



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B
5th May 2024



We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this weekend

Bobbi Mae Schack

Daughter of Brody & Rebecca Schack



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

We welcome Fr Francis Kureeckal who will celebrate Masses in Horsham and Murtoa this weekend - Fr Sajan is on leave.

Funeral Mass celebrating entry into eternal life for **Fr. Tom Brophy** will be celebrated on **Monday 6th May at 10.00 am** at **St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.**

Burial will follow at the Ballarat New Cemetery.

Rosary will be recited in evening on Sunday 5th May at 6.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Eternal Rest grant unto Fr. Tom, O Lord, may perpetual Light shine upon him, may he rest in peace.

Mass Counts start on weekend 4-5 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 4-5 May and continue each weekend until the end of May.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 7th May	5pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 8th May	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 9th May	No Mass	Warracknabeal (<i>Mons at Hopetoun Aged Care</i>)
	5pm	Horsham
Friday 10th May	5pm	Warracknabeal
	12pm	<i>Horsham - Memorial Mass for Joseph Natoli</i>
Saturday 11th May	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

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>



Memorial Mass for Joseph Natoli

Ss Michael & John Church, Horsham
Friday 10th May 2024, 12pm

CONTACTS:

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Fr Sajan Mathew

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CLOSED MONDAYS

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- Olivia

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

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HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

4th & 5th May	6.30pm Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Sr Jacinta	Gerard Raven
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
11th & 12th May	6.30pm Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Kevin Dunn	May Rosello
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Dianne Noy
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley price Anthony Amor	Zita Cannane Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	NA
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Dianne Noy, Carmel, Veronica & Louise
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	12th May 2024 Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Pauline Breen Judie Delahunty	19th May 2024 Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	5th May Mass 8.30am	12th May Mass 8.30am
Reader	K Downes	M Walder
Prayers	D Baxter	K Downes
Collectors	D & K Baxter	D & K Baxter
Cleaning	J Robertson & K Baxter	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	5th May Mass 11am	12th May Mass 11am
Sacristan	M Millington	A Munro
Reader	C Kennedy	I Dart
Collector	R Picone	R Picone
Music	Paul Ramos	Paul Ramos
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER

	4th May Vigil Mass 6.30pm	11th May Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Readers	Marilyn Clancy	Joan Bellinger
Offertory	Maureen & Kevin	Claire & Kevin
Eucharistic Minister		

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: **5th May 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: Sunday LLA 8.30am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Sunday of the month: **12th May 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 9am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am - **Thursday Mass after the 2nd Sunday (16th May) has been cancelled this month**

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Fr Tom Brophy

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Reinsma, Sr Veronica Carr, Elisa Satori, Rosina Radolovi, Martin Ryan, Annie Ryan, Michael Murphy

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, Maggie Landrigan, Jason O'Connell, Tim Clancy, Lyn Simpson, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Rebecca Scown



Diocesan History Timeline

As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

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.

Fr Paddy Mugavin Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood Mass.

All are welcome to Mass to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for **Fr Paddy Mugavin** on **Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10.30am** at St Mary's Church, **Hamilton**.

Morning tea / light lunch provided.

Fr Sajan is currently on leave, returning for the weekend of 25th & 26th May.

Parish Vol unteer Opportunities:

Can you Help?

We are in need of Special Ministers and Reader/Commentators

for SMJ Church in Horsham. Please contact the office to be included on the rosters.

New volunteers are always welcome in all of our Churches for all ministries.

If you are interested in helping in any particular area, please contact the office to discuss with Mons Glynn.

Our churches operate with the help of our amazing volunteers each and every week.

Your valuable help is very much appreciated by all.

~ Thankyou for all you do! ~

CARITAS REMINDER:

Please return any money for the above appeal to the Parish Office or with the collections, by next weekend 12th May. Thank you.

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

ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

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

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 (Horsham Parish Hall) All men welcome.

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

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

Sunday Mass

5 May 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of St John 4:11-18

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves.

God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him. Love will come to its perfection in us when we can face the day of Judgement without fear; because even in this world we have become as he is. In love there can be no fear, but fear is driven out by perfect love: because to fear is to expect punishment, and anyone who is afraid is still imperfect in love.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them
Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is

to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Next Weekend's Readings: The Ascension of the Lord Year B

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46: 2-3,6-9

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20