



West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

Ss Michael & John's Parish

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



BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B - 28th February 2021



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This Weekend's Masses: 4th Weekend of February

Mons. Glynn: Horsham (Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 10.30am), Dimboola (Sunday 8.30am)

Fr Jim: Warracknabeal (Sunday 8.30am), Minyip (Sunday 11am)

Lay-Led Assemblies:

Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am
Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (weekly during Lent)

St Joseph's Hopetoun - Friday 9am
Ss. Michael & John Horsham - Friday 5pm

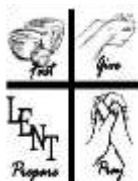
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES: FRIDAY 5th March 2021

Nhill - St Patrick's Catholic Church - 7pm.

Warracknabeal (Combined Service for all Churches) - Lutheran Church - 2pm

Latest COVID Requirements:

Those attending Mass must all still sign-in, sanitise, and wear their face masks and keep their distance as much as possible whilst inside our Churches. Thank you.



"Aspire not to have more, but to be more"

-Saint Oscar Romero



PRAYER FOR 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, 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, sick, in Homes or in Hospital.

Project Compassion 2021: "Be More"

Boxes and envelope sets are available in each of the Church Foyers. Please take a set home in support of Caritas Australia.

You can also donate online at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, my creator, breathe on me, renew me, refresh me, extend my abilities, comfort me in adjusting to changes in health, mobility and activity. Body of Jesus Christ flow through every fibre of my being. Keep me well, and hope filled, always. Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for the good of others. Amen



New Australian Catholics Magazine (Autumn Ed.)*

available at all Church Foyers & Horsham Parish Office

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

To all our church representatives; please submit any upcoming notices to Camille by **Thursday (each week)**. Thank you~

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 1 March	9.00am 11am	Warracknabeal Horsham - SBC School Opening Mass
Tuesday 2 March	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Wednesday 3 Mar.	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 4 March	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 5 March	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 6 March	6.30pm 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Macchia, Col Bigham, Vin Liston

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen, Cynthia Maiden, Kevin Clancy, John Hickey, Les White, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling

ANOINTING AT HOME:

On request to Fr Jim McKay - mobile number: 0418 664 083. Or Contact the Parish office at 5382 1155.

To all Ministers of the Eucharist who visit the Hospitals/Nursing Homes in our Parish: Please contact Fr Jim to plan/schedule for Anointing Masses in the homes/hospitals which you visit. Thank you for your ministry.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Mondays @ Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group (with Sr Jacinta Rice):

Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Stations of the cross (Starts on 5th March):

5pm on Fridays for the duration of lent

Saturday Morning Devotions (Starts on 6th March):

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the church,
9.30am Saturday Morning Mass



"JESUS IS ALIVE" : 50th Anniversary of The Catholic Charismatic Renewal (Melbourne):

Join us in listening to Archbishop Coleridge and many other speakers on *Saturday, 6th March 2021*. Online Celebration via Zoom, From 9.30 am to 5pm. *At the Horsham Parish Office meeting rooms. Bookings essential by Wednesday, 3rd March-* contact 5382 1155. Flyers available in the Horsham Church foyer.

SBC Horsham: School Opening Mass - 1 March, 11am.

If you would like to keep up with our Weekly Bulletin electronically, Please send your email address to horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call (03) 5382 1155.

We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism this Sunday (Horsham):

Olivia Zeya Jean Tan
Daughter of Vic & Julie Tan



MINISTRY ROSTERS (HORSHAM)

27/28 Feb	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Anna Robertson Tim Lannen Karen Hill
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Andrea Cox
6/7 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Frank O'Connor	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Gutteridge Anthony Amor Cath Taylor	Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	28th February Zita Cannane Mary Lawson Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	7th March Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	February 28 LLA 10am	March 7 LLA at 10am
Reader & Prayers	C Kennedy	I Dart
Lay Leaders	M Millington	M Millington
Eucharistic Minister	L Grayling	J Gurry
Offertory	-----	-----
Monthly Collector	E Cameron	R Picone
Counter	J Kennedy	J Millington
Cleaning	J Gurry	C Kennedy

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

Date & Day	Time	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
February 28th	8.30am	J McFarlane	P Winsall	Downes Family	B Bentley & L Downes	J McFarlane & M Lardner
March 6th <i>Saturday evening</i>	6.30pm	M. Aitken	F Casey	P Winsall/ M Walder	D & K Baxter	K Downes & B Evans
March 14th Sunday	8.30am	L Casey	D. Baxter	L & F Casey	D & K Baxter	M Muller & J McFarlane
March 21st <i>Saturday evening</i>	6.30pm	M. Walder	J. McFarlane	L. Gibson/K. Moloney	J & M Aitken	M Lardner & K Downes

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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 Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am
Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

2nd Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
Beulah: Saturday 7pm
Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
Minyip: Sunday 10am
Murtoa: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

3rd Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am
Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm
Beulah: Sunday 8.30am
Nhill: Sunday 11am
Dimboola: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

4th Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
Minyip: Saturday 6pm
Murtoa: Sunday Lay-led Assembly (LLA) 9am
Hopetoun: Sunday 11am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am
Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

5th Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, **Sunday 8.30am**
Nhill: Sunday 11am
Murtoa: Saturday 6pm
Hopetoun: Sunday 9am
Rainbow: Sunday 11am
Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Warracknabeal: Sunday LLA 9am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

Engaging Seekers- Reaching the Unchurched Webinar

Explore and discuss innovative ways to reach out to others who may be going through spiritual difficulty. Join the Webinar on 3rd March 2021, 7-8pm Sydney Time. For registrations and more info visit <https://www.tfaforms.com/4881634> or contact manisha.gunathunga@divinerenovation.org

ENGAGING SEEKERS
Reaching the Unchurched



Project Compassion 2021— 2nd Sunday of Lent

Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf & knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures. Margret's school now has enough water for its students, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production. Donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

Project Compassion Virtual Immersions (via Zoom)

Tuesdays & Thursdays (1hr) each week of Lent.

Register at <https://lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions>

Plenary Council Program:

Share your voice to help us all understand the current reality of the Catholic Church in Australia. Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



Share your skills Overseas -

For a list of available positions visit <https://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad/current-opportunities/>

Lenten Program 2021: 'Comfort'
Booklets are still available for \$5 ea,
At the Horsham Parish Office.



ACRATH Slavery-free Easter Chocolate Campaign

Support the Campaign by sourcing products marked with logos from "Fairtrade", "UTZ" or "Rainforest Alliance" when shopping for chocolates this Easter... There will also be a fun **zoom morning tea** on Thursday, March 4 at 10.30am. Pour a cuppa and join the 30 minute chat about our slavery-free hopes, dreams, intentions and commitments in 2021. Inspire each other to make a change. No need to register, Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89357222192?pwd=TmRTWWVaWmg3MzZnTEpjeTNEWDVudz09>

Catholic Social Services Victoria - 2021: A time for solidarity, collaboration and cooperation



Keep up to date and get involved with news and causes regarding Mental Health, Homelessness, etc. As well as get info on scholarships, volunteering and job opportunities. Visit <https://www.css.org.au/>

Child Safety Standards: Ss Michael & John Parish has **Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinniken** are our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A **Child Safety Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish. *Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.*

ENGAGING SEEKERS
Reaching the Unchurched



First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10, 15-19

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation: cf Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Gospel Reflection Veronica Lawson rsm: SunBLent02

The wilderness was the geographical and key symbolic focus of last week's gospel story. This week, the focus is a mountain. Wilderness and mountain remind us that God's Earth itself is the locus of mystery and grace, the place of Earth-divine encounter. The mountain, like the wilderness, links Mark's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites. Moses' encounter with God on the mountain of Sinai was a defining moment in the life of the people: the Israelites entered into covenant with God at this mountain and received the Law that was to guide their lives as a people. Some centuries later, at a time of crisis in Israel's life, the prophet Elijah returned to this mountain and experienced the presence of God in the gentle breeze. In the gospel passage for today, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain and is "transfigured" before them and "his clothes become dazzling white". In the Book of Revelation, white clothes come to symbolise the clothing of martyrs, of those who die for their faith. Elijah and Moses, the key prophetic figures of Israel, appear and enter into dialogue with Jesus, God's definitive prophet. The "transfiguration" seems to point

to a time in Jesus' ministry when he accepts his likely fate. If he continues to challenge oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with that realisation in the "wilderness" and comes to terms with what it involves on this unidentified mountain. The voice of God reaffirms the identity of Jesus that was announced in the opening words of the gospel and proclaimed at his baptism in the Jordan. It calls for a response from the disciples who have ascended the mountain in his company: "Listen to him". In the two preceding scenes, Jesus has spoken of the suffering that he and his followers will have to face. These words are crucial to an understanding, not only of Jesus, but of what it means to follow him. They fall on deaf ears. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" and settle down. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We also need the courage and the good sense to return from the mountain and follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain.

Next week's Gospel - SunBLent03: Gospel: John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered,

'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.