



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18TH AUGUST 2024 - YEAR B**

Social Justice Statement 2024-2025: Reflection Day

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025

"Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World"

Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr.

Michael McGirr is the mission facilitator and manager of community engagement at Caritas Australia.

He is a regular contributor to The Age, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Canberra Times.



**Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm
at St Paul VI Parish Hall, 10 Roberts Ave Horsham.**

~ RSVP required by 28th Aug 2024 ~

Registrations essential through trybooking

www.trybooking.com/CTUZF or scan the QR code



Save the Date - Celebrating Sr Jacinta

On Sunday the 1st of September we will be hosting a special anniversary celebration for Sr Jacinta after the 10.30am Horsham Mass, in the Parish Hall.

This will commemorate Sr Jacinta's 70th year as a Brigidine Sister, as well as her 90th Birthday. **If you would like to contribute a plate of food to this celebration, please let the Parish office know.**

Monetary Donations as a gift of appreciation to Sr Jacinta can also be made at the Piety Store in Horsham after the 6.30pm Vigil and Sunday 10.30am Masses, leading to 1st Sept.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 20th August	NO MASS	Warracknabeal
	5.30pm	Horsham
Wednesday 21st August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 22nd August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	NO MASS	Horsham
Friday 23rd August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 24th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham



CONTACTS

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Mons. Glynn Murphy
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Parish Office

CLOSED MONDAYS

Office Hours: **TUES - FRI**
9am-12.30pm - 1.30pm-4.00pm
Closed between 12.30pm -1.30pm

Ph: (03) 5382 1155

Staff

Olivia & Josh

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

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Mass Livestreaming

Vigil Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at 6.30pm Saturday Night 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 each week)

YouTube Channel Link:

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

Funeral Mass for Lorna Kearney

St Augustine's Catholic Church, Beulah

Monday 19th August 2024 at 1pm



HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
17th & 18th August	6.30 Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Sr Jacinta	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
Eucharist Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Nerrida Holland Geoff Simpson Timothy Lannen
24th & 25th August	6.30 Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Anna Robertson
Eucharist Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Karen Hill
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Embedded	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Alistair Castle
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Dianne Noy Carmel, Veronica, Louise
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	25th August Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Pauline Breen Judi Delahunty	1st September Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	18th August Mass 8.30am	25th August Mass 8.30am
Reader	P. Winsall	K. Downes
Prayers	F. Casey	A. Van den Ak.
Collectors	L. Casey	B. Bentley & L. Downes
Cleaning	M. Muller & P. Winsall	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	18th August Mass 11am	25th August Mass 11am
Sacristan	C. Kennedy	J. Gurry
Reader	K. Dagleish	M. Millington
Collector	R. Picone	R. Picone
Music	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
Cleaning	C. Kennedy	C. Kennedy

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
	17th August Vigil 6.30pm	25th August LLA 9am
Reader	Joan Bellinger	Luca & Dakota
Offertory	Claire & Kevin	Claire & Marilyn
Eucharistic Minister	N/A	Cynthia

Natimuk Mass: TBA
Rupanyup Mass: TBA

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish **Bob Pritchett** is our Safeguarding Officer, Horsham and **Cynthia Maiden**, Hopetoun.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND

Parishioners interested in receiving *preparation/ guidance to be able to bring Holy Communion from our churches to Parishioners* can notify Mons Glynn.

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. The Parish also has an NGR number for grain growers who wish to donate through harvest.

All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND

3rd Sunday of the month: **18th August 2024**

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Hopetoun: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**
Murtoa: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**
Dimboola: **No LLA**
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

4th Sunday of the month: **25th August 2024**

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Beulah: **Saturday Vigil 6pm**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Murtoa: **Sunday LLA 10.30am**
Hopetoun: **Sunday LLA 9am**
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Lorna Kearney

ANNIVERSARIES: Hugh Byrne

SICK: Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Jason O'Connell, Tim Clancy, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Joan Whiley, Adam Cooper

St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases in **Horsham** on **Mon, Wed and Fri** mornings between 11am - 12noon
Appointments essential - Phone **5381 2371** to book.

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12-month Term Investment account

visit catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer
to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR

To arrange a appointment, contact Bernard on 0428 890 185



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL June 1st—August 31st



Our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal. Each year, our Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

Over the past six months, the Society has provided over \$5 million in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria **alone**.

With the current homelessness crisis, the assistance we provide for people experiencing hardship this Winter will be needed more than ever. Parishioners are encouraged to

donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need.

Envelopes are available in Horsham church foyer or visit vinnies.org.au. Clean household items are needed, also bedding and blankets, which can be donated at your local St Vincent de Paul assistance centre. (Horsham & Warracknabeal)

You're invited!

St Brigid's College 2024 Milestone Reunions

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

50 Year - Class of 1974	20 Year - Class of 2004
40 Year - Class of 1984	10 Year - Class of 2014
30 Year - Class of 1994	

We invite past students and staff to join us at St Brigid's College to celebrate your milestone!



3:30pm

Afternoon Tea
Followed by School Tours

Get in touch:
(03) 5382 3545
alumni@stbc.vic.edu.au

Please **RSVP** to the St Brigid's College Milestone Reunions event
by scanning the QR code above, or following this link:
<https://forms.gle/dR3xivus6dbRGag59>

ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM

Morning Craft Group

The Craft Group gather weekly in the Parish Office meeting room on Wednesdays, 9.30am - 11.30am

Choir Practice

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm at the Church
Any newcomers always welcome

Men's Fellowship

Breakfast - **3rd Thursday** of the month
7.30am - 8.30am at the Parish Hall. All men welcome.

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group meet weekly on Tuesdays, at 2.00pm in the Church meeting room.

Prayer Group

Will meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month, at 1.30pm in the church meeting room.

Sunday Mass

18th August 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the First Book of Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way. 'To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 10-15

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is the third part of John's Bread of Life discourse, picking it up by repeating last Sunday's final verse. The contextual addition that opens our Lectionary's pericope incorrectly has Jesus addressing "the crowd" instead of the opposition, "the Jews". His opponents no longer mutter about Jesus, but argue with each other over his teaching that introduces a difficult element: "[it] is my flesh". This is then expanded in verses 53-56 as "[unless you] eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood... anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood... my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink... whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me". This type of language is found nowhere in the other Gospels, and like John's discourses in general, it should not be treated as historical reporting of anything Jesus actually said: it is a highly stylised theological reflection on personally meeting and engaging with Christ. But it is distracting language due to its revoltingly sounding like cannibalism.

However, there is another less obvious and perhaps equally misunderstood, but more accepta-

ble expression of the same idea. Before turning to it, it is useful to remember a form of the basic Johannine message: to see Christ is to believe in him and so to do as he does and to love as he loves. This is expressed in varying ways throughout the Gospel, and what it means with regard to other people is spelled out in the Johannine epistles. That other expression of this is among the most cherished passages of the New Testament, the Beatitudes: Matthew 5:6, "Blessed [are] those hungering and thirsting for righteousness, for they will be filled." I heard a Palestinian priest once explain that this more accurately translates from the Semitic thought, not from the Greek text, as "Blessed are those who make doing right/justice their food and drink, for they will be fed/filled." If being a member of the Body of Christ means participating in his mission still unfolding in the world, then doing his work of redeeming to heal hurts and make things right is what truly satisfies. This also appears in our second reading today (Eph 5:15-20) with its advice that we are to live in such a way that our lives are spent, literally, "redeeming this age".

There is also insight to be gained from Ephesians 2, where the word *flesh* is first used to speak of our current, earthly bodies in verses 3 and 11, but in (14)15-16 it is used of the glorified Christ, who has abolished "in his flesh" the division between Jew and Gentile so as to "create in himself" a new being of the two "in one body for God". Here *flesh* appears to refer to the very person of Christ himself, whereas *body* refers to the whole of the incorporated members in him. These dual nuances of *flesh* are found in John's Gospel too, such that today's five instances (in v.51-56) soon appear to be contradicted where, in verse 63 "the spirit is the life-giver; the flesh profits for nothing". Our passage thus speaks of participation in the risen Christ. For those who cannot accept that he comes from the Father and returns to the Father, and that he takes us where he goes, this teaching is intolerable. At the heart of this passage is not a suggestion or even the language of cannibalism, so it is not this that causes upset, but rather the perceived claim Christ's equality with God and our participation in it as flesh of his flesh.

Next Weekend's Readings 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel: John 6:60-69