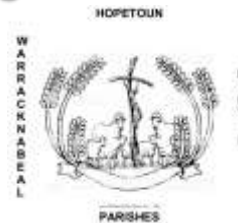




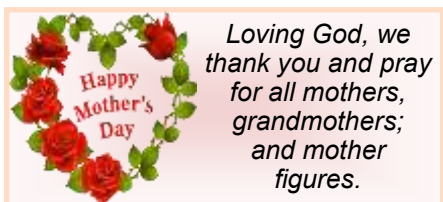
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BULLETIN

6th Sunday of Easter - Year B - 9th May 2021



UPDATES ON THE MERGING OF WARRACKNABEAL, HOPETOUN, NHILL & HORSHAM PARISHES

PATRONAGE OF MERGED PARISH REGION

In Diocesan pastoral planning over some years, it has emerged that from 2021 the merger of Hopetoun, Nhill, Horsham and Warracknabeal parishes into **one parish** will be brought about by a decree from Bishop Paul, our Diocesan Bishop. Every church and school **maintain** the patronage (prayers) of the saints that have been dedicated to their spiritual care: St Mary, St Joseph, St Augustine, St Patrick, Sts Michael and John, etc.

However, **we seek an 'overarching patronage'** for the entire new parish pastoral region (21,300 sq. kms). By such patronage **our region** (with its 10 churches and 6 Catholic schools) will be known, when referred to as a whole.

Any parishioner wishing to suggest a saint or saints (or angels) for this honoured patronage is invited to **lodge their suggestion at the Parish Office by Friday 21st MAY**. Mons Glynn will consider any/all suggested patronage and discuss them with Bishop Paul, prior to a decision being reached.

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NOMINATIONS: PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nominations are being called across our Parish region for membership/ ministry within either the (to be merged and expanded) Pastoral Council or the Finance Committee.

Meetings will be monthly to 6-weekly, or sooner as might be occasionally suitable. Statutes will be reviewed in early meetings, to ensure we have bodies that best assist the pastoral and resource ministry of our wide and diverse Parish region, from city to farmland. Diocesan guidelines and regulations will be respected.

Attendance at meetings will be possible either personally (at parish centre) or via internet conference connection – for members where family constraints exist or distance provides some 'tyranny'. (Something good out of a 'covid year' gone.) Therefore, **any interested and committed parishioner can participate!**

Nominations for either Council or Committee (or both) membership are requested – in writing and signed – at the Parish Office by **COB Monday 31st MAY**.

June will see the launch of both expanded ministry bodies, for the benefit of our Parish life. This will set us in good stead for the expected 1st July merging of our 4 into 1 parish, of many faith communities.

God bless! Mons Glynn.

Ecumenical-Charismatic Prayer Group
Meetings will be fortnightly, starting next **Wednesday 12th May, 1.30-3.30pm** at the **Horsham Parish Office**, small conference room.
For more info contact 5282 1155.

St Mary's Ladies Club Warracknabeal
Meeting Tuesday 18th May, 10am at the church foyer.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 10 May	No Masses	(Mons. Glynn is away all week)
Tuesday 11 May	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 12 May	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 13 May	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 14 May - <i>St Matthias</i>	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 15 May	6.30pm 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

2021 National Mass Count of Attendance
Mass Counts continue to take place during weekends in May.

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 or call (03) 5382 1155.

Mons. Glynn will be away this week for Pastor & Principal Diocesan Forum, Military Chaplaincy and DOBCEL meetings.

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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

8/9 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Jacinta Rice Joan Parker Lorraine Clancy	Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane Andrea Cox
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Angela Murphy
Reader	Anthony Amor	Anna Robertson
15/16 May	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	John Parker	Kingsley Dalglish
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Alison McKinnon
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Simpson Cath Taylor Anthony Amor	Kingsley Dalglish Alison McKinnon Fay Wills
Projector	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Gary Coutts Pat Strachan	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	16th May Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	23rd May Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

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

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: Tuesday 25 May, 6.30pm at Mark & Elaine Uebergang's home at 1 Mitchell Street Natimuk.

Rupanyup: Monday 24th May, 6.30pm at Sue Tyler's home, 13 Stewart St. Rupanyup.

FINANCE: 1st Collection (Presbytery Account):

Natimuk	\$	Murtoa	\$ 200.00
Horsham	\$ 940.00	Dimboola	\$
Total			\$ 1140.00

2nd Collection (Parish Account)

Envelopes	\$ 1575.00	Loose	\$ 130.00
Credit Card	\$ 2504.00	Direct Debit	\$ 1180.00
Total			\$ 5389.00



St Vinnies - Winter Appeal 2021:

In response to a growing demand for services following the end of JobKeeper and cuts to JobSeeker, St Vincent de Paul

Society is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people experiencing or at the risk of homelessness. With generous support from the public, Vinnies aims to maintain the dignity of those on the edge and restore hope to people who have fallen on hard times.

Donate online by visiting:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	May 9: LLA 10am	May 16: Mass 11am
Reader & Prayers	C Kennedy	K Clohesy
Lay Leaders	M Millington	-
Eucharistic Minister	J Gurry	-
Offertory	-	Family
Monthly Collector	J Millington	J Millington
Counter	E Cameron	A Munro
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	May 9: LLA 9am	May 16: LLA 9am
Readers	Coral Cox	Olive Wellington
Offertory/ Lay-led	Joan Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy	Cynthia Maiden & Robyn Hallam
Ministers	Olive Wellington	Marilyn Clancy

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.

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
May 9: Sun	8.30am	J McFarlane	J. McFarlane	M & J Lardner	D & K Baxter	M Lardner & K Downes
May 15: Sat	6.30pm	M. Aitken	K. Downes	Baxter Family	J & M Aitken	B Evans & M Muller

EVENTS, NOTICES & PRAYERS

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Frank Costa (Geelong)

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Purcell, Mary Dillon, Martin 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, Noreen O'Connor

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.*

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/drougthhelp.



National Volunteer Week: May 17-23, 2021

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From May 17–23, 2021 NVW will celebrate the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers, which includes people in our parishes and agencies. Each year these volunteers dedicate over 600 million hours to help others.

The theme for 2021 is:

"RECOGNISE":

- celebrate and thank volunteers for the vital role they play in our community and lives.

"RECONNECT":

- to what is important by giving our time to help others and ourselves.

"REIMAGINE":

- how we support volunteers and the communities they help.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from **May 16 – 23, 2021** in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for this year is: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit". We pray: "God, you are the vinedresser who cares for us with love. You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person. And yet, too often the differences, the pains and struggle in others make us afraid. We withdraw into ourselves. Our trust in you is forsaken. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again. Grant us to live from your forgiveness so that we may be together and praise your name. Amen."



Catholic Education Week: May 23-29.

Theme: "Faith in the Future."

A 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.

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.



We welcome to the Family of God in Baptism this weekend:

Lewis Thomas Winsall

- child of Shaune & Rebecca

At St Mary's Church, Warracknabeal

"The Best Love"

Jesus set the ultimate standard for love: putting your life on the line for your friends. Most of us don't go anywhere near that far. I have a differently-abled friend who's greatly loved within our parish community. Everyone declares how much she means to them, and how they would do anything for her. But there are things that few will actually do. Sitting with her is one thing; bathing her is another. Bringing over dinner is okay, but cleaning potties is not. Some will only come by when she's particularly well; when she's especially frail and helpless, some can't bear the sight of her suffering. Each of us has limits on how far we're willing to go with love, how much responsibility we're prepared to assume. None of us has a perfect record, and no one shows signs of the "best love" that Jesus models. Yet Jesus calls us his friends anyway. Even though he's a better friend to us than we'll ever be in return to him. Jesus takes our imperfect love and breaks it, blesses it, and passes it around like Eucharist to a hungry world. Jesus multiplies our little fragments of love and makes them sufficient. Our love may not be perfect, but that's no excuse to withhold what we've got. Jesus will make it what it needs to be. Our task is to offer it.

- GPBS: Weekly Parables (Sixth Sunday of Easter).

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.

Pope Francis' Monthly prayer of intention for May:

"Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers."

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4

R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 1 John 4,11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm: SunBEaster6

The constitutions of my religious institute remind me that "the tender mercy of our God has given us one another". The implications of this profoundly beautiful truth are spelt out thus: "In our communities, we try to live in the friendship of Christ's disciples [Jn 15:15]. To so live calls forth relationships of equality, a real acceptance of ourselves and others, a forgetfulness of anything that does not make love its message." Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is at the heart of a gospel way of living. It is the commission at the heart of today's reading and seems to be exactly what Pope Francis wants to say to all believers in his new Apostolic Exhortation, Gaudete et Exultate (Rejoice and be Glad). As we listen to the proclamation of the gospel, we might attend to the repetition of "joy", the three-fold repetition of "friends" and the nine-fold repetition of "love". We may also notice the reference to "commands" and "commandments". We tend not to associate "commands" with friendship and love because those we count as our friends are not usually in the habit of commanding or ordering us to do what they want. We derive little joy from being told what to do. And yet, there is no resiling from the juxtaposition of these terms, in the Gospel. They are to love one another as Jesus has loved them. This

is his commandment or commission to them, and by extension to us. It directs them/us to live for each other and put their lives/our lives on the line for one another. It means being faithful to the teaching of Jesus as he has been faithful to the Father's. Remaining in the love of Jesus and doing what Jesus commands seem to be one and the same thing. In other words, love is not just an emotion: it is always expressed in action that is in tune with and for the sake of the other. The disciples need no further explanation. Jesus' whole life and his courage in the face of impending death have shown them what it means to love one another. Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is not some abstract goal. Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest. As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends, for their witness to holiness and for the joy that they bring to our lives.

Please note:

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



"In the midst of conflict and hatred, we offer love to one another. When we are met by despair and loneliness, we offer love to one another. Where uncertainty and apathy are found, we offer love to one another. When haste threatens to cloud our judgement, we take time to love one another. When it is hard to forgive and forget, we will keep the struggle to love one another. Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you". We have heard, and we will obey. We will love one another. Amen."

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.

