

St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



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4th SUNDAY of Advent - YEAR A
18th December 2022

Christmas Mass TimES

Christmas Eve

Saturday, 24th December 2022

Horsham

(No children's liturgy)

6pm **Vigil Mass**

8.30pm-9pm **Christmas Carols**

9pm **Vigil Mass**

Hopetoun

6pm **Vigil Mass**

Nhill

9pm **Vigil Mass**

Christmas Morning

Sunday, 25th December 2022

Horsham

9am **Mass**

Warracknabeal

8.30am **Mass**

LIVESTREAMING UPDATE:

Installation of livestreaming equipment is almost complete. We are expecting to be able to livestream the 9pm Vigil Mass Christmas Eve, and the 9am Mass Christmas Morning from the Horsham church. TVs have been installed in each of the churches not receiving a Christmas Mass this year, to enable viewing and participation of the Masses being broadcast.

The St Paul VI Parish Office in Roberts Ave Horsham will be closed on the Public Holidays 26th & 27th December 2022, and 2nd January 2023.

During the week between Christmas and New Year Public Holidays, the Parish Office will be operating under reduced tempo staffing.



JESSE TREE

The Jesse Tree has been placed in the Horsham Church and is decorated with Advent Symbols.

You are invited to place gifts under the tree for children (please write age & gender), and non-perishable food.

St Vincent de Paul will distribute these to needy families at Christmas.

Thank you.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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| Monday 19th December | No Mass | Warracknabeal |
| Tuesday 20th November | 11am | Warracknabeal- Funeral Mass for Timothy Hewitson |
| | 9.30am | Horsham |
| Wednesday 21st December | 5.15pm | Warracknabeal- 2nd Rite of Reconciliation followed by Mass. |
| | 9.30am | Horsham |
| Thursday 22nd December | No Mass | Warracknabeal |
| | 9.30am | Horsham |
| Friday 23rd December | 9.00am | Warracknabeal |
| | 9.30am | Horsham |
| Saturday 24th December | 9.00am | Warracknabeal |
| | No Mass | Horsham (No Morning Mass) |

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) - 2022 LITURGY ROSTER

| Date | Time | Readers | Prayers | Collectors | Special Ministers | Cleaning |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 17th December Mass | 6.30pm | A Van den Ak. | L. Casey | D & K Baxter | J McFarlane M Lardner | General Working Bee in December |
| Christmas Morning Mass | 8.30am | M Walder | P Winsall | D & K Baxter | K Downs & B Evans | |

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

| <u>17th & 18th December</u> | <u>Vigil 6.30pm</u> | <u>Sunday 10.30am</u> | |
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| Eucharistic Ministers | Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker | Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor | |
| Reader | Anthony Amor | Alison McKinnon | |
| Commentator | Maree Plazzer | Bob Pritchett | |
| <u>24th & 25th December</u> | <u>24th Dec 6.00pm</u> | <u>24th Dec 9.00pm</u> | <u>25th Dec 9.00am</u> |
| Reader | Still Required | Still Required | Still Required |
| Commentator | Micky Robarts | Still Required | Still Required |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Still Required 1. 2. 3. | 1. Rosie Taylor 2. 3. | 1. Lynda Hutchinson 2. 3. |
| Projector | Geoff Simpson | Geoff Simpson | Rob Sartori |
| Musicians | Chris Robarts | Choir | Choir |
| Livestream | N/A | Rob Sartori | Rob Sartori |
| Welcomers | Still Required 1. 2. | Still Required 1. 2. | Still Required 1. 2. |
| Prayers | Mary Dagleish & Anita Masiero | | |
| Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging | <u>25th December</u> Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker | <u>1st January</u> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty | |

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

| | <u>18th December LLA 9am</u> | <u>Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil Mass</u> |
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| Readers | Neha Kooror | Olive Wellington |
| Offertory/Lay-led | Joan Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy | |
| Special Minister | Therese Bellinger | |

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

| | <u>18th December Mass 11am</u> | <u>Christmas Eve 9pm Vigil Mass</u> |
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| Reader & Prayers | D Munro | M Millington |
| Lay Leaders | | |
| Eucharistic Minister | | |
| Offertory | Paul & Leah | |
| Monthly Collector | R Picone | R Picone |
| Cleaning | A Munro | A Munro |

Natimuk Mass: Tuesday 24th January 2023,
6.30pm at 1 Banool Street, Horsham.
Rupanyup Mass: TBA.

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 ~
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

3rd Weekend of the Month: 17th & 18th December

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 9am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND

See Christmas Mass Schedule on front page of bulletin.



PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Lawson, Shane Kennedy, Brian Curran, Warren Strauss, Antonious Kardogeros, Margaret Rose Lane, Noreen Ellis, Fr. John Murphy, Mandy Murphy

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Moira Kelly Snr, Pat Hateley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Pat Brennan (Ballarat), Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Hughie McDonald, Bill Deleeuw, Kevin Clancy

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.

Confessions:

After Saturday Morning Mass at Horsham Church, or on request to our Priests.

Publications Available for Purchase

- We have a limited supply of **God's Word 2023** available for **\$20**ea. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange purchase.



- **Columban Calendars** are available in The Piety Stall in the Horsham Church through St Vincent De Paul for \$10ea. Our own order has also now arrived and has been distributed to all other churches in our Parish for sale at **\$10** ea.



Copies of the **Brigidine Centenary** book are available for **\$35** in the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church, or at the Parish Office.

A roster for Christmas Masses in Horsham has been placed in the narthex of the Horsham Church, to be filled in if you are available and able to help in any of the ministry roles listed. Thankyou.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Volunteers are required to form a committee for the World Day of Prayer, as Ss Michael & John's Catholic Church Horsham is hosting the 2023 World Day of Prayer in March. **Names can be left at the Parish Office please.**



Christmas Cards are available for purchase from the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church.

The Piety Stall is run by St Vincent de Paul volunteers and is open after Saturday night and Sunday morning Mass.

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.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

By helping Vinnies Christmas Appeal you will assist in two ways, at a local level our members and volunteers will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals. At a broader level you will be contributing to the large and varied network of short and longer-term support services for Victorians experiencing disadvantage.

St Vincent de Paul told his followers there are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give.

Support for this appeal will benefit recipients, address poverty and disadvantage in our communities.

Envelopes available in the Piety Stall and Narthex in the Horsham Church.

We welcome family members home for Christmas, and a warm welcome to all visitors to us. We pray for a safe and blessed holiday and travels for those going away over the holidays.

Thank you

Thank you to the members of all ministries of St Paul VI Parish who have generously made contributions to the life of our Parish over the past 12 months.

'Living our faith with others.'

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Wednesdays in Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group:

The Meditation Group will return in 2023 on the first Tuesday in February at 2pm.

Choir Practice:

2nd Wednesday of the month, 6pm

- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

Please note: No Breakfast gathering in January. Returning 16th February 2023.

Sunday Mass

17th December 2022

18 December 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6

R. Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob

R. Let the Lord enter; He is King of Glory

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;

his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is

more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfilment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.