



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

# BULLETIN

## Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ - YEAR C 5th January 2024



We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this weekend

*Amelia Jane Knight*

*Daughter of Cameron Knight & Katrina Gil*

*May she continue to grow in faith with loving support of her family, friends,  
Godparents, sponsors and our Parish community.*



### CONTACTS

#### Parish Priest

Mons. Glynn Murphy  
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#### Assistant Priest

Fr Sajan Mathew  
Ph: 0416 194 825

#### Parish Office

**CLOSED MONDAYS**

Office Hours: **TUES - FRI**  
9am-12.30pm - 1.30pm-4.00pm  
*Closed between 12.30pm -1.30pm*

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#### Staff

Olivia & Josh

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>

## Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope.

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

Pope Francis has composed a prayer, and a hymn has also been created for the Jubilee Year. Both can be accessed on the diocesan website at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>.

Through a series of deliberate rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7th January	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 8th January	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 9th January	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 10th January	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 11th January	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

<b><u>HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER</u></b>			<b><u>WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER</u></b>		
<b><u>4th &amp; 5th January</u></b>	<b><u>6.30pm Vigil</u></b>	<b><u>10.30am Sunday</u></b>		<b><u>5th January Mass 8.30am</u></b>	<b><u>12th January Mass 8.30am</u></b>
<b>Reader</b>	Betty Heinrich	Louise Kemp	<b>Reader</b>	P. Winsall	D. Baxter
<b>Commentator</b>	John Parker	Louise Chesterfield	<b>Prayers</b>	J. McFarlane	D. Baxter
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Bob Hayes Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett	<b>Collectors</b>	B. Bentley L. Downes	D. & K. Baxter
			<b>Cleaning</b>	Working Bee	Working Bee
<b><u>11th &amp; 12th January</u></b>	<b><u>6.30pm Vigil</u></b>	<b><u>10.30am Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>NHILL LITURGY ROSTER</u></b>		
<b>Reader</b>	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy		<b><u>5th January Mass 11am</u></b>	<b><u>12th January Mass 11am</u></b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Emelia Sudholz	Gerard Raven	<b>Sacristan</b>	M. Millington	J. Gurry
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Geoff Simpson Micky Roberts Cath Taylor	Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Fay Wills	<b>Reader</b>	C. Kennedy	I. Dart
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills	<b>Collector</b>	J. Millington	J. Millington
<b>Musicians</b>	Embedded	Choir	<b>Music</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Livestream</b>	Robert Sartori	N/A	<b>Cleaning</b>	M. Millington	M. Millington
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Nannette Freckleton Lyn Starr	<b><u>HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER</u></b>		
<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>	N/A	Dianne Noy Carmel, Veronica, Louise Kemp		<b><u>4th January Vigil 6.30pm</u></b>	<b><u>11th January Vigil 6.30pm</u></b>
<b>Prayers</b>	<b><u>VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED</u></b>		<b>Reader</b>	Claire White	Coral Cox
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b><u>12th January</u></b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	<b><u>19th January</u></b> Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	<b>Offertory</b>	Jan & Allan	Kevin & Maureen
<p><b>Child Safety Standards:</b> St Paul VI Parish <b>Bob Pritchett</b> is our Safeguarding Officer, Horsham and <b>Cynthia Maiden</b>, Hopetoun.</p> <p>A <b>Child Safety Policy</b> and <b>Code of Conduct</b> has been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish, to ensure the safety of all.</p> <p><i>Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.</i></p>			<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	N/A	N/A
			<p><b><u>RUPANYUP MASS</u></b> TBA</p> <p><b><u>NATIMUK MASS</u></b> TBA.</p>		
<p><b>HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND</b></p> <p>Any family members who are aware of relatives (or friends) in the above situations who would like to receive Holy Communion at their place of residence. Please advise details to our Parish Office at any time. Ministry will be arranged.</p>			<p><b><u>Our Parish Finance</u></b></p> <p>For all wishing to support either our Parish or Clergy through online banking transfer:</p> <p>St Paul VI Parish Account (NAB) BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830337 <i>(Please state envelope number and name)</i></p> <p>St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy Support) Account (NAB) BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830345</p> <p>The option of regular automatic Direct Debit contributions can be arranged by contacting our office.</p> <p><i>All amounts are an active support to our faith</i></p>		
<p><b><u>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</u></b> <b>THIS WEEKEND</b></p> <p>1st Sunday of the month: <b><u>4th &amp; 5th January</u></b></p> <p>Horsham: <b>Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am</b> Murtoa: <b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b> Warracknabeal: <b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b> Nhill: <b>Sunday Mass 11am</b> Hopetoun: <b>Saturday Vigil 6.30pm</b> Rainbow: <b>Sunday Mass 1pm</b> Dimboola: NO LLA Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am</p>			<p><b><u>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</u></b> <b>NEXT WEEKEND</b></p> <p>2nd Sunday of the month: <b><u>11th &amp; 12th January</u></b></p> <p>Horsham: <b>Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am</b> Hopetoun: <b>Saturday Vigil 6.30pm</b> Dimboola: <b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b> Warracknabeal: <b>Sunday Mass 8.30am</b> Nhill: <b>Sunday Mass 11am</b> Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9.00am Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am</p>		

## PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

### RECENT DEATHS

### ANNIVERSARIES

Romano Radollovi, Silvio Sartori, Amby Torney,  
Peter Connellan

### SICK OR INJURED

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

### Prayer for January **The right to an education**

*Let us pray for migrants,  
refugees and those affected by war,  
that their right to an education,  
which is necessary to build a better world,  
might always be respected.*

*Lord, hear us.*

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - MASS

We are currently calling for volunteers for the  
Ss Michael & John Church Roster and  
St Mary's Warracknabeal Roster.  
If you are interested, or need more details contact:

**St Marys:** (David Baxter): tedbax17@gmail.com  
**Horsham:** wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
Or the Parish Office

### Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Forgive us our trespasses, Lord,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
In this cycle of forgiveness, grant us your peace,  
the peace that you alone can give  
to those who let themselves be disarmed in heart,  
to those who choose in hope to forgive the debts  
of their brothers and sisters,  
to those who are unafraid to confess their  
debt to you, and to those who do not close their  
ears to the cry of the poor.

### St Vincent de Paul

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

### Next Weekend's Readings - Baptism of the Lord

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11  
**Response:** O, Bless the Lord, my soul.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 103: 1-4, 24-25, 27-30  
**2nd Reading:** Titus 2:11-14, 3: 4-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

**St Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee has six schools governed by DOBCEL**

Schools can be contacted at the details below.



### St Joseph's Primary School, Hopetoun

Principal: Cynthia Maiden  
Contact: 5083 3296  
principal@sjhopetoun.catholic.edu.au

### St Mary's Primary School, Warracknabeal

Principal: Julie Leonard  
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### St Patrick's Primary School, Nhill

Principal: Kingsley Dalgleish  
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principal@sphill.catholic.edu.au

### St Brigid's College, Horsham (Secondary)

Principal: Gerard Raven  
Contact: 5382 3545  
principal@stbc.vic.edu.au

### Ss Michael and John's Primary School, Horsham

Principal: Louise Chesterfield  
Contact: 5382 3000  
principal@smjhorsham.catholic.edu.au

### Our Lady Help of Christian's Primary School, Murtoa

Principal: Chris McCumstie  
Contact: 0434 508 994  
principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au

**As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.**

### **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 will resume the first Tuesday in February, 2025

#### Prayer Group

Will resume Wednesday 5th February 2025.

### **2025 Sacramental Program**

Reconciliation – Holy Communion – Confirmation

Reconciliation & Holy Communion available to children in Year 4 and above.

Confirmation is available for children in Year 6 and above who have completed Reconciliation & Holy Communion.

### **Enrolments close - Friday 14th Feb at 4pm**

If you would like more information or to enrol your child, please visit the Parish Office at 10 Roberts Ave or Email: wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

# Sunday Mass

5th January 2025

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60: 1-6*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

**R.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.

In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him  
tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.  
May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.  
He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

**R.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### Second Reading

*A reading from St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

### Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

We've all had one or two of those 'epiphany' moments in our life – those mystical events when there was a sudden enlightenment, a lightbulb moment, that gave us a fresh and even refreshing view of things that previously may have been elusive.

The Cambridge English Dictionary defines epiphany as a moment when you suddenly feel that you understand, or suddenly become conscious of something that is very important to you.

But what is 'The Epiphany' of today's gospel? What are we celebrating and why are we celebrating it? After all, Jesus was born in a tiny village from which his ancestor David originally hailed, was initiated into the Jewish religion as was the custom, moved with his parents back to a sleepy village in Israel's northern province of Galilee; grew up under their direction and guidance and became relatively well-known – for better or for worse – around the district only in the last three years of his life. Not at all like the definition of epiphany from the Cambridge dictionary!

So what of this 'Epiphany' with a capital E?

Today's Gospel records the events surrounding the visit to the newborn Jesus of three wise people from outside the Jewish tradition. They are often referred to as 'magi' – that is, people who interpreted dreams, dabbled in magic and astrology (hence why they may have been following the star) but

who believed in the notion of one god – sort of oriental monotheistic 'wizards'!

Christian tradition has assigned the names Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar to them. They ostensibly came from the east, possibly from regions such as Persia (Iran) or Iraq. Art and even Christmas cards depict each of them for the most part in different cultural clothing, thus representing the Gentile world in all its diversity.

Inspired by the wise men's gifts to the Holy Child in his first 'home' – the stable - many families today follow an old tradition of marking with chalk the front door of their homes with the symbols 20 + C + M + B + 25. This is meant as a blessing for the new year: the year 2025 bookending the initial of each of the three wise men and featuring the cross. The letters could also be read as abbreviations of the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat – May Christ bless this house*. This is certainly a way that we in our homes can draw children's attention to the real meaning of this day.

Today's First Reading from Isaiah is a glorious image of Jerusalem from the time of the Exile, messianic in its implications. 'Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come.' It is now the time for all nations to gather from across the world to rebuild the city. The city will become radiant with the wealth of the nations but also as a centre of faith in God, 'the Lord who rises and his glory appears'.

The relationship between this imagery and the people bringing gifts to Jesus is certainly clear. The new Jerusalem, as it were, is the home of God, still a manifestation of the Old Law but now linked through these readings to the manifestation of the New Law in Jesus.

The psalm we have just sung reiterates this image but this time focussing on the king himself who will be worshipped one day by every nation on earth. There is a messianic flavour to the psalm as it looks ahead to the king's son who will bring peace, prosperity and right judgement but who will also save the poor and the weak.

So, what is epiphany about? It is about making Jesus known to the world. Epiphany is not only something that happened 2000 years ago. Epiphany continues to happen: 'Go out to all the world,' Jesus said, 'and preach the good news'.

The apostles once asked Jesus where his home was: 'Master where do you live?' His simple response? 'Come and see'.

Like the wise men, we come and see and what we see changes our lives – we don't go home via the same road but take a different and new path back to our homes. Our encounter with Jesus changes everything – our lightbulb moment brings with it a new understanding. For us, the Gospel is our new pathway – it will always be good news; it will always be an epiphany.