



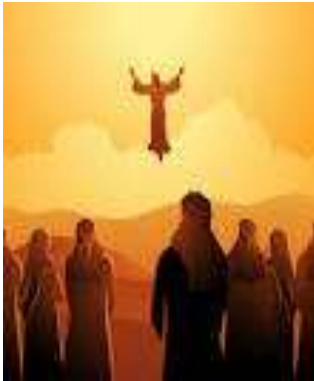
St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B 12th May 2024

We welcome Fr Ed Moloney who will celebrate Masses in Hopetoun, Warracknabeal and Nhill this weekend - Fr Sajan is on leave.



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CLOSED MONDAYS

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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>



Prayer for Mother's Day – Sunday, May 12, 2024

Loving God, we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love. We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care. We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them. We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort. We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. ~ Amen.

Mass Counts in May

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 14th May	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	5pm	Horsham
Wednesday 15th May	Noon	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 16th May	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 17th May	Noon	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 18th May	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham



Funeral Mass for Leone Batson

St Patrick's Church, Nhill
Monday 13th May 2024, 2pm

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

11th & 12th May	6.30pm Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Kevin Dunn	May Rosello
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Anna Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Zita Cannane Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
18th & 19th May	6.30pm Vigil	10.30am Sunday
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Nerrida Holland
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Kaye Vincent
Livestream	Rob Sartori	NA
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Marina Manserra Zita Cannane
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Jayson, Janeth, Pam Ruby, Maria & May
Prayers	Anita Masiero & Mary Dalglish	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	19th May 2024 Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor	26th May 2024 Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	12th May Mass 8.30am	19th May Mass 8.30am
Reader	M Walder	M Farrall
Prayers	K Downes	M Farrall
Collectors	D & K Baxter	L Casey
Cleaning	J Robertson & K Baxter	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	12th May Mass 11am	19th May Mass 11am
Sacristan	A Munro	C Kennedy
Reader	I Dart	K Dalglish
Collector	R Picone	R Picone
Music	Paul Ramas	Paul Ramas
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER

	11th May Vigil Mass 6.30pm	18th May Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Readers	Joan Bellinger	Cynthia Maiden
Offertory	Claire & Kevin	Anju & Alex
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

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**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

3rd Sunday of the month: 19th May 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: Sunday LLA 8.30am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

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PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Leone Batson and Pat Bartels.

ANNIVERSARIES: Arthur Terrence Keenan, Joseph Murphy, Gregory Murphy, Gerard Ryan, Christine Ryan, Connor Jenkins, Mary & Martin Ryan, Con Ryan and Kerri Francisco

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

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.



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 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! ~

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. This month (16th May) the breakfast will be held at the Capital, Horsham. 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.

CDF Giving



This QR code can be used by parishioners for setting up regular giving or for one-off payments to either Stewardship (Parish), Priest Support (Presbytery) or some special collections.

If you are unable to scan the QR code, please follow this direct link <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622457>

Please contact the Parish Office if you require assistance.

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

**Sunday Mass
12 May 2024**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

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

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

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

Second Reading *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-13*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 28:19,20*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that

this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy

Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God the Father after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God the Father in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

Next Weekend's Readings: Pentecost Sunday Year B 19th May 2024

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1,24,29-31,34
2nd Reading: 1st Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Response: Lord send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Gospel: John 20:19-23