



West Wimmera & South-Western Mallee District Parishes

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



BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Lent - Year B - 14th March 2021



Walk
in the
Light
of the
LORD

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We welcome Bill Lowry:

A Seminarian from the Ballarat Diocese; who will be helping out Mons Glynn & Fr Jim, and staying with us during Holy Week.

Our Horsham Easter Ministry Sign-up Sheet will be at the Church Foyer.

- Seeking Volunteers during Holy Week and Easter Services.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(weekly during Lent)

Murtoa - Wednesday 5pm.

Hopetoun - Friday 9am.

Horsham - Friday 5pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 15 March	No Masses	(Mons. Glynn away this week...)
Tuesday 16 March	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 17 March - St Patrick's Day	9.30am 12noon	Horsham Nhill
Thursday 18 March	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 19 March - St Joseph	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 20 March	9.30am	Horsham

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on the 28th March:

(Usual Mass times - 4th Week of the Month)

Please Note:

The 1st Weekend of April is EASTER SUNDAY (the regular week's schedule will not be followed for this Sunday. Instead, we will observe the below times...)

Easter Service Times/Locations:

Horsham:

Holy Thursday—7pm,
Good Friday—3pm,
Easter Vigil Saturday—7pm,
Easter Morning—9am

Dimboola:

Easter Vigil (Saturday) - 5pm

Beulah:

Easter Vigil (Saturday) - 5pm

Warracknabeal:

Holy Thursday - 7pm
Good Friday - 3pm
Easter Vigil (Saturday) - 7pm

Hopetoun: Easter Sunday—9am

Rainbow: Easter Sunday—11am

Nhill: Easter Sunday—11am

Sacramental Program 2021:

Ss. Michael's & John's Primary -

The Parent information session will be in the Parish Office Hall, **Horsham on Wednesday 24th March, 7pm.**

The Sacramental Program is for children in School years 3 and above who have been baptised and would like to complete their Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

(Reconciliation dates are on Tuesday 27th April at either 4pm or 7pm.)

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.



Natimuk House Mass

23rd March, At 1 Mitchell St.
All welcome. Contact Robert Niehus at 0407 484 472.

Catholic Women's League: St Patrick's Day Morning Tea. After Mass on March 17, at Café Red Cherry Horsham. All Welcome.

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

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

ROSTERS & TIMETABLES

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

13/14 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch ...	Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	Louise Kemp
20/21 March	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Emelia Sudholz	Kingsley Dalglish
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hayes John Parker Maree Plazzer	Fay Wills Rosie Taylor Cate Rigby
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	14th March Lynda Hutchinson Helene Bush Bernie Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	21st March Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>March 14:</u> <i>LLA 10am</i>	<u>March 21:</u> <i>Mass 11am</i>
Reader & Prayers	K Clohesy	C Kennedy
Lay Leaders	L Fraser	
Eucharistic Minister	C Kennedy	
Monthly Collector	R Picone	
Counter	E Cameron	E Cameron
Cleaning	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>March 14:</u> LLA 9am	<u>March 21:</u> LLA 9am
Readers	Coral Cox	Cynthia Maiden
Offertory	Marilyn Clancy & Claire White	Olive Wellington & Joan Bellinger
Special Ministers	Olive Wellington	Cynthia Maiden

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

2nd Weekend of the Month:

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



3rd Weekend of the Month:

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

4th Weekend of the Month:

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

5th Weekend of the Month:

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

Other Masses:

Natimuk: (Every 4th Tuesday per Month) 6.30pm
Rupanyup: (To be confirmed...)

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
March 14th Sunday	8.30am	L Casey	D. Baxter	L & F Casey	D & K Baxter	M Muller & J McFarlane
March 21st Sunday	11.00am	M. Walder	J. McFarlane	L. Gibson/K. Moloney	J & M Aitken	M Lardner & K Downes

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Peter Jackson, Luigi Danielis

ANNIVERSARIES: Chris Velthuis, Patricia Hayes, Dan Carey

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

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.

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.

Stations of the cross:

5pm on Fridays for the duration of Lent

Saturday Morning Devotions:

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

New Online Retreat from Jamberoo Abbey

March 28 to April 4 - Explore the mystery of Holy Saturday. What it means to live in "in-between" times. Give ourselves to the transformative work of the tomb and the possibilities of new life born out of a dying. Accompanied by Rev Catherine Eaton For more information visit our website:

www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/

The 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your free copy of *Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer*

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order please call (02) 8912 2777 or Visit the website:

www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday 2021

The effects of travelling restrictions on pilgrimage and outreach programs, has made an impact on churches and communities living around world renowned Holy Landmarks. Your support in this year's Holy Land Collection, is vital. You can also visit their website to make an online donation:

<https://www.custodia.org/en/pro-terra-sancta-collection>

Praying with Pope Francis

Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer; encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. A video message is available here: www.thepopevideo.org

March universal intention –

Sacrament of reconciliation: "Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God."

Special Welcomes:

- * Warm welcomes to Ralston Mackenzie and his parents Timothy & Alexandra, as Ralston is brought to Baptism this Sunday.
- * We welcome Meduline Dauphin and her children Heidi & Leon into our faithful family via the RCIA program over at Dimboola.
- * We also welcome Grace Camilleri & Toby Thomas; Yr 12 students from St. Brigid's College Horsham, who have decided to commence on their Catholic faith journey.



Project Compassion 2021— 4th Sunday of Lent

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets. Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'

Boxes and envelopes are available at the Church Foyers.

Please take a set home and drop them in during Mass collections or at the Horsham Parish office. You can also donate directly to Caritas via phone (1800 024 413) or online at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



Mentor Month: Seeking Volunteers

Uniting Vic., Centre for Participation and Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN

have joined forces for 2 **Information sessions to be offered Friday 26th March** to provide an overview of youth mentoring & the 3 current mentoring programs that support young people... Youth Mentors are aged 18 or over & can come from all walks of life. If you are kind, non-judgmental, flexible, reliable and most importantly willing to support a young person and make a difference in their life, then youth mentoring may be for you.

Registrations - <https://mentormonth.eventbrite.com.au>

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/drougthelp.



A Message from Fr Peter Hudson:

"Dear family and friends, after two months of uncertainty about where I will live after my retirement, I can now tell you my living arrangements.

Fr Peter Hudson

19 Cornwall Road, Sunshine Vic 3020.

Mobile: 0419 323 397

Email: peter.hudson@ballarat.catholic.org.au

My prayers continue for you all.

I am helping in the St Albans Parish at weekends; in Mildura for Easter; and supplying for Paddy Mugavin in Hamilton on April 11/12, as Paddy honours MICK Bowden on the first anniversary of Mick's death (as we honour Mick's memory too).

I am enjoying the freedom of retirement. God bless and be with you always. -Peter"

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

All the leading priests and the people were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the Lord that he had consecrated in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, persistently sent his messengers to them, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord against his people became so great that there was no remedy. Therefore the Lord brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels. The king took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had made up for its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years. In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in fulfilment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom and also declared in a written edict: "Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him! Let him go up."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136

R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Gospel Reflection Veronica Lawson rsm: SunBLent04

The gospel for today is the concluding section of Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee called Nicodemus who comes to him "by night". It features a number of typically Johannine themes: life, eternal life, believing, seeing, God's love, salvation, judgment, light, darkness, the world, truth. John loves to play on words. Without losing sight of the material reality underlying each image, we need to keep asking: how is this word or expression to be understood in this particular context? In John's gospel, the characters often misunderstand and this gives Jesus the opportunity to lead his hearers to a deeper or different understanding of his words. As 21st century readers, we operate out of a symbol system that belongs in a different time and a different place. Hence the need to explore the traditions informing the stories. The first two verses of today's reading evoke the ancient Israelite tradition of the bronze serpent (Numbers 21:5-9).

According to the story, the Israelites are unhappy with their lot in the desert. They complain about the food or lack thereof. They blame both God and Moses. Their situation worsens with the outbreak of a plague of poisonous snakes whose bite has killed a considerable number of them. The people interpret the plague as punishment for their sin of speaking against God. They ask Moses to intercede with God. God instructs Moses to make an image of a fiery serpent and set it on a pole: anyone affected by snakebite has only to look upon the image to find life and healing. And so it happens: the bronze serpent is lifted up and those who "see" or "look upon it" find life. Life and death, seeing and believing in God's love and mercy are at the heart of the story of the bronze serpent. The gospel writer taps into the collective memory of the emerging Christian community: just as the serpent was lifted up and the people found life, so will Jesus be lifted up and those who believe in him will find life.

PROJECTOR OPERATORS

The Horsham Church is looking for people who are willing to offer their time at Saturday/Sunday Mass on a roster system as a Projector Operator. If you have good computer skills and a knowledge of Power-Point you are what we are looking for. Training will be offered. If you think you can help contact Camille at the Parish Office on 53821155 to express your interest.

Funeral Prayer Service for Peter Jackson:

Tuesday 16th March - 2pm @ Horsham Church

Next week: 5th Sunday Lent - Gospel: John 11:1-45



ACRATH Slavery-free Easter Chocolate Campaign—Show your support by shopping for products approved by "Fairtrade", "UTZ" or "Rainforest Alliance" this Easter.