



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4TH AUGUST 2024 YEAR B**

Anniversary Diocesan Assembly

Thank you to all who attended the recent regional formation session on Sunday 28th July. It was a fantastic afternoon and very encouraging to see various representatives from across the regional Parishes, local community groups and interested parishioners.

The feedback and discussion will provide valuable input for the Diocesan Assembly.

The Assembly will be held in Ballarat in November and will bring together clergy, representatives of the parishes, schools and Catholic organisations within our Diocese to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in communities into the future.

Anyone who attended last Sunday is encouraged to send any feedback to the Parish office via email on wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au, which will then be forwarded on to the Diocesan organisers, who ran the gathering.

Thanks again for a wonderful afternoon!

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CLOSED MONDAYS

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

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Mass Livestreaming

Vigil Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at 6.30pm Saturday Night 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>

Save the Date - Celebrating Sr Jacinta Contributions Welcome



On Sunday the 1st of September we will be hosting a special anniversary celebration for Sr Jacinta after the 10.30am Horsham Mass, in the Parish Hall.

This will commemorate Sr Jacinta's 70th year as a Brigidine Sister, as well as her 90th Birthday.

If you would like to contribute a plate of food to this celebration, please let the Parish office know.



Monetary Donations as a gift of appreciation to Sr Jacinta can also be made at the Piety Store in Horsham after the 6.30pm Vigil and Sunday 10.30am Masses, leading to 1st Sept.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 6th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 7th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	5pm	Horsham- DOBCEL Mass
Thursday 8th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 9th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	12.30pm	Horsham
Saturday 10th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
3rd & 4th August	6.30 Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Micky Robarts	Nerrida Holland
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
Eucharist Ministers	Bob Hayes Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Zita Cannane Gerard Raven Nerrida Holland
10th & 11th August	6.30 Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Garry Heinrich	Louise Chesterfield
Commentator	Sr Jacinta	May Rosello
Eucharist Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Satori	N/A
Welcomers	Bill & Josie Phelan	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Anne Rowe Zita, Lynda, Esther
Prayers	Angela Amor & Pauline Breen	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	11th August Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	18th August Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	4th August Mass 8.30am	11th August Mass 8.30am
Reader	L. Casey	A. Van den Ak.
Prayers	P. Winsall	M. Walder
Collectors	D & K Baxter	L. Casey
Cleaning	M. Muller & P. Winsall	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	4th August Mass 11am	11th August Mass 11am
Sacristan	M. Millington	A. Munro
Reader	C. Kennedy	I. Dart
Collector	R. Picone	R. Picone
Music	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
Cleaning	C. Kennedy	C. Kennedy

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
	3rd August Vigil 6.30pm	10th August Vigil 6.30pm
Reader	Coral Cox	Marilyn Clancy
Offertory	Jan & Allen	Maureen & Kevin
Eucharistic Minister	N/A	N/A

Natimuk Mass: TBA
Rupanyup Mass: TBA

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish **Bob Pritchett** is our Safeguarding Officer, Horsham and **Cynthia Maiden**, Hopetoun.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND

Parishioners interested in receiving *preparation/ guidance to be able to bring Holy Communion from our churches to Parishioners* can notify Mons Glynn.

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: 4th August 2024

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: **NO LLA**
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Sunday of the month: 11th August 2024

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 10.30am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Marg Lingham

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Byrne, Mary Hunter, Colin Cross

SICK: Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Jason O'Connell, Tim Clancy, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Joan Whiley, Adam Cooper

St Brigid's College students celebrate the annual Presentation Ball on the evening of Friday 2nd Aug. Set against the backdrop of the Eiffel Tower, 16 partners enjoy 'An Evening in Paris' with friends, family and St Brigid's community members.

Year 11 students have been working hard practicing and perfecting their dances and we thank those Year 10 and Year 12 students also assisting.

Gian Z, who is on exchange from Italy and attending St Brigid's, will also be participating.

Thank you to dance trainers, James McRae and Maree Thompson for their dedication in working with the students.



St Brigid's College Alumni Committee & Reunion Planning



If you are part of the graduating classes of 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004 or 2014, we would particularly love to hear from you. **We are looking for people who can spread the word amongst former classmates about the milestone reunion planned for Saturday 19th October, 2024.**

To register your interest or find out more information contact alumni@stbc.vic.edu.au or the College Front Office on (03) 5382 3545.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL June 1st—August 31st



Our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal. Each year, our Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

Over the past six months, the Society has provided over \$5 million in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria **alone**.

With the current homelessness crisis, the assistance we provide for people experiencing hardship this Winter will be needed more than ever. Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need.

Envelopes are available in Horsham church foyer or visit vinnies.org.au. Clean household items are needed, also bedding and blankets, which can be donated at your local St Vincent de Paul assistance centre. (Horsham & Warracknabeal)

St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases in **Horsham** on **Mon, Wed and Fri** mornings between 11am - 12noon

Appointments essential - Phone **5381 2371** to book.

Happy Birthday Betty Russell

We wish Betty Russell a Happy 90th Birthday for this Sunday the 4th of August.



Have a blessed and enjoyable day celebrating with Family and Friends!
Thank you for your faithful life, and all the lovely cakes!

National Vocations Awareness Week August 4th - 11th, 2024



National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer and education and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. This celebration coincides with the feast of the country's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. We pray for more generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia. For information regarding vocations, go to <https://sydneyvocations.org/events/national-vocations-awareness-week-2024-2/>

Vocations Prayer

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate. Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability. Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call. Inspire parents, families and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service. Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life and societies of apostolic life. Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptised to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalised. Amen.

ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM

Morning Craft Group

The Craft Group gather weekly in the Parish Office meeting room on Wednesdays, 9.30am - 11.30am

Choir Practice

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm at the Church
Any newcomers always welcome

Men's Fellowship

Breakfast - **3rd Thursday** of the month
7.30am - 8.30am at the Parish Hall. All men welcome.

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group meet weekly on Tuesdays, at 2.00pm in the Church meeting room.

Prayer Group

Will meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month, at 1.30pm in the church meeting room.

Sunday Mass

4th August 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4, 23-5, 54

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might.

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Last Sunday's reflection drew attention to links between the accounts of the feeding of a multitude and other passages in Scripture. Omitting the interlude of the walking on water, today we come to the beginning of John's discourse on the Bread of Life which has links to other places in Scripture, most notably today's reading from Exodus (16:2-4,12-15), where the sojourners in the wilderness are fed with manna, the "bread" that would "rain down... from the heavens", also called in Psalm 78(77):24-25 "bread from heaven" (in the Greek but "grain of heaven" in Hebrew) and "bread of angels". It opens with the people's complaint against Moses and Aaron: "Why did we not die in Egypt, where there was plenty to eat? You have brought us out to starve and die!" At least they recognised that death was the constant; either way, they would die, either harried but fed, or hungry but free. In response, they were fed; they did not starve; but they did still die—as John repeats more than once in this discourse.

The first link in today's gospel pericope (6:24-35) to the first reading is clearer in more literal translations: the statement by Jesus that "you ate from the bread and were filled" (v.26, in our Lectionary as "you had all the bread you wanted to eat")

links to two expressions in Exodus, in the people's claim that in Egypt they "ate bread to the full" (v.3, given to us as "could eat bread to our heart's content") and in the promise that "you will be filled with bread" (v.12, but for us "you shall have bread to your heart's content"). John's next line then alludes to Isaiah 55:2, "Why spend money on what is not bread, your work [or wages] on what fails to fill?" in the passage beginning "All who are thirsty, come to the waters!", including "listen, and your soul will live" and "my word... shall not return without accomplishing what I sent it to do". When the people ask what the work is that must be done, they are told it is believing in the one who was sent. John told us at the opening of his gospel that Jesus is the Word, and threaded throughout the gospel are references to his having been sent to accomplish the Father's will. So here, very early in the discourse we are being directed again to understand Christ as the Word of God, the one who has words of everlasting life, as the discourse's conclusion will affirm, and who indeed imparts true and everlasting life. In this discourse we find John weaving together parts of the Exodus account and Isaiah's Servant as he seeks to impart a profound understanding of who Jesus is, and why seeing and listening to him (which is to believe in him) is necessary for life.

To digress a little, there is an interesting feature lost from the abbreviated Exodus story. None of the manna was to be kept until the next day, and it spoiled when people tried to do so. The manna was to be collected each day except the Sabbath. Double provision was made available on Fridays, and what was set aside for the Sabbath did not spoil so that the people could both rest and eat; this Sabbath "bread" given before its time we might call *tomorrow's bread*. In both Luke's and Matthew's divergent versions of the Our Father—Matthew's version being since late antiquity the main or even only preparatory prayer for receiving Communion—we find an unusual word that has come into our translations as *daily*. However, its more probably correct translation is *of the morrow*, the petition literally being "our bread of tomorrow, give us today". There are indeed many patristic sources that hold this petition to be a specific reference to Eucharistic Bread.

In our Christian understanding the food and drink of the Eucharist is nothing less than sacramental participation (both individually and communally) in the one who is the Eternal Bread, the Living and Life-Giving heavenly Bread, the satisfying Word so that none who come to him will be hungry, and none who believe in him will thirst.

Next Weekend's Readings - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51