



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN



### CONTACTS:

#### Parish Priest:

Mons. Glynn Murphy  
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#### Assistant Priest:

Fr Matt Restall  
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#### Parish Office:

**CLOSED MONDAYS**

Office Hours: **TUES - FRI**  
9am - 12.30pm, 1.30- 4.00pm  
Ph: (03) 5382 1155

#### Staff:

- Olivia Tuohy  
- Janette McClure

**\*Please note:** Olivia will be on Annual Leave until the end of January. During this time the office may be closed on Wednesdays. We wish Olivia a well earned break and a lovely time with her family.

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

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

#### 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>

### HOLY FAMILY YEAR B 31st December 2023

#### Sacramental Program 2024

Is your child beginning grade 4 or above and would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion? Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Matt on 0417 991 387 by the end of January for more details.

#### 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

*Thank you*

**Thank you** to the members of all ministries of St Paul VI Parish who have generously made contributions to the life of our Parish over the past 12 months. Living our faith with others.  
(See "volunteers" BBQ notice on the next page)

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

<b>Monday 1st January</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b>
Tuesday 2nd January	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b>
Wednesday 3rd January	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b>
Thursday 4th January	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b>
Friday 5th January	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b>
Saturday 6th January	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b> (Reconciliation 9.30-10am)
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b> (Reconciliation 10.30am)

<b>HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER</b>		
<b>30th &amp; 31st December</b>	<b><u>Vigil 6.30pm</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 10.30am</u></b>
<b>Reader</b>	Sr Jacinta	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
<b>6th &amp; 7th January</b>	<b><u>Vigil 6.30pm</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 10.30am</u></b>
<b>Reader</b>	Kevin Dunn	May Rosello
<b>Commentator</b>	Micky Robarts	Dianne Noy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Choir
<b>Livestream</b>	Rob Sartori	N/A
<b>Welcomers</b>	Connie Besselaar	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>	N/A	Jisha Luke, Nimmy Chrisna & Preeni
<b>Prayers</b>	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b><u>7th January 2024</u></b> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Joan Butler Margo Hogan	<b><u>14th January</u></b> Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi

<b>WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b><u>31st December Mass 8.30am</u></b>	<b><u>7th January</u></b>
<b>Reader</b>	A Van den Ak	P Winsall
<b>Prayers</b>	L Casey	P Winsall
<b>Collectors</b>	L Casey	L Casey
<b>Cleaning</b>		

<b>NHILL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b><u>31st December Mass 11am</u></b>	<b><u>7th January</u></b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Millington	M Millington
<b>Reader</b>	C Kennedy	M Millington
<b>Collector</b>	R Picone	J Millington
<b>Music</b>	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
<b>Cleaning</b>	M Millington	C Kennedy

<b>HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b><u>7th January Vigil Mass 6.30pm</u></b>	<b><u>14th January Vigil Mass 6.30pm</u></b>
<b>Readers</b>	Claire White	Coral Cox
<b>Offertory</b>	Jan & Allen	Kevin & Maureen

**Natimuk Mass: Natimuk Mass TBA**

**Rupanyup Mass: TBA**

**Child Safety Standards:** St Paul VI Parish  
**Bob Pritchett** is our Safeguarding Officer.  
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 ~  
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.**

We are pleased to now be able to offer EFT 'Tap-n-Go' in the Horsham Church foyer. (weekends only)  
For those who don't carry cash, and for visitors to the Parish, this is an easy option for **donations** to support the Parish account.

**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.*

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

**5th Weekend of the month:**  
Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**  
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**  
Rainbow: **Saturday Vigil 6pm**  
Minyip: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**  
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**  
Murtoa: **Sunday LLA 9am**  
Hopetoun: **Sunday LLA 9am**  
Dimboola: **Sunday LLA 8.30am**  
Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**  
**NEXT WEEKEND**

**1st Sunday of the month: 6th & 7th January 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: **Sunday LLA 8.30am**  
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**  
Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**

**PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES**

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anna Mitton, Robert Atkins, Amby Torney, Maureen Ferry, Hughie McDonald, Dorothy Collins

**SICK:** Ken Dowsley, Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Eddie Taig, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Pat Cummins, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Maggie Landrigan, Eddie Taig, Jason O'Connell, Connie Butera

**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.

**Publications Available for Purchase**

We have more copies of **God's Word 2024** which are available again this week for **\$20ea**. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange purchase.



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We still have copies of the **Brigidine Centenary book** available for **\$35** in the Piety Stall in the Horsham Church, at St Brigid's College, or at the Parish Office.  
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**St Paul VI Parish**  
**Volunteer Thank You BBQ**  
You know who you are. Let us thank you!  
**Date:** 5pm Wednesday 17 January 2024  
**Location:** Horsham Presbytery  
**RSVP:** 12 January 2024 (essential for catering purposes)  
**Phone:** 5382 1155

We welcome family members home for New Year, and a warm welcome to all visitors. We pray for safe and blessed holidays and travel for those going away.

**Do we have your current contact details?**

**If you have recently moved, please call the office on 5382 1155 and check if we have your current postal address and phone number.**

~ Thankyou ~

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:**

**Morning Craft Group:** The Craft Group will be taking a break, and returning to weekly gatherings in the Parish Office on 10th January, 9.30-11.30am.

**Meditation Group:** Will resume weekly from Tuesday 6th February, 2.00pm in the Church meeting room.

**Choir Practice:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm  
- **Any newcomers always welcome**

**Men's Fellowship:** Next date to be advised in 2024

**Mass of the Oils 2024:**  
Monday, March 25, 2024 at  
**St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am**  
(please note change of time).  
Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall.

## Sunday Mass

31 December 2023

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*First Reading* Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless.' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

*Responsorial Psalm* Ps 104:1-6, 8-9

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works!

Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.

O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose.

He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac.  
The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

*Second Reading* Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

*Gospel Acclamation* Hebrews 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!  
In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;  
now he speaks to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!

*Gospel* Luke 2:22, 39-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

#### LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth. According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering. Today's Gospel (long version vs 22-40) notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law.

At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel (long version) is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

#### Next Weekend's Readings:    **The Epiphany of the Lord Year B**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

**Response:** Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12