

St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



4th Sunday of Lent - Year A
19th March 2023

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this Weekend
(Horsham) Saturday- Mason John Muller

Son of Matthew & Maddison Muller

*May he continue to grow in faith with loving support of his 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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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.



**Ss Michael & John's Church,
Horsham**

Lenten Holy Hour (Private Reflection)

1pm-2pm

Wednesday 22nd March **4th Week of Lent**
Friday 31st March **5th Week of Lent**
Tuesday 4th April **Holy Week**

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 21st March	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	No Mass	Horsham
Wednesday 22nd March	9am	Warracknabeal
	1pm-2pm	Horsham Lenten Holy Hour Prayer
Thursday 23rd March	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 24th March	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 25th March	No Mass	Warracknabeal (Morning)
	9.30am	Horsham

Next Weekend's Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent Year A, 26th March 2023

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129 Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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>

Funeral details for **Alan Paul McPhee**

Graveside Prayer at Goroke Cemetery
Friday 24th March 2023, 11 am

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

Date	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning
<u>18th March</u> Saturday	6.30pm	M Farrall	D Baxter	T Evans & L Casey	M Lardner & K Downes	T McKenzie & K Moloney
<u>26th March</u> Sunday	8.30am	D Baxter	K Downes	B Bentley & L Downes	B Evans & M Muller	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>18th & 19th March</u>	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Micky Roberts	Gerard Raven
<u>25th & 26th March</u>	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Gwen Agustin
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Teena Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Wimmera Filipino - Australian Club Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	-
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Rome Villafuerte Lander Rosello Kobe Agustin Sofia Abenes
Prayers	May Rosello	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>26th March</u> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	<u>2nd April</u> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>19th March</u> LLA 9am	<u>26th March</u> Mass 11 am
Readers	Horman family	Coral Cox
Offertory/ Lay-led	Marilyn Clancy & Joan Bellinger	Kevin & Claire White
Special Minister	Cynthia Maiden	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>19th March</u> Mass 11am	<u>26th March</u> LLA 10am
Reader & Prayers	Don Munro	M Millington
Lay Leaders		C Kennedy
Eucharistic Minister		J Gurry
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

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 McGenniken** 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.

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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WEEKEND MASS TIMES **THIS 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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES **NEXT WEEKEND**

4th Weekend of the Month: 25th & 26th March

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
Minyip: Saturday 6pm
Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am
Hopetoun: Sunday 11am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am
Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Alan McGennicken, Alan McPhee (Goroke)

ANNIVERSARIES: Joy Flynn, Maureen Giles, Harold Ballinger

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 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:** TBA



Fourth Sunday of Lent



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

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.

Horsham	Warracknabeal	Hopetoun
Sunday 19 March after 10:30am Mass	Thursday 23 March 3.30pm in Church	Sunday 26 March after 11am Mass

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
19th March 2023
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
 The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14
 You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: *Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
 I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 whoever follows me will have the light of life.
 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. **Long version* That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done.

In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment. **Long version*

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. **Long version*
 As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.