



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6th OCTOBER 2024 - YEAR B

HOLY HOUR FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Friday the 11th of October,
between 1pm-2pm
Ss Michael & John Church Horsham



CONTACTS

Parish Priest

Mons. Glynn Murphy
Ph: 0419 683 773

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

Ph: (03) 5382 1155

Staff

Olivia & Josh

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

Email

wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Address

10 Roberts Avenue, Horsham.

Mailing

PO Box 212, Horsham, VIC.
3400

Website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/wimmera-mallee/>

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>

Celebrating Seniors Festival - October 2024

*Thank you to each of our 'more senior' parishioners for your continued contributions to the Church and the wider community.
Below are some events that are being hosted in communities this month across the Parish region.*

Horsham

Honky Tonk Queens Concert - Monday, 14th October | 10:00 AM

Horsham RSL – 36 McLachlan St, Horsham

Amber Joy Poulton will perform at the Horsham RSL with a tribute show to the first queens of country, including Loretta, Dolly, Patsy and Tammy.
Tickets \$10 – Available from Horsham RSL Ph: 5382 5222

Warracknabeal

Glenn Starr's Concert - Wednesday, 16th October | 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM

Warracknabeal Town Hall - 39 Scott St, Warracknabeal

An exciting performance with complimentary lunch and refreshments.
Contact Yarriambiack Shire Council to register your attendance via phone (03) 5398 0100 or visit their Office at 34 Lyle Street Warracknabeal.

Nhill

Lonnie Lee Concert - Wednesday, 9th October | 11:00 AM

Nhill Memorial Community Centre - 77-79 Nelson St, Nhill

FREE ENTRY Ticket available via Hindmarsh Custom Service Centre or call 03 5391 444
FREE Buses from Rainbow, Dimboola and Jeparit.

Ss Michael & John will host a 11.30am Seniors Mass later in the month with a light lunch to follow.
Please see next week's bulletin for more details, including notification of numbers.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8th October	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 9th October	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 10th October	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 11th October	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	1pm	Holy Hour (Horsham)
Saturday 12th October	6.30pm	Syro-Malabar Rite Mass (Horsham)
	9.30am	Warracknabeal
Saturday 12th October	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER			WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
5th & 6th October	6.30pm Vigil	10.30am Sunday		6th October Mass 8.30am	13th October Mass 8.30am
Reader	Micky Robarts	Bob Pritchett	Reader	A. Van den Ak	P. Winsall
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	May Rosello	Prayers	P. Winsall	M. Walder
Eucharist Ministers	Geoff Simpson Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Zita Cannane Alison McKinnon Fay Wills	Collectors	B. Bentley & L. Downes	B. Bentley & L. Downes
			Cleaning	N/A	N/A
12th & 13th October	6.30pm Vigil	10.30am Sunday	NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
Reader	Garry Heinrich	Nerrida Holland		6th October Mass 11am	13th October Mass 11am
Commentator	Sr Jacinta	Alison McKinnon	Sacristan	M. Millington	A. Munro
Eucharist Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Zita Cannane Gerard Raven Nerrida Holland	Reader	C. Kennedy	I. Dart
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori	Collector	J. Millington	J. Millington
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir	Music	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
Livestream	Robert Sartori	N/A	Cleaning	M. Millington	M. Millington
Welcomers	Gary Coutts	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr	HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Jish Luke, Nimmy Chrisna Preeni		5th October Vigil 6.30pm	12th October Vigil 6.30pm
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson		Reader	Marilyn Clancy	Joan Bellinger
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	13th October Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn	20th October Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Pauline Breen Judi Delahunty	Offertory	Maureen & Kevin	Claire & Kevin
			Eucharistic Minister	N/A	N/A
			Natimuk Mass: TBA		
			Rupanyup Mass: Thursday 10th October (64 Cromie St, Rupanyup at 6.30pm - Dinner to follow)		

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

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.

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.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
THIS WEEKEND

1st Sunday of the month: 6th October, 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 Mass 1pm**
Dimboola: No LLA
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Sunday of the month: 13th October 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 9.00am**
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

Irene Perry

ANNIVERSARIES

Jock Panozzo

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, Joan Whiley, Adam Cooper

DON'T FORGET Daylight Savings

Saturday Evening, 5th October
clocks are turned forward 1 hour



Next Weekend's Readings:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:12-17

Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

2nd Reading: Letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

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.

Be part of the Good News

5.35%

P.A.*

12-month Term Investment account

By opening an account with CDF Community Fund you can save for a greater reward. Help build classrooms for students, places of worship for communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the vulnerable.



Visit catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code

To arrange a meeting via appointment, contact Bernard Docherty on 0428 890 185



*rate subject to change. Interest paid on maturity



Sunday 20 October
2024

St Patrick's School 75 Years

1949 - 2024



Join us as we celebrate 75 years of Catholic Education at
St Patrick's School, Nhill



Mass 11am

Celebratory Mass in
St Patrick's Church



**Official
Welcome**

Speeches and Cake
Cutting at 12.30pm



**School
Open**

School open for
visiting from 12.30pm
until 2.30pm



RSVP to principal@spnhill.catholic.edu.au
or phone St Patrick's School on 5391 1575

St Patrick's Primary School Nhill is celebrating 75 years since its opening in 1949. To mark this occasion the school community will be celebrating the milestone on Sunday 20 October. Current and past families, students, staff and the general public are welcome to join. Celebrations will commence with Mass in St Patrick's Catholic Church at 11am, then move to the school from 12.15pm with speeches and official welcome taking place in the St Patrick's Community Hall. The school building will also be open for visitors to wander through.

If you have any memorabilia or photos that would be relevant to display on the day, could you please contact Kingsley Dagleish via the school on the contact details listed above.

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

6th October, 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When some people struggle or fail to live up to an ideal, is it to be abandoned? The simple answer is *No*. So, how do we maintain the ideal yet deal well with failure to reach it? Though not put in those words, that is one of the questions in the ongoing difficult discussions about divorcees who then wish to marry another. The fact that sometimes a husband and wife separate and divorce is not new; it is well testified to throughout history, including in Jewish Law, though the biblical foundation for the actual practice is found only in Deuteronomy 24:1-3 which prohibits marrying a former wife if she had remarried in the meantime. It refers to the practice of issuing a written document of divorce, known by its later Aramaic term as a *Gef*, but there is nowhere in the Law that directly permits divorce. The use of the *Gef* is otherwise only referred to analogously in Isaiah 50:1 and Jeremiah 3:8, and in the New Testament in Mark 10:4 in today's reading (10:2-16) and Matthew 5:31 and 19:7. This all shows that it was accepted, but not the rationale for its acceptance. At least in later Jewish understanding marriage is not merely an arrangement or contract between a man and woman but a uniting of

souls. However, it allows that just as they entered into the union freely, so can they can dissolve it when the husband officially gives, and the wife officially receives, the *Gef*. This is not done lightly. The difficulty for us is that the teaching of Jesus in today's gospel (and Matthew 19:3-12, supported in Luke 16:18) seems very clear in closing this off since he teaches that only God can unbind what God has bound (or literally *yoked together*). It is this teaching and not inventive rule-making by the Church that causes our difficulty. But notice also this language of joining and separating is linguistically related to binding and unbinding (or loosening, remitting and forgiving) in the disciples' commission in Matthew 18:18. Those who would more readily accept divorce and remarriage do not adequately explain how we are to observe faithfully Christ's own teaching; at the same time, literal readers of these passages should ask if we have properly or fully understood his meaning and intent.

Rather than dwell on the difficulties of some cases, we should also note the positives. The text that Jesus alludes to is provided as our first reading (Gen 2:18-24) and it is positive, except when misused by too a literal reading that assigns pri-

macy to *the man* and inferiority to *the woman*. The story is typically mythological and so is rich with poetic insight. At one level it conveys the human awareness of the kindred nature of animals, which here are made and presented as "friends, not food" (borrowing from Bruce, the vegetarian shark who says this of fish in *Finding Nemo*). It also acknowledges that while we find companionship with other animal species, nothing can equal that with another human, especially that which is shared between a husband and wife. An element too often overlooked is the place from which something was taken to be built into the woman: his side. An insightful rabbinic interpretation emerges after asking: Why did God take the rib and not a part from the foot or the head? Answer: To show that she is not under him, nor above him, but beside him as his equal. The story itself enshrines the equality between Adam and Eve, husband and wife; much would have been gained, and much misery averted, if that equality, and the respect it demands, had been upheld and practised by society throughout the ages. Our Lord's teachings were not given so as to inflict injustice and harm, but to uphold those ideals that are right and good for all human relationships.