night of shameless gold coin extortion
- Raising funds for Church Split-Systems
- Location: St Patrick's Hall
- \$10pp tables of 10
- Bring food & drink for table



Bookings
 Parish Office: 5382 1155

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

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, 4pm
 - **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:
 7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of the month @ the Parish Hall

Sunday Mass

16 April 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm Ps117:2-4,13-15,22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for

you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

As the Father sent me, so I am sending you

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me,

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the

marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first

witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having

Next Weekend's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14,22-33

Psalm: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Responsorial Psalm: 15:1-2,5,7-11

2nd Reading: 1st letter of St Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35