

St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A
12th March 2023

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Weekend
(Horsham) Sunday- Remi Jane Smith
Daughter of Haydn & Elke Smith



May she continue to grow in faith with loving support of her family, friends, Godparents, sponsors and our Parish community.



Wimmera Filipino-Australian Club



The **26th March 10.30am Mass in Horsham** will be celebrated with Wimmera Filipino-Australian Club Parishioners participating in the roles of readers, commentator, offertory procession, welcomers, collectors, and choir (Special Ministers and projector will remain as rostered).

The club will also be providing a shared lunch after Mass at the Parish Hall, and all are welcome. A contribution of \$5.00 per head to cover costs would be appreciated, which can be paid at the office in advance, or on the day at the door.

To assist in food preparation and numbers for catering, it would be appreciated if parishioners could lodge their intent to attend with the office by Wednesday 22nd March.

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Mass Livestreaming

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 will be deleted weekly, at the end of every Friday.)

YouTube Channel Link:

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

The Way of The Cross

With full-page illustrations of each station, this booklet gives a scriptural Way of the Cross from the Last Supper to the Resurrection. The simple format includes a scriptural text, people's responses and verses of the hymn Stabat Mater.

Available to purchase from the Parish Office for \$7 each.

Churches within our Parish will be receiving a small number of copies that will remain in the church for use by parishioners.



Lenten Holy Hour (Private Reflection)

Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham

1pm-2pm

Monday	13th March	3rd Week of Lent
Wednesday	22nd March	4th Week of Lent
Friday	31st March	5th Week of Lent
Tuesday	4th April	Holy Week

WEEKDAY MASSES:

	9am	
Monday 13th March	9am	Warracknabeal
	1pm-2pm	Horsham - <i>Lenten Holy Hour (Private Reflection)</i>
Tuesday 14th March	9am	Warracknabeal
	NO MASS	Horsham (Mons away - DOBCEL)
Wednesday 15th March	9am	Warracknabeal
	1pm	Horsham
Thursday 16th March	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 17th March	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 18th March	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

Next Weekend's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent Year A, 19th March 2023

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) - 2023 LITURGY ROSTER

Date	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning
12th March Mass	8.30am	M Walder	J McFarlane	T Evans & L Casey	M Muller & J McFarlane	T McKenzie & K Moloney
18th March Mass	6.30pm	M Farrall	D Baxter	T Evans & L Casey	M Lardner & K Downes	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

11th & 12th March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
Reader	Sr Jacinta	Gerard Raven
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Anna Robertson
18th & 19th March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Gerard Raven
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	-
Welcomers	Gary Coutts	Mary Dalgleish Alistair Castle
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	19th March Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	26th March Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	12th March LLA 9am	19th March LLA 9am
Readers	Marshman family	Horman family
Offertory/Lay-led	Robyn Hallam & Cynthia Maiden	Marilyn Clancy & Joan Bellingier
Special Minister	Olive Wellington	Cynthia Maiden

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	12th March LLA 10am	19th March Mass 11am
Reader & Prayers	J Gurry	Don Munro
Lay Leaders	M Millington	
Eucharistic Minister	N Grayling	
Offertory		Lil Welsch
Monthly Collector	E Cameron	E Cameron
Cleaning	C Pilgrim	C Pilgrim

Natimuk Mass: Thursday 30th March, 6.30pm, at 1 Mitchell St Natimuk.

Rupanyup Mass: T. B. A

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

~ 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 McGennissen 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**

2nd Weekend of the Month: 11th & 12th March

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES **NEXT WEEKEND**

3rd Weekend of the Month: 18th & 19th March

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am

Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am

Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm

Beulah: Sunday 8.30am

Nhill: Sunday 11am

Dimboola: Sunday LLA 8.30am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Chris Velthius, Jim Hyland, Patricia Hayes, Pam Hogan, Carmel Rodgers

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

St Mary's Ladies Club Meeting - Warracknabeal

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th March 2023 at 2 p.m
This will be held in the foyer of St Mary's Church.
All 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.

Notice of Upcoming Committee Meetings

(information for committee members)

- **Next Parish Council Meeting:** Wed April 5th 5.30pm
- **Next Finance Committee Meeting:** Thursday 16th March 5.30pm Parish Office meeting room, Horsham



Third Sunday of Lent 11 & 12 March



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow
For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Sacramental Program 2023 St Paul VI Parish

St Paul VI Parish is pleased to announce that over the course of 2023, children will be able to again choose to progress in being part of the Sacramental life of the Catholic Church. The Parish will offer a new program of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children and are therefore encouraged to play an active part in helping their child prepare for the Sacraments.

To give parents, teachers, catechists and children time to discuss, absorb, and appreciate the fundamental truths and gifts of each Sacrament offered to us from God, the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion** will be encountered in the **Grade 4 (and above)** age group. Then, in the **Years 6 & 7** age groups (primary & secondary) the Sacrament 'confirming' our place in faith (**Confirmation**) will be offered. This time line allows better opportunity for families to make the faith journey across these important Sacraments.

Registration forms for the Sacramental Programs are available at the Parish Office, as well as the front office of all Catholic schools within the Parish. Forms will also be available at each Information Session. Please return your completed form to your local school, the Parish office, or Parish Clergy by 3rd April 2023.

Families are invited to attend an Information Session in one of the following locations, where further details will be provided, and any questions can be answered.

Hopetoun	Horsham	Murtoa	Nhill	Warracknabeal
Sunday 26 March after 11am Mass	Sunday 19 March after 10:30am Mass	Wednesday 15 March 4pm in Church	Tuesday 14 March 4pm in Hall	Thursday 23 March 3.30pm in Church

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, 6pm
- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of the month @ the Parish Hall

**Sunday Mass
12 March 2023**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation John 4:42,15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal

sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Long Version Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a

time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. ***Long Version***

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.