



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr. C - 13th February 2022



COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Face masks need to be worn at all indoor venues.

There are no vaccination limits on participants, however **all must sign-in upon entry to any venue for contact tracing purposes. Thank you.**

Join in on our Masses online at any time by visiting our Eucharistic Facebook page : <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



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We welcome and thank **Fr Rupert Bowd** for Masses this weekend and the last, to help as **Monsignor Glynn continues his rest and recovery.**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Horsham): Next Thursday 17th February 2022, 7.30-8.30am @ the Parish Hall.

Act of Spiritual Communion:
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
- St. Alphonsus Liguori



Project Compassion Sunday - 27th February 2022



With your donations, 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 those in need.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. You can also donate by visiting their website lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

World Day of the Sick:

The World Day of the Sick, celebrated its 30th Edition on February 11, with the theme "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6,36). In Pope Francis' message for this day he spoke directly to health care workers, recognising the importance of their work as infection rates and deaths from COVID-19 continue to rise.

Further information and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-of-the-sick-2022-february-11/>

Our Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church!

And, at the heart of our parishes is our connection as people of faith.

Amidst our Plenary Council Gatherings, we ask you to reflect on the importance of faith in your life. Is your faith the foundation of who you are? Does it drive the way you choose to live your life? Take a moment to re-affirm the importance of Sunday Mass; where we come together to celebrate the Eucharist – it is not a private or entirely anonymous experience. The communal celebration of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass provides essential nourishment for our journey through life. Pope Francis said: "The Eucharist is the summit of God's saving action: the Lord Jesus, by becoming bread broken for us, pours upon us all of His mercy and His love, so as to renew our hearts, our lives, and our way of relating with Him and with each other. From this Sacrament of love...flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness."

Let us commit ourselves to growing in faith; to take the opportunities available in our Parish; to honour and participate in God's unity. Join us on the journey...

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 14th February	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 15th February	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Wednesday 16th February	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 17th February	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 18th February	9.00am 12noon	Warracknabeal Horsham: SMJ School Mass
Saturday 19th February	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

ROSTERS (Note: currently working on new design/layout)

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning- Feb.
February 13th Sun.	8.30am	M Farrall	J. McFarlane	D & K Baxter	J McFarlane & M Lardner	L Gibson & A McFarlane
February 19th Sat.	6.30pm	D Baxter	D. Baxter	J & M Aitken	K Downes & B Evans	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

12/13 Feb.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor Anthony Amor	Fay Wills Rosie Taylor Cate Rigby
Reader	Anthony Amor	Andrea Cox
Commentator	(please volunteer...)	Bob Pritchett
19/20 Feb.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	John Parker	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch Bob Hayes	Mary Dagleish Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Embedded Music	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	20th February Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	27th February Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>February 13:</u> LLA 9am	<u>February 20:</u> LLA 9am
Readers	Taela McLean	Marshman Family
Offertory/Lay-led	Cynthia Maiden & Robyn Hallam	Claire White & Marilyn Clancy
Ministers	Therese Bellinger	Cynthia Maiden

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>February 13:</u> LLA 10am	<u>February 20:</u> Mass at 11am
Reader & Prayers	M Millington	I Dart
Lay Leaders	C Kennedy	-
Eucharistic Minister	N Grayling	
Offertory		L Welsch
Monthly Collector	R Picone	R Picone
Cleaning	M Millington	M Millington

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)
Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisken 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.

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

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

Any upcoming changes in Victorian COVID-19 restrictions will apply.

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: Tuesday 22 February - 6.30pm, @ Terry & Margaret Howison's: 245 Pelchens Road. Quantong 3401.
Rupanyup: next date, time and location to be confirmed.

An Early Morning Prayer

I come before you, O Lord. As the sun rises may your hope rise up in me. As the birds sing may your love flow out of me. As the light floods into this new day, may your joy shine through me. I come before you, O Lord and drink in this moment of peace, that I may carry something of your hope, love and joy today in my heart. Amen.

Pope's intention for February:

For religious sisters and consecrated women: "We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times."

January 2022 Collections:

1st Collection (Presbytery) - Cash:

Beulah: \$328.60 Dimboola: \$300.15 Horsham: \$4622.00
 Hopetoun: \$340.90 Murtoa: \$465.70 Minyip: \$129.70
 Nhill: \$260.00 Rainbow: \$197.15 Rupanyup: \$100.00
 Warracknabeal: \$297.00

Electronic Transfer - Presbytery: Warracknabeal: \$10.00

2nd Collection (Parish/Envelopes):

Beulah: \$20.00 Dimboola: \$220.00 Horsham: \$5960.00
 Hopetoun: \$50.00 Murtoa: \$561.70 Minyip: \$ 120.00
 Nhill: \$494.00 Rainbow: \$35.00 Warracknabeal: \$1183.00

Electronic Planned Giving - Parish:

Horsham: \$1390.00 Warracknabeal: \$10.00

NGR Grain Card - Planned Giving:

Beulah: \$1708.54

Christmas Offering Envelopes (continued from December 2021):

Horsham: \$40.00 Dimboola: \$205.00 Murtoa: 465.70
 Hopetoun: \$20.00 Nhill: \$200.00 Warracknabeal: \$50.00

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.



Please submit notices for our weekly Bulletin to the Parish Office by **Thursday**. Thank you.

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Eileen Dunn, Aileen Meehan [Swan Hill]

ANNIVERSARIES: Marie McIntyre, Pat Oakley, Agnese Masiero, Anna Luciani, Dorothy Shalders, Jessie Garwood, John McNamarra

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Brett Cox, Moira Kelly snr, Graham Klemm, Pat Hateley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Ted Haynes, Leo Bourke, Sam McCulloch, Peter Rowe, Laurie Grayling, Bernard Connellan, Max Young, Joan McNamarra, Alma Moore, Peter Sheridan

Anointing:

On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Jim McKay, or please call the Parish Office.

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – The Spiritual Leaders Online Program is a one-year, part-time program held outside of business hours for those engaged in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, eg teachers, principals, pastoral care practitioners, priests, ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, members of religious Orders, community and spiritual leaders. The program begins on 26/3/22 via Zoom, and focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.

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 each month.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of each month @ the Parish Hall.

Ecumenical-Charismatic Prayer Group:

1.30-3.30pm, Wednesdays @ Parish office meeting room

Saturday Morning Devotions:

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lay-led),

8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,

9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

Confessions after Mass.

Note: COVID restrictions, Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Organiser is away may cancel the event.

Expressions of Interest – Administrative role

Expressions of Interest are currently being sought for a part-time Administrative role in our Parish Office (based in Horsham)

For further information please contact:

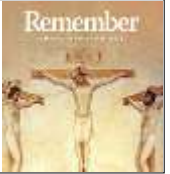
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Address: 10 Roberts Avenue, Horsham, VIC. 3400

“Remember” - 2022 Lenten Program

Booklets are now available at our Parish Office - \$7 each - for individual or group use: it contains reflections and readings from each Sunday of Lent leading up to Easter Sunday.



Making Connections: Remember a time of difficulty or suffering in your own life. Was there a blessing for you hidden in that experience? How and when did you come to realise the blessing born of pain?

Exploring the Word: Luke is interested in the lived experience of those who are literally poor, hungry, suffering. They were the ones who were persecuted under the status quo of their day, and it was they who had an openness to the new order announced by Jesus' preaching of the kingdom. The powerful, who directed the established order of the day, could not bear such a challenge to their own position and thus they will 'drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal' for preaching the new order of God's kingdom.

Living the Word: Pray for the poor, the hungry and the suffering of the world, name the places where these may live.

Daily Prayer: Not from on high do you summon us, O God, to tasks beyond our power. But through Jesus, you come into our midst with promises of blessing and warnings of woe. Shield us from the false security of possessions and privilege. Fix our hearts instead on the blessings promised those who trust in you alone.

Vocational View: Try not to pray for an easy life; rather, pray to be a strong person. Strong in trust, hope, care, love.

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GPBS Weekly Parables: “Standing on Level Ground”

The Sermon on the Mount is the most recognised passage of the gospel. Matthew's gospel pictures Jesus on a hillside preaching. Luke tells us Jesus delivered this famous sermon on a plain. Does it matter whether this is the Sermon on the Mount or the Plain? Scholars have speculated that Luke didn't know any better. As a Greek convert to the faith, he may have never been close enough to the geography of Israel to know the difference. But in the context of Luke's whole story, it's a shrewd move to have Jesus preaching on level ground. Jesus literally levels the playing field by blessing the poor with the advantages of the rich, promising satisfaction to the hungry, and laughter to those who grieve. He likewise assures those who've made it that "it's trouble ahead". If Jesus stands on a par with the crowds and doesn't enjoy a privileged place, we can be sure the justice of the kingdom will make no exceptions.

“There's trouble ahead when you live only for the approval of others, saying what flatters them, doing what indulges them. Your task is to be true, not popular”.

ASH WEDNESDAY NOTE:

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

- From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-4

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

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Second Reading; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is

no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunCOrd06)

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means "one who is sent." Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings. When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us. Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in

Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning. The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored." As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.