



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25TH AUGUST 2024 - YEAR B**

Social Justice Statement 2024-2025: Reflection Day



The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025 **"Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World"**

Facilitator attending on the day is writer and educator, **Michael McGirr**. Michael McGirr is the mission facilitator and manager of community engagement at Caritas Australia. He is a regular contributor to The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald.



Saturday September 7th, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm
at St Paul VI Parish Hall, 10 Roberts Ave Horsham (NOT Live-streamed).

~ RSVP required by 28th Aug 2024 for catering purposes ~

Registrations essential through trybooking

www.trybooking.com/CTUZF or scan the QR code

CONTACTS

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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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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>

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Retired Priests - **Sunday 1st September**

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our retired priests. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue *'caring for those who cared for us'*

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible (please complete all details on the envelope available if paying by credit card or if a receipt is required.)

Save the Date - Celebrating Sr Jacinta

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 27th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	5.30pm	Horsham
Wednesday 28th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 29th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 30th August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	10.30am	Sunnyside Lutheran Rest Home Mass (Visitors Welcome, Conditions Apply - see pg2 of Bulletin)
Saturday 31st August	6.30pm	Horsham - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
	9.30am	Warracknabeal
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	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
<u>24th & 25th August</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Anna Robertson
Eucharist Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Karen Hill
<u>31st August 1st September</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Nerrida Holland
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Gerard Raven
Eucharist Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Satori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Gary Coutts	Joan Whiley Mary Dowsley
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	PARISH HALL Jayson Agustin Janeth, Pam, Ruby, Maria, May
Prayers	Anita Masiero & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>1st September</u> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	<u>8th September</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>25th August Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>1st September Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	K. Downes	M. Walder
Prayers	A. Van den Ak.	J. McFarlane
Collectors	B. Bentley & L. Downes	B. Bentley & L. Downes
Cleaning	M. Muller & P. Winsall	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>25th August Mass 11am</u>	<u>1st September Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	J. Gurry	M. Millington
Reader	M. Millington	C. Kennedy
Collector	R. Picone	J. Kennedy
Music	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
Cleaning	C. Kennedy	A. Munro

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>25th August LLA 9am</u>	<u>31st August Vigil 6.30pm</u>
Reader	Luca & Dakota	Cynthia Maiden
Offertory	Claire & Marilyn	Anju & Alex
Eucharistic Minister	Cynthia	N/A

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.

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.

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

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.

Sunnyside Lutheran Rest Home Mass
Friday 30th Aug 10.30am

Visitors can attend providing they produce a negative RAT result, no mask required. (Circumstances can change at anytime)

WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND

4th Sunday of the month: **25th August 2024**

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Beulah: **Saturday Vigil 6pm**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Murtoa: **Sunday LLA 10.30am**
Hopetoun: **Sunday LLA 9am**
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

1st Sunday of the month: **1st September 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**

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Therese 'Joan' Edgar

ANNIVERSARIES: Gary Robertson, Ian Ryan, Mariamma Chacko, Carmel Gibson, Margaret Cotter, Paul Connors, P. P. Lawrence

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

Social Justice Sunday 25th August 2024

The Australian Bishops' have launched the 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World." Every year, the bishops seek to make a substantive comment on a key social issue and this year the focus is on the promotion of peace and the need for truth in public life. Bishop Paul has released a video message in relation to the current Social Justice Statement. To watch Bishop Paul's video and to access the statement and liturgy resources, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/> You can also download a text copy of Bishop Paul's message from the same webpage.

Prayer for the Social Justice Statement 2024-2025

Adapted from Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.

Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each sister or brother who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves.

Amen.

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.

You're invited!

St Brigid's College 2024 Milestone Reunions

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

50 Year - Class of 1974 20 Year - Class of 2004
40 Year - Class of 1984 10 Year - Class of 2014
30 Year - Class of 1994

We invite past students and staff to join us at
St Brigid's College to celebrate your milestone!



SCAN TO RSVP

3:30pm

Afternoon Tea

Followed by School Tours

Get in touch:

(03) 5382 3545

alumni@stbc.vic.edu.au

Please **RSVP** to the St Brigid's College Milestone Reunions event by scanning the QR code above, or following this link: <https://forms.gle/dR3xivus6dbRGag59>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION *Sunday 25th August*



We congratulate all those completing their First Holy Communion this Sunday in Horsham. As you receive this Sacrament, take time to reflect on the sacrifice and love of Jesus, for you. Congratulations and may your faith deepen.

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

25th August 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The opposition identified by "the Jews" in the pericopes of the previous two Sundays is manifest today among his "followers", which is used instead of "disciples" to avoid confusion with the Twelve. As explored in last Sunday's reflection, this opposition stems not from presumed allusions to cannibalism but from the poetically encoded teaching that Jesus is one with God the Father and unites believers within himself and so to the Father. Incidentally, that very idea is clearly expressed in the Prayer over the Offerings on Thursday in the third week of Eastertide, in which week this discourse is also read: "O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead...". In today's pericope some of the followers of Jesus find this teaching intolerable and complain or mutter about it, and they leave him. The references to muttering form one of those previously mentioned types of Johannine repetition and here links verses 41-58 and 61-63 as two variants or facets of the same scenario. The first covers "the Jews", those opposed to his teaching. In this second one some of his followers fit that description, as also will one of the Twelve.

Today's statement that "the flesh has nothing to offer" (v.63), as mentioned in last Sunday's reflection, appears to contradict the preceding passages concerning the necessity of eating "my flesh... the flesh of the Son of Man". The flesh in this new passage is clearly stuff of this world, whereas in the former passages it is Christ himself, who in our time is the risen and glorified Lord. But when we include the following part, "The words I have spoken... are spirit and... life", we find a typically flexible Johannine reworking of another passage. The Johannine Jesus is strong and unwavering, utterly certain, knowing what will happen; he does not have temptations. In the post-baptismal temptations scene in Matthew and Luke we find Jesus quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, "Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word [or everything, in Hebrew] that comes forth from the mouth of God." In the creation stories in Genesis, the life-giving Spirit, God's Breath, comes forth from God's mouth, speaking the words that shape the world and breathing life into the creature of clay. We have again in John none less than the claim to equality with God. And many former followers then leave Jesus.

Then Jesus, who "knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him", turns to the Twelve, one of whom is the betrayer, the worst kind of opponent. He asks them if they too will leave him, and in response Peter utters a statement of faith (v.69), saying "You have the message [or words] of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God", which in some ancient manuscripts and modern editions variably combinations of "the Christ", "the holy one of God", "the Son of God" and "Son of the living God". The remarkable variety within this verse in the tradition indicates that it was recognised in ancient times as the same statement Peter gives elsewhere in the Synoptic Gospels, but it is worded differently by John to fit his own goal. If the majority tradition is correct, Peter addresses Jesus with an expression normally applied only to God, "Holy One", and he identifies Jesus as the one from whose mouth comes everything that gives life, echoing in a different way Christ's claim in verse 63 that his words are spirit and life. On Easter Sunday, the first thing the risen Christ does in John's Gospel when he appears to the disciples is breathe on them and say "Receive (the) Holy Spirit" and give them their and the Church's mission.

Next Weekend's Readings 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23