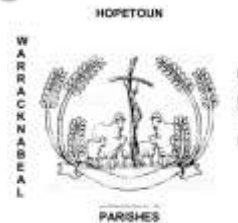




# West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

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



## BULLETIN

### 4th Sunday of Easter - Year B - 25th April 2021



**ANZAC DAY**  
25th April 2021



**We remember, honour & thank our ANZACS today.**

Lest we forget.

#### Today is the World Day of Vocations:

*"There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood." - Pope Francis.*



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#### A way to re-ignite the spark—Plenary Council Program:

An invitation to all in the diocese to join a conversation about faith during and after COVID-19, looking at people's experiences, where to next and how does the Plenary Council fit in. Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7.00pm via zoom – you can zoom in yourself or perhaps organise a zoom gathering in your local community and join together. Please register with Jane Collins [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au) and details will be sent.

#### Praying with Pope Francis

Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Watch the video message and pray along with the Pope at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

This month's intention (April): For evangelisation – Fundamental Rights:

"We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis."

#### NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

To our church representatives; please submit any upcoming notices to Camille by **Thursday**. Thank you.

If you would like to keep up with our Weekly Bulletin electronically, please send your email address to [horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or call (03) 5382 1155.

Please note:  
The **Horsham Sunday 10.30am Mass** will be **livestreamed** on our Facebook page: "Eucharistic Group"



#### 2021 National Mass Count of Attendance

Mass Counts will take place during weekends in May.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 26 April	10.30am	Horsham: <b>Funeral Prayers for John McDonald</b>
Tuesday 27 April	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Wednesday 28 April	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 29 April	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 30 April	9.00am <b>10.30am</b> <b>2.00pm</b>	Warracknabeal <b>Horsham: Lutheran Home Mass</b> <b>Horsham: Funeral Mass for Pat Gertz</b>
Saturday 1 May	9.30am	Horsham

**Horsham Lutheran Home Mass**  
next Friday 30th April, 10.30am.

#### Sacramental Program 2021:

*First Reconciliation times on Tuesday 27th April are 4pm or 7pm. @ Horsham Church*

#### Latest COVID Requirements:

Wearing a mask is no longer mandatory in churches. However, it is recommended when we cannot distance 1.5m apart.

# ROSTERS, TIMETABLES & FINANCES

**Child Safety Standards:** (Ss Michael & John Parish)  
**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 been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish.  
*Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.*

## HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

24/25 April	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Cate Rigby Mary Dalglish Anna Robertson
<b>Commentator</b>	Maree Plazzer	Angela Murphy
<b>Reader</b>	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
1/2 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Reader</b>	Maree Plazzer	Michael Connellan
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Dianne Noy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Micky Robarts	Timothy Lannen Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison Mckinnon & Anna Robertson	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>25th April</b> Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernie Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	<b>2nd May</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

## NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	April 25: LLA 10am	May 2: LLA 10am
<b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b>	M Millington	M Millington
<b>Lay Leaders</b>	C Kennedy	I Dart
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	N Grayling	C Kennedy
<b>Offertory</b>	-	-
<b>Monthly Collector</b>	E Cameron	J Millington
<b>Counter</b>	J Kennedy	J Kennedy
<b>Cleaning</b>	K Clohesy	A Munro

## HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	April 25: Mass 11am	May 2: Mass 9am
<b>Readers</b>	Taela McLean	Neha Koor
<b>Offertory/Lay-led</b>	Marilyn Clancy & Therese Bellinger	Koor Family
<b>Ministers</b>	-	-

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
April 25: Sun	8.30am	M Farrall	F Casey	L & F Casey	B Bentley & L Downes	K Downes & B Evans
May 1: Sat.	6.30pm	D Baxter	D. Baxter	L. Gibson/K. Moloney	D & K Baxter	M Muller & J McFarlane

## MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

### **1st Weekend of the Month:**

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

## OTHER MASSES:

**Natimuk: 6.30pm Tuesday 4 May** at Mark & Elaine Uebergang's home at 1 Mitchell Street Natimuk.

**Rupanyup: Monday 26th April** at 6.30pm—  
 Weidemann's farm.

## FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 63.00
Horsham	\$ 987.00	Dimboola	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1020.00</b>

## 2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1624.00	Loose	\$ 115.00
Credit Card	\$	Direct Debit	\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1739.00</b>

## Finance for April (NHILL)

PGP: \$560.00

Pres: \$200.00

Good Friday Coll: \$70.00

Project Compassion: \$201.92

Easter Dues: \$145.00

Thank you for your contribution to the various collections over the Easter period, also, to our congregation that assisted in any way with our ceremonies.

## 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 the each month.

### **Stations of the Cross:**

Fridays, 10.30am at the Church with Fr Jim McKay.

### **Saturday Morning Devotions:**

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
 8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,  
 9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

**Please note: Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Coordinator is away are observed.**

# EVENTS, NOTICES & PRAYERS

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** John Tobin (brother of Joan Parker), John Patrick McDonald, Patricia Gerdtz

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Edward Walsh, Ron Preuss, Pat Carey, Michael Murphy, Jack Slater, Gerard Ryan

**SICK:** Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Doris McDonald, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Debbie Nolen, Kevin & Maureen Clancy, John Hickey, Les White, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling, Pat Hateley, Patricia Simpson, Ted Haynes, Helen Polack, Brendan Frew

## ANOINTING AT HOME:

On request to Fr Jim McKay - mobile number: 0418 664 083. Or Contact the Parish office at 5382 1155.

*To all Ministers of the Eucharist who visit the Hospitals/Nursing Homes in our Parish:  
Please contact Fr Jim to plan/schedule for Anointing Masses in the homes/hospitals which you visit.  
We thank you for your ministry.*

## The Shared Table Project

Fr Michael McKinnon invites us again this year to share one plate of food a day from our table with a child living in poverty in Lima.

The 2021 report and forms to make a donation are now available at the Church Foyers (to be submitted to Horsham Parish Office).



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and keep love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but all faiths are welcome. Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

Next On-line weekend is on 30 April – 2 May 2021.

Next Residential weekend is on 21 -23 May 2021.

For bookings: Phone 0409 183 676 or email [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)



## St Brigid's College Horsham:

We warmly encourage families to come along to our **2021 Open Day** on **Monday 26th April** and take the opportunity to discuss your child's personal needs with our leadership team. Learning Walks - See our College in operation (12.00pm - 3.00pm) Tasters – Experience our learning sprints from various subjects (4.00pm – 6.00pm)  
Register here: <https://forms.gle/sVcbaKpgegbKtL1o6>



## Plenary Council Program:

Share your thoughts and become part of the discussion to help us understand the current realities of the Catholic Church in Australia. Visit: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

## The Journey - Catholic Radio in Australia:

developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) to listen to shows, reflections & podcasts anytime.



## St Vinnies - Drought Support

Applications are still open for eligible farming households. For more info. call 1300 846 643 or go to [www.vinnies.org.au/droughthelp](http://www.vinnies.org.au/droughthelp).



## SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS WORKSHOP

A safe Church Awareness Workshop will be held on May 22nd at Horsham Church of Christ . Runs from 9.30am—4pm Cost \$45.00 (**PARISH FUNDED**) which we would like to see all our volunteers attend.

This workshop is a detailed look at all the requirements by volunteers, staff and clergy in our Diocese.

*Please contact the office if you are interested.*

## Enquire Now!



Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission. [Enquire now](#) to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. Join our online [InfoZoom on 2 May](#), visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) , or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333



## Pope Francis – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations. Year of Saint Joseph:

“The Dream of Vocation ‘God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: To beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: Hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of ‘the saints next door.’ At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.”

## 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.



Aid to the Church in Need

## Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

Consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones and supporting priests in need. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/mass-offerings](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/mass-offerings) for more info. Limited information pamphlets are also available at some church foyers.

**First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29**

**R.** The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

**R.** The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

**Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm: SunBEaster4**

The liturgy for Good Shepherd Sunday invites us to reflect on Jesus as the noble or good shepherd of the believing community. "Shepherd" in its literal sense is not really part of our 21st century vocabulary, and yet we use it metaphorically, as a verb or as a noun. Its verbal form connotes care and compassion, protection, guidance and tender relationship. In John's gospel, Jesus rightly claims for himself the title "good shepherd". He contrasts the good shepherd or leader with the leader that fails to care for the flock. Knowing one's sheep, staying with them in the face of mortal danger and being prepared to die for them are marks of the good shepherd. There are echoes here of the Hebrew Scriptures, particularly of Ezekiel 34 where the "shepherd/sheep" metaphor describes the leaders of Israel in their relationships with the people. There are likewise echoes of an early second century description of the Emperor Tiberius in whose reign Jesus of Nazareth was executed, precisely because he did not abandon his "flock". The Roman historian Suetonius has this to say of Tiberius: "To the governors who recommended burdensome taxes for his provinces, he wrote in answer that it was the part of a good shepherd to shear his flock, not skin it" (Suetonius, Life of Tiberius 32.2). In the pre-industrial biblical world and early centuries of the Common Era, the "shepherd/sheep" metaphor was heard by an audience that enjoyed a much closer relationship with sheep and their human carers than

do most people today. In my country, for instance, there are 63.7 million sheep and some 25 million people. In other words, the ovine inhabitants of Australia significantly outnumber the human. Yet most of our highly urbanised human population knows its sheep only in their disembodied forms. The human-ovine relationship is, for the most part, reduced to that of consumer and consumed. Sheep are valued, not for their intrinsic goodness as creations of a loving God, but rather as commodities that provide food and clothing for the human population. We now know that modern domesticated sheep evolved from creatures that pre-date modern humans. We might take time to consider the implications of this for our relationship with the other than-human inhabitants of our planetary home. Our reflections might include some consideration of the wisdom or otherwise of continuing to breed these creatures for human consumption, often at the expense of environment. Good Shepherd Sunday provides us with an opportunity to move beyond our human-centred views of the world and our human-centred interpretations of our sacred texts. We might hear a call to value the realities that underpin gospel images such as the Good Shepherd/sheep metaphor. We might also hear a call to expand our appreciation of all the inhabitants of our planet. To be good shepherds in our time is to embrace the whole Earth Community with reverence and compassion.



**Catholic Education Week: May 23-29.**

**Theme: "Faith in the Future."**

**In celebration of 200 Years of Catholic**

**Education in Australia:** A central focus will be the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, on **May 24.**

Join together across Australia in thanksgiving & prayer for the future of Catholic education.

**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.

