



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8th September 2024 - YEAR B

We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this weekend



Elsie Ann Norton

Daughter of Mykelti Norton & Ruby Miranda



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



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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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>

HOLY HOUR FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Thursday 12th September 2024
1pm-2pm, Ss Michael & John Church Horsham

"Every conversation matters"

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2024



The Wimmera Mallee Parish and the Diocese of Ballarat are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have beneficial conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 10th September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 11th September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 12th September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	1-2pm	Horsham - Holy Hour
Friday 13th September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	6.30pm	Horsham - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Saturday 14th September	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>7th & 8th September</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy
Commentator	John Parker	Bob Pritchett
Eucharist Ministers	Geoff Simpson Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Nerrida Holland Gerard Raven Alison McKinnon
<u>14th & 15th September</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Sunday</u>
Reader	Anthony Amor	Dianne Noy
Commentator	Kevin Dunn	May Rosello
Eucharist Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Faye Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
Musicians	Embedded	Embedded
Livestream	Robert Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar Pat Glaubitz	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Anne Rowe Zita, Lynda, Esther
Prayers	Angela Amor & Pauline Breen	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>15th September</u> Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	<u>22nd September</u> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>8th September Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>15th September Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	M Farrall	D. Baxter
Prayers	D Baxter	K. Downes
Collectors	D & K Baxter	D & K Baxter
Cleaning	M Walder & R Barbetti	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>8th September Mass 11am</u>	<u>15th September Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	A Munro	C. Kennedy
Reader	I Dart	D. Munro
Collector	J Kennedy	J. Kennedy
Music	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>7th August Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>15th August Vigil 6.30pm</u>
Reader	Claire White	Coral Cox
Offertory	Marilyn & Therese	Jan & Allan
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.

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES****THIS WEEKEND**

2nd Sunday of the month: 8th September 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: LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

NEXT WEEKEND

3rd Sunday of the month: 15th September 2024

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Hopetoun: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**
Murtoa: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am
Dimboola: No LLA
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Ken Hunter

ANNIVERSARIES: Michelle Cross, John Tattersall, Ann Reinsma

SICK: 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

Celebrating Sr. Jacinta

Thank you to all who contributed and took part in celebrating Sr Jacinta's 90th Birthday and 70th year as a Brigidine Sister, this past Sunday.

It was a blessed opportunity to reminisce and give thanks for the faithful work Sr Jacinta has done for the Parish and the Community.

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>

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



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

8th September 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:4-7*

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145:7 - 10*

R. Praise the Lord, my soul !

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul !

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The combination of "the eyes of the blind shall be opened" in Isaiah 35:5 and the Psalm's "the Lord gives sight to the blind" seems to be preparing the way for an account of the restoration of sight in the Gospel (Mark 7:31-37), but its focus is instead on restoring hearing and speech. In this story, which is shared with Matthew, as with the raising of the young girl (Thirteenth Sunday this year) told also by Matthew and Luke, Mark alone reports the Lord's command in Aramaic (a Syriac dialect). In this case the Lord's word is transmitted in Greek transliteration as Ephphatha, but correctly it should be Ethphathach. The mispronunciation perhaps points to a particular fascination with the Lord's own words in Mark's Greek-speaking circles, and also to the attribution of magical power to such words that may then be borrowed in magical folk-medicine; think similarly of the conjectured origin of Hocus pocus in Hoc est Corpus from Mass in Latin. However, the Aramaic word is richly connected to the mission of Jesus. The Hebrew in the first reading (Isa 35:4-7) has two synonymous verbs in verse 5 for opening, respectively applied to the eyes of the

blind and the ears of the deaf. The first is not common (it is used eighteen times) and is always said of eyes, except in Isaiah 42:20, where it is used of ears. The second verb is common and refers to the opening of eyes and ears and mouths, but also to the untying of cords and to setting free. This is clear in the Syriac Peshitta's use of a single verb for both Hebrew verbs in Isaiah and the word Mark reports Jesus using, where it is applicable both to opening the man's ears to hear and to freeing his tongue to speak clearly. The Septuagint's version of Isaiah has "will hear" instead of the Hebrew's second verb, "will be opened", while the added translation in Mark matches only the Septuagint's translation of Isaiah's first verb. That Greek verb is fitting only for the ears, not for the tongue, so that the man's becoming able to speak clearly seems to be merely a consequence of the miraculous opening of his ears. Reading both passages via the Syriac, and reading them in parallel as the Lectionary has us do today, reveals the Gospel's encounter to be more than simply a story of a healing: the episode points to Christ's redeeming mission as one of liberation, the scene becoming a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophet-

ic passage in a demonstration of Christ's mission in the flesh and in the life of an actual person. Furthermore, Mark's transmission of the Aramaic commands Ethphathach (Be opened/unbound/freed!) and Kūm (Arise!) in 5:41 together sum up Christ's twofold work: to redeem and raise those doomed to die. Both stories show this at work in the here and now of people's lives and not merely as a future hope for the end of time. If our mission as Church is to continue Christ's work, then it is likewise to be carried out among people in our own time. Thus the historical impetus to establish such works as schools, since education sets free from ignorance (which explains why missionaries were so often resisted by the agents of colonial commerce), and hospitals, since curing the sick frees them from ills or caring for them brings relief in time of suffering. But we should not think only in such institutional modes; not every parish can or should establish a school or hospital or hospice, or other such major works, but the question remains for each: What does this community do to proclaim Christ's saving mission in the lives of real people both near and far?

Next Weekend's Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 114:1-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: Letter of St James 2:14-18

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35