



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

### Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord Jesus & Feast of the Holy Family - 25 & 26th December 2021



A CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF HUMANITY

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#### \*Holy Christmas & Happy New Year\*

Mons. Glynn, Fr Jim, Olivia & Camille wish all Parishioners and friends & families beyond - blessings of Christmas joy and peace, and for all to have a very happy and blessed New Year.



Thank you to the members of all ministries and visitors who have generously made contributions to the life of our Parish through works, time and donations. Especially with the merging of our 4 former Parishes. It is gratefully appreciated.

**Parish Office: Closed on Public Holidays** - Monday and Tuesday 27th - 28th December 2021 & January 3rd, 2022. Open on Wednesday 29th December to Friday 31st December 2021 & from 4th January onwards into 2022.

#### Bishop's Christmas Appeal 2021

Collections will be taken up throughout our Parish during Christmas Masses - Any donations (except planned giving envelopes) will be put towards the appeal.

#### Christmas Mass Times 2021:

**Thursday 23rd December 2021 - Horsham Anointing Mass 9.30am**

**Friday 24th December 2021—Christmas Eve Masses**

Beulah - 5.30pm

Warracknabeal- 7.30pm

Murtoa - 5.30pm

Horsham - 7pm Carols, followed by Mass 7.30pm

**Saturday 25th December 2021—Christmas Morning Masses**

Nhill - 8.30am

Dimboola - 8.30am

Rainbow - 10.30am

Horsham - 10.30am with livestream.

**Saturday 25th December 2021— Saturday Vigil Masses**

Horsham - 6.30pm

**Sunday 26th December 2021—Sunday Morning Masses / Boxing Day**

Warracknabeal - 8.30am

Hopetoun - LLA 9am

Minyip - 10.30am

Horsham - 10.30am with livestream.

#### UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS

**As of 24th December 2021, Face masks will need to be worn at all indoor venues.**

There will still be no vaccination requirements or limits on participants, however **all must still sign-in upon entry to any venue for contact tracing purposes.**

**Thank you.**

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 27th December	<b>No Masses</b>	(Fr Jim on leave, Mons. Glynn based in Horsham...)
Tuesday 28th December	<b>12noon</b>	Horsham
Wednesday 29th December	<b>10.30am</b>	Warracknabeal - Funeral Mass for Mary Bellis
Thursday 30th December	<b>12noon</b>	Horsham
Friday 31st December - <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	<b>12noon</b>	Horsham
Saturday 1st January - <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Horsham

#### **New Year's Eve: Holy Hour - With Monsignor Glynn Murphy**

6-7pm, at Horsham Church; Prayers for the World, Australia & our Church for the New Year.

#### 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

# ROSTERS

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

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Offertory	Collectors	Special Ministers
Dec. 24 - Mass	6.30pm	K Downes	P Winsall			
Dec. 26 - Mass	8.30am	M. Aitken / K Downes	D. Baxter	M & J Lardner	J & M Aitken	J McFarlane & M Lardner

### HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

25/26 Dec. <i>(Holy Family)</i>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maree Plazzer Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce	Timothy Lannen Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson
<b>Reader</b>	Micky Robarts	<i>(please volunteer...)</i>
<b>Commentator</b>	<i>(please volunteer...)</i>	Bob Pritchett
1/2 Jan. 2022	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
<b>Commentator</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice	<i>(please volunteer...)</i>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice <i>(please volunteer...)</i>	Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane <i>(please volunteer...)</i>
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Sharon Creasey Mary Dowsley
<b>Prayers</b>	Darryl & Maree Wren	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>2nd January</b> Lynda Hutchinson Bernie Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	<b>9th January</b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

### HORSHAM CHRISTMAS MINISTRY ROSTER:

#### **24th December 21 - 7.30pm Mass:**

Reader = Maree Plazzer, Commentator = Bob Pritchett, Projector = Geoff Simpson, Music = KV & Combined Choir, Eucharistic Ministers = Lorraine Clancy & Anna Robertson.

#### **25th December 21 - 10.30am Mass:**

Reader = Sr Jacinta Rice, Commentator = *(Please Volunteer...)*, Projector = Rob Sartori, Music = Chris Robarts, Eucharistic Ministers = Tim Lannen...

### HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<b>December 26: LLA 9am</b>	<b>January 2: Mass 9am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Olive Wellington	
<b>Offertory/ Lay-led</b>	Therese Bellinger & Marilyn Clancy	
<b>Ministers</b>		

### NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<b>December 25: Mass 8.30am</b>	<b>January 9: LLA 10am</b>
<b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b>	M Millington	C Kennedy
<b>Lay Leaders</b>	-	D & A Munro
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	-	A Munro
<b>Offertory</b>	Family	-
<b>Monthly Collector</b>	R Picone	J Millington
<b>Cleaning</b>	C Kennedy	A Munro

#### 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.



## MASS TIMES & PARISH NOTICES

### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

**1st Weekend of the Month (Jan. 1/2 2022):**  
 Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am  
 Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am  
 Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm  
 Hopetoun: Sunday 9am  
 Rainbow: Sunday 11am  
 Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am  
 Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am  
 Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am  
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

**Please note: Any upcoming changes in Victorian COVID-19 restrictions will apply.**

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

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** Mary (Madie) Curran - *Ireland, Mother of Elaine Uebergang*, Mary Bellis - *Warracknabeal*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry McManus, Bob Wallis, Many Murphy, Mac Young, Joan McNamara, Fr John Murphy

**SICK:** Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Kobe Davidson, Bob Atkins, Mary Thompson, Moira Kelly snr, Patricia Simpson, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, John Hickey, Pat Hateley, Marie Tobin, Brett Cox, Peter Rowe, Sam McCulloch, Graham Klemm, Leo Bourke, Laurie Grayling, Ted Haynes

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

#### **A Christmas message from St Vincent de Paul**

I invite us all to reflect on the fact that Christmas is about Hope. If you or anyone you know are needing assistance please call SVDP Horsham 5381 2371.

## LITURGICAL REFLECTIONS & PRAYERS

**Daily Prayer:** O God, Creator all-powerful, in your wisdom and love, your Son, begotten before the dawn of time, became in time a member of our human family. Give to parents the wisdom and wonder to see the mystery of your will unfold in the lives of their children. To daughters and sons give, with the increase of years, growth in your grace. Together may we treasure in our hearts the love you have lavished upon us in letting us be called your children.

**Vocational View:** In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace. Jesus was born into a human family, where all are models of steadfast and committed service to God. We are not only members of our human family but also members of God's family, and this brings responsibilities with it.

**Bishop Paul's Christmas Message 2021** - <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-christmas-message/>

Excerpt: *"In the original Christmas story in the gospel of Luke, we read of shepherds in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks during the night. They were not moving the sheep to new pastures. They were not shearing the sheep. They were simply watching and it was in that time of simply watching that the messenger of God came to them, an angel of the Lord appeared and the glory of the Lord shone round them and they heard the good news that a Saviour had been born. During these weeks before Christmas, I hope we can all take some time to be like those shepherds, spending a while simply watching, taking a break from our many activities and simply sitting quietly. And as we sit quietly, may we hear again in our hearts the good news that a Saviour has been born for us, Christ, the Lord. I wish you all a merry Christmas. May the peace of Christ be with you. May the joy of the Saviour be your strength. May God bless you all."* —Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

### Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (Christmas)

During the Christmas season, our liturgy invites us to consider the birth of the Lord from many vantage points. As we begin this season, it is useful to remember that the stories of Jesus' birth and childhood are found in only two of our Gospels, Matthew and Luke. Throughout this season, we will hear stories from both Gospels. Those Gospels tell different but complementary stories about Jesus' birth, highlighting items of theological importance about the Incarnation and the salvation that Jesus brings. On this day, the Feast of Christmas, we are given the details of Christ's birth as found in the Gospel of Luke. Here we learn about the census that brings Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where Jesus is born. We also hear about the angel's announcement of this good news to the shepherds. In these details, we find two of Luke's particular concerns: (1) to locate the coming of Christ in the wider framework of salvation history as good news for all people, Gentiles and Jews, and (2) to show the

Lord's favor upon the poor and lowly. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is born as one of the poor. Laid in a manger in a stable, because there was no room at the inn, he comes into the world through obscure and surprising means. Yet, as the angel proclaims this good news to the shepherds, this infant is announced as the Messiah and Lord. In the song of the angels, all are invited to give glory to God for this miraculous birth, in which God comes to share our humanity. The angels sing that Jesus' coming brings peace. Yet there is little in the details of this Gospel that gives evidence of peace. Jesus is born as a traveler away from home, born in a stable in a crowded city under the occupation of foreigners. The appearance of the angel to the shepherds frightens them. When the angels proclaim Jesus' birth as the harbinger of "peace on earth," the evangelist Luke clearly wants us to take the long view. The shepherds are invited to claim a faith that will enable them to see this infant as a sign, God's promise of a messiah. It is through such faith that one finds the peace of which the angels sing.

### Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunCHolyFamily)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned

teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God. The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry. In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

### January 1st, 2022: 55<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace - Pope Francis' Prayer: Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

*We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain. Now, Lord, come to our aid!*

*Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "peace", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.*

## CHRISTMAS READINGS:

### First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-3, 11-13

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth.

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

### Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we

have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

### Gospel Acclamation: Luke 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY READINGS:

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

### Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

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. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

### Gospel Acclamation: cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.