



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 31st October 2021

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS

**Religious Ceremonies now allowed to be held for up to 30 attendees (regardless of COVID vaccination status).
The limit also excludes any ministers required to conduct the service.
Mass attendance expanded (conditions) from November.**

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

- ◆ **Murtoa: Saturday 6pm**
 - ◆ **Hopetoun: Sunday 9am**
 - ◆ **Nhill: Sunday 11am**
 - ◆ **Rainbow: Sunday 11am**
 - ◆ **Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm & Livestreamed Mass Sunday 8.30am**
- + the first 30 bookings through the Parish office to attend both Masses in-person***

**We advise that those who are able to watch the online Mass consider doing so to allow those without technology or internet access a chance to attend.*

The 8.30am Horsham Mass this Sunday will be livestreamed

on our Eucharistic Facebook group page which you can join at:

<https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



A video recording of the Mass will also be available on the page after the livestream; for all to watch at a later time.

Horsham Masses from November 6th, 2021:

Our Parish plans to implement a **3rd Mass in Horsham - at 12noon each Sunday for up to 30 of those who are not yet fully vaccinated** against COVID-19; starting on November 7th, 2021.

This means our regular 6.30pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday Masses from 6th November 2021 - will be reserved for up to 120 (Our Church's Density limit with distancing); **fully vaccinated Parishioners only.**

Please bring proof of your vaccination if you wish to attend our regular Horsham Mass times; either via paper certificate or on your mobile phone. - These are to be checked upon entry.

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Horsham Mass Collections:

Donations and envelopes can be dropped into the baskets at the foyer of the Horsham Church; after the Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 10.30am Masses.

COVID-19 vaccination certificate

The Australian Immunisation Register can post out immunisation history statements for those having difficulty accessing a digital copy (may take 14 days to arrive).
Phone 1800 653 809, Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm.

All Souls' Day Masses: (2nd November 2021)

Warracknabeal = 9.30am @
Warracknabeal Cemetery with
Fr Jim McKay.

Horsham = 9.30am @
SMJ Church Horsham, with
Mons. Glynn Murphy.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism
at **St Patrick's Nhill:**

Joshua Harris - son of David & Bianca

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 1st November - <i>All Saints' Day</i>	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Tuesday 2nd November - <i>All Souls' Day</i>	Please see All Souls' Day Mass Schedule for times and locations.	
Wednesday 3rd November	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 4th November - <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.00am 12noon	Warracknabeal Horsham (<i>later</i>)
Friday 5th November	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 6th November	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
Oct. 31 - LLA	9am	K Downes	D Baxter	Not Required	J & M Aitken	M Muller & J McFarlane
Nov. 6 - Mass	6.30pm	M. Walder	K. Downes	L. Gibson/K. Moloney	J & M Aitken	M Lardner & K Downes

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

30/31 October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 8.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	<i>(Please volunteer)</i>	<i>(Please volunteer)</i>
Reader	Sr Jacinta Rice	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Michael Connellan
6/7 November	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Frank O'Connor	Andrea Cox
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers <i>(if 50+ allowed)</i>	<i>(Please volunteer)</i> Cathy Taylor Anthony Amor	<i>(Please volunteer)</i> Kingsley Dalglish Alison McKinnon
Projector <i>(if 50+ allowed)</i>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	<i>(to be confirmed..)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed..)</i>
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	7th November Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	14th November Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

Warracknabeal Church Cleaning - November:

P Winsall, S Martin, K Downes

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>October 31:</u> Mass 11am	<u>November 7:</u> LLA 10am
Reader & Prayers	M Millington	
Lay Leaders	-	
Eucharistic Minister	-	
Offertory	Harris Family	
Monthly Collector	R Picone	
Cleaning	A Munro	

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>October 31:</u> Mass 9am	<u>November 7:</u> Mass 9am
Readers	Neha Kooror	Coral Cox
Offertory/ Lay-led	Allen & Jan Fenech	Brian & Jacki Hogan
Ministers	-	-
Church Cleaning	<u>November 5:</u> Nicole McLean	<u>November 19:</u> Jan Fenech

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

1st Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am,
- & Sunday 12noon (30 unvaccinated only)

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

***Please note:**
Any upcoming
changes in Victorian
COVID-19 restrictions
will apply.*

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: 23 November, 6.30pm. Location to be decided...

Rupanyup: Next date and location to be decided...

Notice on Church Collections:

Church Collection reports on our Bulletin will now be done in accumulation for the end of each month, to accommodate for weeks where banking may be staggered or later for some Churches compared to others.

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*Reminder for our Church Representatives to please submit all banking sheets for the month by the last week of October for our next report. Many thanks and God Bless.

- Our next Collection report will be on next week's Bulletin.

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.

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Our Parish also has a National Grower Register Account - for farmers in our community who would like to arrange **planned giving via a small share of grain sales** through the NGR.

Our Parish NGR Card number is 1398 7211.

Please feel free to call our Parish Office for more info.

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

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.*

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Lawson (*Horsham - Mother of Pauline Barber*), John Lane (*WA - father of Joan Lane-Storey*)

ANNIVERSARIES: Beverly Threfall, Ray Bush, Robert Vincent, Graham Taylor, Richard Savian Walsh, Angela Walsh, Mollie McCallum, Jack Nevill, Grace Panozzo, Tony Panozzo, Irene Murphy, Kath Byrne

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

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:
Mondays @ Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group:
Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Choir Practice:
6pm, 2nd Wednesday of each month.

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

Ecumenical-Charismatic Prayer Group:
1.30-3.30pm, Wednesdays @ Parish office meeting room

Saturday Morning Devotions:
8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lay-led),
8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,
9.30am Saturday Morning Mass
Confessions after Mass on request to the Priest.

Note: COVID restrictions, Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Organiser is away may cancel the event.

Catholic Mission Month: This year's appeal focuses on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand; they support 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>

Roster for Mass Livestream Operators:

Horsham Church is looking for people who are willing to offer their time at Sunday Morning Mass on a Roster system as a Mass Livestream Operator.

Our Mass livestreams help bring Spiritual Eucharist to those in our community who are unable to attend Mass due to COVID restrictions, ill health, etc.

If you are experienced with Facebook or know how to operate an iPad or mobile phone, please consider helping us with this ministry. Training will be provided and is very simple. - *Please contact our Parish Office on 53821155 to express your interest.*

Funeral Mass for Margaret Lawson:

- Wednesday, 3rd November 2021, 11am @ SMJ Church Horsham
- Private/invitation only due to COVID restrictions.

Making Connections: Take on the challenge this week to love God more fully and your neighbour as yourself!
Exploring the Word: It is in the actions of loving God and neighbour in our daily lives that we really respond properly to God's call.

Sharing the Tradition: The kingdom of God is in the world and in us like a seed in the ground or leaven in dough, growing and rising, moving towards the goal of history when the reign of God will be complete. What signs of the kingdom of God do you detect in the world?

Living the Word: In what ways does your parish community act as a sign of the kingdom of God? How are you leaven in your local community?

Daily Prayer: You are one God, O Lord, and beside you there is no other. You alone are we to love with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and our neighbour as ourselves. Sharpen our ears to hear this great commandment. Arouse our hearts to offer this twofold love.

Marriage Tip: "Rejoice always." (1 Th 5:16) St. Paul's advice may seem unrealistic, at least on some days, but surely you can find one thing to be grateful for today or to rejoice over.

Vocational View: The year is quickly ending. Years, like our lives, go by too quickly. Do you know yet that the purpose of life is to love God above all, and love of your neighbour as yourself. Tell others before it is too late.

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Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission Forum: "Listening, learning...change."

Inspired by the latest Social Justice Statement, "*Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor*", the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a forum on **Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. Registration is free and opens from October 22.**

The forum can be attended via Parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via Zoom. **If you are interested in attending via a Parish hub, please express your interest by contacting our Parish Office - Ph. 5382 1155.**

Brochures and more info are available at our Churches and online at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

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New Edition of the Australian Catholics Magazine - now available at our Churches & Parish Office.

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You are invited to the Fresh Heart! Fresh Hope!

- **Online Ministry Symposium**
- **Saturday, 6th November 2021, 10am - 3pm (AEDT)**

This invitation extends to all our Parish Council and Finance Committee members, as well as any of our Parishioners who wish to attend. 10 positions are available for attendance
- *Please RSVP via the Parish office, Ph: 5382 1155.*

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*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have

to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunBOrd31)

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

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. Buy a pre-labelled shoebox 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/>

