



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Yr B - 15th August 2021



***In-person attendance for all Weekday & Weekend Masses in our Parish are welcome; provided that the number of attending worshippers does not exceed 100.***

**Entry into the Horsham Church will be via the front doors only for both 6.30pm Saturday & 10.30am Sunday Masses - to help ensure we do not exceed the '100 people' limit.**

**The 10.30am Sunday Mass in Horsham 15th August will be livestreamed** on our Eucharistic Facebook group page which you can join at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



**The video recording of the Mass will also be available on the page, after the livestream; for all to download and watch at a later time.**

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#### **"Our Diocesan Community"** **- Issue 2 2021**

The newest edition of our Diocesan magazine will be available at all Churches in our Parish. Copies are also available at our Parish office for all visiting.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast:**  
Thursday, 19 August: 7.30-8.30am  
@ Horsham Parish Hall.

#### **Breakdown of rules following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in Regional Victoria at 11.59pm on 9th August 2021:**

- ⇒ Religious gatherings and ceremonies are allowed, with density requirements of 1 person per 4sqm, and no more than 100 people total indoors and 300 people outdoors per venue. This count excludes those ministers required for the Mass (e.g. clergy, readers, choir, etc.)
- ⇒ Weddings and Funerals are able to have up to 50 people at a venue. This limit excludes those necessary to conduct the ceremony, and infants under 12 months of age.
- ⇒ There will be no limit on the distance regional Victorians can travel from home. However, travel to Melbourne can only be for a permitted reason and you must follow the Melbourne restrictions once there.
- ⇒ Private gatherings in the home are still not permitted, however, outdoor gatherings in public spaces can occur with up to 10 people.
- ⇒ Face masks and checking-in are still mandatory at any venue outside of your own home.

More information is available on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>

"I rejoice once more that we will be able to gather for Mass and other celebrations. I renew my thanks to those people in each parish who have been helping us to come together when permitted, while attending to the COVID-safe directives. I thank you all for your patience as we make the adjustments needed so that we can pray as a community while keeping everyone safe. God bless you all."

*-Bishop Paul*

WEEKDAY MASSES:		
Monday 16 August	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 17 August	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 18 August	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 19 August	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Friday 20 August	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Saturday 21 August	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

**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
Aug. 14th Sat.	6.30pm	P Winsall	D Baxter	Baxter Family	B Bentley & L Downes	K Downes & B Evans
Aug. 22nd Sun	8.30am	K Downes	K Downes	Downes Family	D & K Baxter	M Muller & J MacFarlane

#### HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

14/15 Aug.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Joan Parker	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
<b>Reader</b>	Garry Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
<b>Commentator</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice	(please volunteer)
21/22 Aug.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Reader</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice	Michael Conellan
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Dianne Noy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sr Jacinta Rice Micky Robarts Bernadette Trounce	Cate Rigby Mary Dagleish Anna Robertson
<b>Projector</b>	Anita Masiero	Robert Sartori
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Teresa Bottoms
<b>Welcomers</b>	Gary Coutts (please volunteer)	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>22nd August</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Sue Chalkley Judie Delahunty	<b>29th August</b> Lynda Hutchinson Bernie Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

#### Warracknabeal Church Cleaning: August

- K Baxter, M Farrall, M Ginnane

#### NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>August 15:</u> 11am Mass	<u>August 22nd:</u> 10am LLA
<b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b>	I Dart	A Munro
<b>Lay Leaders</b>	-	M Millington
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	-	J Gurry
<b>Offertory</b>	S Lawler	-
<b>Monthly Collector</b>	J Millington	J Millington
<b>Counter</b>	A Munro	J Kennedy
<b>Cleaning</b>	M Millington	M Millington

#### HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>August 15:</u> 9am LLA	<u>August 22:</u> 11am Mass
<b>Readers</b>	Taela McLean	Claire White
<b>Offertory/ Lay-led</b>	Robyn Hallam & Cynthia Maiden	Olive Wellington & Vincent Landrigan
<b>Ministers</b>	Olive Wellington	-

## MASSES, PRAYERS & REPORTS

### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

#### 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 LLA 9am  
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am  
 Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am  
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

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

#### OTHER MASSES:

**Natimuk:** 24th August, 6.30pm @ the home of Mark & Elaine Uebergang (1 Mitchell Street, Natimuk). Please RSVP with Elaine at 0428 871 227.

**Rupanyup:** Next date and location to be decided...

#### Pope's universal prayer for August:

"Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel."

#### NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

Please submit any upcoming notices to the Parish Office by **Thursday**. Thank you.

#### Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)

**Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisen** 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.*

#### PRAYER FOR THE 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 or 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 or sick, in Homes or in Hospital.

## SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** Bortolo Pozza (Italy - Brother of Giovanna Panozzo)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rose Maher, Monique Wren, Fr Rodger Shepherd, Maria Macchia, Marie Murphy, Hugh Byrne

**SICK:** Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Joan Glen, Elsie Thomas, Kobe Davidson, Mary Thompson, Bob Atkins, Moira Kelly snr, Leo Bourke, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Tom & Margaret Murphy, John Hickey, Pat Hateley, Lou White, Patricia Simpson, Helen Polack, Peter Rowe, Sam McCulloch, Noreen Voigt, Laurie Grayling, Brett Cox, Ted Haynes, Lorna Keenan, Margaret Lawson, Olive Wellington

**ANOINTING:** On request to Fr Jim McKay or Mons. Glynn Murphy, or please call the Parish Office (please see front page for contact details).

### 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**

Normal contributions through Sunday Collections or dropping in to the office are also welcome.

~ 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.**

### 2nd Collection (Parish—month of July):

Direct Debit: \$1080.00

Credit Card: \$ 1634.17

Links to online Masses and other resources can be found on our Diocesan website at: <https://bit.ly/2Viah12>

### CatholicCare Victoria Appeal

CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

### Social Justice Sunday – August 29, 2021

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". You can download the statement from the ACBC Office for Social Justice website <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

**'Ephphatha? Be Thou Open?' Saturday 28 August 2021, 10am-4pm (AEST) via ZOOM. This reflection event using a journal / creative materials offers you time and sacred space to be set apart and companioned to explore new ways of attuning and responding to your experiences. Led by Margaret Trainor, spiritual director & art therapist. Cost \$60. More info at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or (03) 9890 1101.**

### August reflection for the Year of St Joseph 2021 "The Holy Family"

*I can't relate to the Holy Family. Mary was completely without sin, Jesus was God and Joseph was a saint. That doesn't sound a whole lot like my family! - Thoughts or comments like these can easily arise when trying to engage with the subject of the Holy Family.*

We may assume that being able to resist sin perfectly (or with growing perfection in the case of Joseph) makes Jesus, Mary and Joseph "unrelatable". But *is it our sins that "make us human" or that help us feel close to and connected with others..?* - A little reflection, assisted by Church teaching, will reveal that in fact the opposite is true. *Sin makes us "less than human"*. It robs us of our true humanity and of our capacity to connect with others. It demeans and demoralises us and turns us in on ourselves.

The Holy Family were not 'superhuman'... The fact that we know next to nothing about the details of Jesus' first 30 years of life denotes that those around them noticed nothing "novel" or "exotic" about the Holy Family of Nazareth. Nor did resisting sin mean they were free from temptation, discouragement, doubt, fear, misunderstandings, hurt, anxiety, stress or grief. They had many trials to endure: an importunate pregnancy, social disgrace, homelessness, fleeing an oppressive regime, on the run for their lives, precarious employment.

The Holy Family were *fully human* and extra-ordinary... They had to live and grow through space and time like the rest of us, trusting that God is good and that ultimately he has everything in hand. They had to exercise faith. They had to choose hope and they had to learn how to accept and appreciate the gift of each other's unique personhood just like we do.

The Holy Family are much more like us than they are different from us and they have much to teach us about what it means to be "fully human".

Let's draw close to these good people, who learnt through trials and sufferings and joys how to walk humbly with God and to trust in his provident goodness. Let the Holy Family encourage us, that as we open the ordinariness of our lives and relationships to his grace, God can bring about his saving plan.

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Read the reflection in full at: <https://bit.ly/3jzEQHY>

**"Holy Mary, Mother of God, you have given this world its true light, Jesus, your Son. You abandoned yourself completely to God's call, and became a wellspring of goodness which flows from him. Show us Jesus. Lead us to him. Teach us to know and love him, so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsty world."**  
-Pope Benedict XVI, 2005.

**REMINDER.** This Sunday, 15th August at 12 noon, the start of live-streaming on Facebook, **Novena** (9 consecutive days) **to the Holy Mary**, for the purpose of eliminating cancer. The post will be saved, so if needed you can join in and pray at a time more convenient for you.

Key in my name: Astrid van den Akker-Luttmer in the search box and you will find my posting.



**First Reading: Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10**

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 44:10-12, 16**

**R.** The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.

**R.** The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men

will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

**Gospel Acclamation: Accl**

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 1:39-56**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

**Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press:  
(SunBAssumptionofMary)**

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of

Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel. The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all. Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

**Prayer for the Plenary Council:**

"Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary McKillop, pray for us." Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> for more information and to keep up to date with reports.

