



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time Year A 8th OCTOBER 2023



*This weekend we celebrate the wedding of
Mark Kelly and Carissa Manibui
in Ss Michael & John Church Horsham.*



May the love and peace of Christ dwell in their home and married life.

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A reminder that the office is currently short staffed until we appoint a replacement for the Administration Officer position. When ringing, please leave a message on the phone answering machine service if we are unable to take the call, and we will return your call as soon as possible. Please be assured that emails are monitored regularly but it may take time to respond. *Thankyou.*

The position is currently being advertised on SEEK
Link: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/70475897?type=standard#sol=bdc7fddb9aba4594c417cc849a04b5f86ecc23f0>
Applications are welcome through SEEK, or directly to the Parish Office.

Planned Giving

As the current Planned Giving period draws to a close on the 31st October, we thank you all for your generous contributions, which allow our Parish to operate.

As Planned Giving and donations are our main source of income, we rely heavily on your support.

If you would like to check if you are up to date in your pledged support, please call the office on 03 5382 1155 and this can be verified for you.

If you do not currently have a Planned Giving envelope number and would like to participate we can arrange this through the Parish office. Direct Debit from a Bank Account or Credit Card is an option available, or cash (please note only Australian currency can be accepted)

Our Parish also has a National Grower Register Account - for farmers in our community who would like to arrange **planned giving via a small share of grain sales** through the NGR.

All donations and pledged support are greatly appreciated. If you feel you are able to increase your pledge, or would like to participate, such financial ministry assists the life and future of our Faith Communities.

A Finance Committee Report is being prepared.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 10th October	5.30pm	Warracknabeal Abide
	9am	Horsham (Note earlier time due to Funeral)
Wednesday 11th October	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 12th October	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 13th October	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham - SMJ Primary School Feast Day Mass
Saturday 14th October	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Prayer Service for Daniel Tobin

Ss Michael & John Catholic Church, Horsham
Tuesday 10th October 2023, 11am

Mass Livestreaming

Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at **6.30pm each Saturday evening**, 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>

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
7th & 8th October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Emelia Sudholz	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Tom Luke
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Geoff Simpson Alison McKinnon Fay Wills
14th & 15th October	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Micky Robarts	Kingsley Dalglish
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Connie Besselaar	Joan Whiley Mary Dowsley
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Dianne Noy, Carmel, Veronica, Louise
Prayers	Anita Masiero & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	15th October Pauline Breen Judie Delahunty	22nd October Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

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

Anointing:

On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Matt Restall, or please call the Parish Office.

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Communion:

Upon request to the Parish Office, Holy Communion can be arranged for the sick and infirm.

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Confessions:

After Saturday Morning Mass at Horsham Church, or on request to our Priests.

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	8th October Mass 8.30am	15th October Mass 8.30am
Reader	M Farrall	D Baxter
Prayers	D Baxter	K Downes
Collectors	L Casey	B Bentley & L Downes
Cleaning	K Downes & S Martin	K Downes & S Martin

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	8th October Mass 11am	15th October Mass 11am
Sacristan	M Millington	C Kennedy
Reader	M Millington	J Gurry
Collector	J Millington	J Millington
Offertory	Lil Welsch	S Lawler
Music	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
Cleaning	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

Natimuk Mass: Thursday 26th October, Venue TBA
Rupanyup Mass: Thursday 2nd November, Venue TBA

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish
Bob Pritchett and Jill McGennissen are our Safeguarding Officers.
 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.

ROSARY - MURTOA:

Rosary will be prayed at St Mary's Church, Murtoa each Wednesday at 4.30pm.

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)

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.

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Please feel free to call our Parish Office for more info.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

2nd Sunday of the month: 7th & 8th October

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: Ecumenical service

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am *and Thursday Mass after the 2nd Sunday 5.30pm (12th Oct)*

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND

3rd Sunday of the month: 14th & 15th October

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: Sunday LLA 8.30am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Daniel Tobin

ANNIVERSARIES: Adrian Fernee, Joe Macchia, John Rogers, Jock Panozzo, Brendan Kennedy, Sandra Walker

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Marie Tobin, Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Pat Brennan (Ballarat), Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pampa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Pat Cummins, Patricia Simpson, Frank White

ABIDE: St Mary's Catholic Church, Warracknabeal

The 2nd Tuesday of the Month is an opportunity for Parishioners to come together to pray, reflect, converse and share a meal whilst learning together about the Catholic faith. The next of these evenings will take place on **TUESDAY, 10th of October, with a BBQ to follow.**

Date: Tues 10th October 2023

RSVP: Not necessary

Mass: 5:30pm

Adoration: 6:00pm

Meal & Conversation: 6:30pm

St Mary's Church, Warracknabeal

St Paul VI Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

Please keep in your prayers and consideration, likely parishioners you may wish to nominate (with their concurrence) to assist the future life, initiatives and direction of our faith communities across the Parish, through the Pastoral Council.

It would be ideal if we could have a representative from **each church community** within the Parish on the Pastoral Council.
More to follow.

Horsham Rural City Council are running a survey for Seniors. Survey forms are available in the foyer of the Horsham Church, at the HRCC office, or online through the following link: <https://au.openforms.com/Form/c181127c-7ed0-4799-8ff1-edb3f71f0523>

Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on **18 October 2023**. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND



St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases on **Mon, Wed and Fri** mornings between 11am-12noon.

***Appointments essential-** Phone 5381 2371 to book.

Volunteers are required for a rotating roster to operate the livestreaming service from Ss Michael & John Church Horsham at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass.

We currently only have **one** person who volunteers to operate livestreaming and it is important to have more people with the ability to keep this service, a key Parish Ministry, running for the Parish. Full training is provided, and anyone with basic computer knowledge who is able to attend Saturday Vigil Mass in Horsham on a roster is encouraged to register their interest with the Parish Office as soon as possible.

A reminder that ALL bookings for the Parish Hall, Meeting Rooms, Coughlin Park, and messages for the Parish Office are to come directly to the office, either by email or phone (please leave message if phone unattended), so that all requests for resources can be accurately noted and coordinated. Thankyou.

Columban Art Calendars for 2024 have been delivered to church communities within our Parish, per orders taken.

Also available to purchase through the Piety Stall (run by St Vincent de Paul) in the foyer of the Horsham Church after weekend Masses when open.



Advent Daily Reflection books and **God's Word 2024** will be ordered in the near future, **please let the office know by Sunday 15th Oct** if interested in purchasing.

An order for **Break Open the Word, Ordo 2024**, and the **2024 Daily Mass Book** will soon be processed when numbers of copies required are finalised.

St Brigid's College Horsham invite past pupils of the Classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 & 2013 for the milestone reunion!



The reunion will be held at St Brigid's College on **Saturday 21st October, 2023, at 2pm.**

Attendees can RSVP by calling the Front Office on (03) 5382 3545 or via this link: <https://forms.gle/uKfjHb2KMsZ1huXa9>

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Wednesdays in Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group: Every Tuesday, 2.00pm in the Church meeting room.

Choir Practice:

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm

- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship: Breakfast

7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of the month at the Parish Hall.

Sunday Mass

8 October 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

R. *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

R. *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist. In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel,

the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading. This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

Next Weekend's Readings: The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps22

Response: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life*

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14