



West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

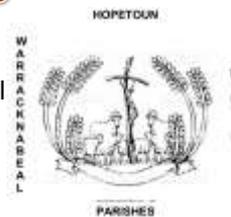
Ss Michael & John's Parish

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



BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - 24th January 2021



This Weekend's Masses (23/24 Jan):

Both Priests will be alternating weekly...

Fr Jim: Horsham (Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 10.30am),
Dimboola (Sunday 8.30am)

Fr Glynn: Minyip (Saturday 6pm),
Warracknabeal (Sunday 8.30am),
Beulah (Sunday 11am)

Lay-Led Assemblies:

Hopetoun (Sunday 9am), Rainbow (10am), Murtoa (9am)

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Welcome back to those who have been away during the holidays.

Schools will be back this week on the 28th January for SMJ Horsham, OLHC Murtoa, St Patrick's Nhill, St Mary's Warracknabeal, St Joseph's Hopetoun. And, on the 29th January for SBC Horsham.

We pray that our students, staff and families may have a blessed, safe and enriching year ahead.

INTRODUCTION (Mons Glynn Murphy & Fr Jim McKay)

Hello to all parishioners across the Nhill, Hopetoun, Horsham and Warracknabeal parishes in 2021! May this year be a very good one for you and your families, as the summer holiday period continues. On behalf of Fr Jim and myself, we are looking forward to our pastoral care ministry across this rather expansive new parish region. Many opportunities will emerge for our engagement with you as the year unfolds. Towns and faith communities all have their own history and stories – which are ever ongoing. We are thankful to Fr Peter, Fr John and all those parishioners who have worked together in building the life of Christ's Gospel throughout this region, covering four original parishes. We look forward to meeting each of you. May God bless your summer with safe travel and some restful days. With our prayers and best wishes. Mons Glynn and Fr Jim.

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.

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



AUSTRALIA DAY 2021

We pray for all who dwell in this Great Southern Land, from our first peoples to our newest arrivals. May the challenges that confront us inspire us to care for each other and the beautiful and vast, rugged and fragile land entrusted to us. We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, and pay respects to elders, both past and present.

Australia Day Masses: (Tuesday 26th January 2021)

Horsham - 10.30am; Warracknabeal - 12noon.

WEEK-DAY MASSES:

Tuesday 26 Jan - AUSTRALIA DAY	Horsham 10.30am, Warracknabeal 12pm.
Wednesday 27 Jan - Ordinary	Horsham 9.30am
Thursday 28 Jan - St Thomas Aquinas	Horsham 9.30am
Friday 29 Jan - Ordinary	Horsham 9.30am
Saturday 30 Jan - Ordinary	Horsham 10am

Murtoa Inter Church Council

Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, January 31 at 11 am
at Lake Marma Rotunda

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

To all representatives of our churches; please submit any upcoming news and events notices to Camille on **Thursdays of each week**. Thank you.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Clare Cheney (Hopetoun)

ANNIVERSARIES: Gwen Coyne, Rene Reindhart, Primo Da Ros, Betty O'Connor, Silvino Sartori, Simon Butler, Jimmy Perrett

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, John McNamara, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davison, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen, Frances Casey, Cynthia Maiden, Kevin Clancy, George Grant, Rosemary Pritchett

MINISTRY ROSTERS (SMJ Church Horsham)

23/24 Jan	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Jacinta Rice Micky Robarts Lorraine Clancy	Cate Rigby Mary Dalglish Anna Robertson
Commentator	Peter Gutteridge	Kingsley Dalglish
30/31 Jan	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	John Parker	Kingsley Dalglish
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Mary Marshall
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes Geoff Simpson Cath Taylor	Tim Lannen Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson
Projector	Peter Gutteridge	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Embedded Music	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	31st January Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	7th February Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

ANOINTING AT HOME:

On request to Fr Jim McKay. Please contact the Parish office at 5382 1155 or his mobile phone: 0418 664 083.

Lenten Program 2021:

In this year's program '**Comfort**'; We are encouraged to look at this period of Lent as a journey. Lent reminds us that this is the season to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God. This should be a time of inner reflection, and at the end of the Lenten journey, we should expect to find ourselves at a different place spiritually than when we started. At the end of our Lenten journey, if we have truly humbled and submitted ourselves to the Lord, the grace of God working in our lives should have conformed us more perfectly to the image of Christ, who is, himself, the image and likeness of God the Father.



The program begins in the first week of Lent. **Booklets will be on sale \$5 ea, for Groups or for Individual use - Contact Horsham Parish Office.**

"If you want to see God, look attentively at CREATION" - Anthony de Mello



Citizen of the year Awards

Congratulations to David Baxter for receiving the **2021 Warracknabeal and District Australia Day Citizen of the Year** Known for his work at the Warracknabeal Golf Club; David initiated projects for the club and maintenance of the grounds to help entice newcomers and improve playing conditions. David is also a faithful parishioner of St Mary's Warracknabeal. **We Congratulate all Australia Day 2021 award recipients, and wish everyone the best in the year ahead.**

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

Date & Day	Time	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
January 2nd <i>Saturday evening</i>	6.30pm	L Casey	L. Casey	Baxter Family	B Bentley & L Downes	M Muller & J McFarlane
January 10th Sunday	8.30am	M. Walder	P Winsall	Downes Family	D & K Baxter	M Lardner & K Downes
January 17th Sunday	11.00am	F Casey	F Casey	P Winsall/ M Walder	D & K Baxter	B Evans & M Muller
January 24th Sunday	8.30am	P. Winsall	D. Baxter	L & F Casey	J & M Aitken	J McFarlane & M Lardner
January 31st Sunday LLA	9:00am	K Downes	J. McFarlane	Not required	J & M Aitken	K Downes & B Evans
February 7th <i>Saturday evening</i>	6:30pm	M. Walder	K. Downes	L. Gibson/ K. Moloney	T Evans & L Casey	M Muller & J McFarlane
February 14th Sunday	8.30am	M Farrall	M. Farrall	M & J Lardner	T Evans & L Casey	M Lardner & K Downes
February 21st Sunday	11.00am	D Baxter	L. Casey	Baxter Family	B Bentley & L Downes	B Evans & M Muller

EASTER: GOOD FRIDAY 2ND APRIL TO MONDAY 5TH APRIL

Please Note: Initial Weekend Mass Roster Below



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

1st Weekend of the Month:

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

2nd Weekend of the Month:

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

3rd Weekend of the Month:

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

4th Weekend of the Month:

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

5th Weekend of the Month:

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

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days . . .
The pace of life slows . . .
A time for picnics and rest in the shade . . .
Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade
of your presence. Slow down my restless heart and
fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

WIDER MASS ROTATIONS

As February emerges, and from 2021 having only two priests (not three) to cover our churches and faith communities across many towns (originally 4 parishes), there will be a greater number of LLAs and fewer opportunities for the celebration of Mass across our Pastoral Region. We will develop and trial a monthly rotation of Masses and LLAs, to seek as wide and equitable as possible a coverage – looking both at Sunday worship and weekday Masses. This will be based upon a monthly cycle of the 1st to 4th (and sometimes 5th) Sundays in a month. Added to this will be the opportunity for Mass celebrated in towns on weekdays, across the month. Of course there are many aspects of parish life to adapt and to develop as our new and larger area moves into the year. As disciples of the Risen Christ, we move forward in faith and seeking spiritual wisdom and commitment. Let us keep our communities and our common faith in our regular prayers – for a strong and supportive future, guided by Gospel values and faith lived each day. We continue our journey! God bless all. Mons Glynn PP.

St Vincent de Paul - Drought Community Support Initiative



Funding of \$3,000 per application is available for farming households who meet the following eligibility criteria: over 18 years of age; live/work in an eligible drought declared LGA: Benalla, Buloke, East Gippsland, Gannawarra, Greater Shepparton, Latrobe, Mildura, Moira, Pyrenees, Strathbogie, Swan Hill, Wangaratta, Wellington, Yarriambiack; be permanent residents/citizen of Australia; be primarily employed in farming related activity, ie: farmer, farm worker, farm supplier/contractor. Staff in the National Office are available to assist applicants who need help completing the questions for eligibility or who may not have internet connection or experience navigating online. For more information call the Drought Team 1300 846 643 or go to www.vinnies.org.au/drougthelp.



Thank you to all who are involved in liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, who volunteer time and talents to these and to community organizations.

*U are important. You cannot spell: Church without u. Success without u. Sunday Mass without u. Community without u. so, **THANK U.***

Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

As we begin a new year please remember the suffering Church. Your donation helps keep the faith alive during these difficult times. For more info Visit: www.aidtochurch.org



Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to you God entrusted His only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became Man. Blessed Joseph, show yourself a Father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, courage and trust, and defend us from every evil.



First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.
Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.
(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Gospel Reflection Veronica Lawson rsm: SunBOrd3

Most of the gospel readings for this year are from Mark's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end, attending to the story line, to indications of habitat and of time, to all the actors or characters in the story, human and other-than-human. While the main character or actor is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups that claim our attention. The "worlds" we encounter include the celestial world, the world of spirits and demons, the human, the animal and the plant worlds. In many ways, we can resonate with the worlds that Mark creates. In other ways, they are alien to 21st century scientific sensibilities and experience. We bring our consciousness of these differences to our reading of the text. As we embark on this reading we might also become aware of what we bring to the text, "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties" (GS 1) of our world today, a world still grappling with pandemic and with growing economic inequality. What we bring to the text informs our understanding of the text. As we read, we might think of this gospel as a two-act drama. The first act in the drama (Mark 1:1-8:26) raises the question, "Who is this?" The central scene (Mark 8:27-30) provides a partial answer: Jesus is the Messiah or God's Anointed One, the Christos. The second act of the drama (Mark 8:31-16:8) is full of

surprises for its earliest audiences: Jesus is not a militaristic messiah, but one who is prepared to suffer death for the sake of God's empire; God finally triumphs over suffering and death. The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama, to identify with the characters and character groups, and to hear the teachings of Jesus. In the passage selected for today, Jesus announces his program and invites others to reorient their lives, to expand their horizons and to join him on a mission of proclaiming God's kin-dom, God's way of being in the world. Jesus proclaims the advent of God's "time" or kairos, as opposed to ordinary clock time (chronos). It is crisis time, time to attend to the cries of the earth and the cries of those rendered poor in every age. One might get the impression in the opening chapters of the gospel that the disciples are all men. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women "who came up with him to Jerusalem" from Galilee. The central section of the gospel (Mark 9-10) makes it clear that there are children on the journey as well. So let us imagine a much more extended group around Jesus than today's little gospel reading suggests. Women, men, and children, all are invited to leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing God's kin-dom into our world.

Next week's Gospel - SunBOrd04: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant.

'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.
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*"You can see power lines running alongside the street. Unless current is flowing through them, there is no light. The power line is **you and I!** The current is **God!** We have the power to allow the current to flow through us and thus to generate the light of the world. Jesus - or to refuse to be used and, thus, allow the darkness to spread."* (Saint Mother Teresa)

