



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**  
**3rd December 2023**

Seminarian **Cay Trinh** will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10am. Please pray for Cay as he prepares. All welcome to attend. This Mass will be livestreamed. Link to be advised.

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has made an announcement regarding the merger of our Ballarat Catholic Development Fund with the Melbourne-Sale-Bunbury Catholic Development Fund. Details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/new-era-for-cdf/>



First Sunday of Advent

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#### Mass Livestreaming

Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at **6.30pm each Saturday evening**, and will be available to watch 'live', or for replay viewing at a time convenient. (Recordings are deleted weekly, and will be available until Friday each week) **YouTube**

#### Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams>

### International Volunteers Day – December 5, 2023

#### Blessing Prayer for Volunteers:

*God of glory,*

*your beloved Son has shown us that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts.*

*Bless our volunteers*

*who have responded to the needs of our parish and wish to commit themselves to your service.*

*Grant that their ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing to you.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again we call on your generosity to assist with our good works. Families are stressed to the limit with the increasing cost of living. Homelessness is very prevalent in our community, people sleeping rough and sleeping in their cars. We help with emergency accommodation, food, scripts, and petrol vouchers for out of town medical appointments.

Monetary donations may be left at the piety store in the narthex of our Horsham Church, envelopes also available in the Horsham foyer.

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 5th December	<b>5.30pm</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>No Mass</b>	Horsham (DOBCEL Board)
Wednesday 6th December	<b>5.30pm</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Horsham
Thursday 7th December	<b>5.30pm</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>9.30am</b>	Horsham
Friday 8th December	<b>9am</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>9.30am</b>	Horsham
Saturday 9th December	<b>9am</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>9.30am</b>	Horsham

Funeral Mass for Patricia Brennan  
SMJ Church Horsham Tuesday December 12th at 10.30am  
(Note: NOT this week)

<b>HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER</b>		
<u>2nd &amp; 3rd December</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
<b>Reader</b>	John Parker	Allison McKinnon
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Amor	Bob Pritchett
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane
<u>9th &amp; 10th December</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
<b>Reader</b>	Emelia Sudholz	May Rosello
<b>Commentator</b>	Maree Plazzer	Louise Kemp
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish Alison McKinnon
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Kaye Vincent	Chris Robarts
<b>Livestream</b>	Rob Sartori	N/A
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>	N/A	Anne Rowe, Zita Cannane, Lynda Hutchinson, Esther Fry
<b>Prayers</b>	Angela Amor & Pauline Breen	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<u>10th December</u> Jenny Clark Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	<u>17th December</u> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

<b>WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<u>3rd December Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>10th December Mass 8.30am</u>
<b>Reader</b>	M Farrall	D Baxter
<b>Prayers</b>	M Farrall	D Baxter
<b>Collectors</b>	B Bentley & L Downes	D & K Baxter
<b>Cleaning</b>	Cleaning Bee in December	

<b>NHILL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<u>3rd December Mass 11am</u>	<u>10th December Mass 11am</u>
<b>Sacristan</b>	A Munro	M Millington
<b>Reader</b>	D Munro	M Millington
<b>Collector</b>	R Picone	R Picone
<b>Offertory</b>		
<b>Music</b>	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
<b>Cleaning</b>	M Millington	M Millington

**Natimuk Mass: Final Natimuk Mass for 2023** Thursday 21st December, 6.30pm, Venue TBA

**Rupanyup Mass:** Thursday 7th December, 6.30pm  
25 Stewart St Rupanyup

**Child Safety Standards:** St Paul VI Parish **Bob Pritchett** is our Safeguarding Officer. 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.*

#### **ROSARY - MURTOA:**

Rosary will be prayed at St Mary's Church, Murtoa each Wednesday at 4.30pm.

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

#### **Anointing:**

On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Matt Restall, or please call the Parish Office.

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#### **Communion:**

Upon request to the Parish Office, Holy Communion can be arranged for the sick and infirm.

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#### **Confessions:**

After Saturday Morning Mass at Horsham Church, or on request to our Priests.

#### **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, and name)*

St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy Support) Account (NAB)

BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830345

~ The option of regular automatic Direct Debit contributions can be arranged by contacting our office ~  
The Parish also has an NGR number for grain growers who wish to donate through harvest.

**All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.**

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

##### **THIS WEEKEND**

**1st Sunday of the month: 2nd & 3rd December**

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**

Murtoa: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**

Hopetoun: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Dimboola: Sunday LLA 8.30am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND**

**2nd Sunday of the month: 9th & 10th December**

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**

Hopetoun: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**

Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**

Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am **and Thursday Mass after the 2nd Sunday 5.30pm (14th December)**

## PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

**RECENT DEATHS:** Donna Flynn (Ballarat)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joyce Mackay, Kevin O'Connor, Stephen Baker, Brice Craig, Domenico Gasparini, Timothy Hewitson, Kevin Hunter, Frank Lawson

**SICK:** Ken Dowsley, Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Pat Cummins, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Maggie Landrigan, Eddie Taig

### Act of Spiritual Communion: (Away from Church / Holy 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*

Just a reminder to pick up your 2023 / 2024 Planned Giving envelopes from your local Church foyer, if you haven't already please. Thankyou.

Christmas Mass times will be published from next week in the Bulletin, and on the Diocese of Ballarat website at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) They will be advertised in local papers closer to Christmas.

*Christmas cards & 2024 Calendars are available in the St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall in the Horsham Church.*

**A Christmas get together has been planned for St Mary's Warracknabeal Church Community and friends, together with St Vincent De Paul Conference.**

- ◆ Friday 15th December 2023
- ◆ 5.30pm Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Church.
- ◆ 6pm onwards, drinks and dinner at The Creekside Hotel.

The marquee has been booked for this dinner. Please list your name on the sheet provided in the foyer of the Warracknabeal church. **RSVP: Tuesday 5 December 2023**

### St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases on **Mon, Wed and Fri** mornings between 11am-12noon.  
**\*Appointments essential-** Phone 5381 2371 to book.

### Publications Available for Purchase

We have more copies of **God's Word 2024** which are available again this week for **\$20ea**. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange purchase.



A limited supply of **The Sign** books for Advent and Christmas daily reflections are also available for **\$8ea** at the Parish Office.



We still have copies of the **Brigidine Centenary book** available for **\$35** in the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church, at St Brigid's College, or at the Parish Office.

We are pleased to now be able to offer EFT 'Tap-n-Go' in the Horsham Church foyer. (weekends only)

For those who don't carry cash, and for visitors to the Parish, this is an easy option for donations to support the Parish account.

### Sacramental Program 2024 Information Session

This year St Paul VI Parish has completed its first Sacramental Program involving over 50 children and their families. The Program has been engaging and enjoyable, as well as educational and inspiring. Parents and their children re-discovered the richness of our faith, responding with their lives to the words of Jesus "ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you." (Mt. 7:7)

Parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children. The fruit of parents playing an active part in helping their child prepare for the Sacraments this year has been evident, and therefore the Parish based Sacramental program will run according to this model in 2024 also. For those families who have a child in year 4 and above who has not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Communion, or for children in year 6 and above who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation – please feel welcome to attend one of the information sessions listed below.

**Horsham:** Sunday 3 Dec 11.30am (in church)

**Warracknabeal:** Tuesday 5 Dec 3.30pm (in church)

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

#### Morning Craft Group:

Wednesdays in Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

**Meditation Group:** Every Tuesday, 2.00pm in the Church meeting room.

#### Choir Practice:

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm

- **Any newcomers always welcome**

#### Men's Fellowship: Christmas Breakup Breakfast

7.30-9.00am **Thursday 7th December** cooked breakfast for Christmas breakup at the Parish Hall. All Parish men welcome! (Prior to work hours)

## Sunday Mass

3 December 2023

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** A reading from the prophet Isaiah 63:16

-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R.** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,

look down from heaven and see,

Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:

give us life that we may call upon your name.

**R.** Lord, Make us turn to you, let us see your face and we will be saved.

**Second Reading** A reading from the first letter of St

Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

**Gospel Acclamation** Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake !

#### LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today we begin the season of [Advent](#), which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of

Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

#### Next Weekend's Readings: The Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 84:9-14 **Response:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**2nd Reading:** 2nd letter of St Peter 3:8-14 **Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8