



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

## BULLETIN

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**  
**24th December 2023**



*We welcome to the family of God in Baptism  
this Thursday December 28th*

*~ Isabella Victoria Manserra ~  
Daughter of Joseph & Kate Manserra*

*May she continue to grow in faith with loving support from her Family, Godparents,  
sponsors and our Parish Community.*



### 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 Tuohey  
- Janette McClure

**\*Please note:** Olivia will be on  
Annual Leave from Friday  
15th Dec 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.

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The St Paul VI Parish Office,  
Roberts Avenue Horsham, will  
be closed on 25th, 26th & 27th  
December 2023. Re-opening  
Thursday 28th December  
2023. During the week  
between Christmas and New  
Year Public Holidays, the  
Parish Office will be operating  
under reduced tempo staffing.

### Christmas Weekend Mass Times

#### Saturday 23rd December

Horsham 6.30pm  
Beulah 7pm

#### Sunday 24th December

Dimboola 8.30am  
Rainbow 10am  
Horsham 10:30am

#### Christmas Vigil      Sunday p.m.

Warracknabeal 5pm  
Nhill Carols 7.30pm Mass 8pm  
Murtoa 6pm  
Horsham Carols 7:30pm Mass 8pm

#### Christmas Day

Hopetoun 9am  
Horsham 9am

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 26th December	<b>NO MASS</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>NO MASS</b>	Horsham
Wednesday 27th December	5pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 28th December	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	5pm	Horsham
Friday 29th December	<b>No Mass</b>	Warracknabeal
	<b>12 Noon</b>	Horsham
Saturday 30th December	<b>No Mass</b>	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

<b>HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER</b>		
<b>23th &amp; 24th December</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Garry Heinrich	Kingsley Dalgleish
<b>Commentator</b>	Sr Jacinta	Alison McKinnon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
<b>30th &amp; 31st December</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Sr Jacinta	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Dianne Noy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Karen Hill Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Robert Sartori
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Choir
<b>Livestream</b>	Rob Sartori	N/A
<b>Welcomers</b>	Hugh & Judie Delahunty	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>	N/A	Jason Agustin, Janeth, Pam, Maria & May
<b>Prayers</b>	Anita Masiero & Mary Dalgleish	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>24th December</b> Zita Cannane Pauline Breen Judie Delahunty	<b>31st December</b> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

<b>WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b>24th December Christmas Vigil Mass 5.00pm</b>	<b>31st December 8.30am Mass</b>
<b>Reader</b>	L Casey	A Van den Ak
<b>Prayers</b>	C Anderson	L Casey
<b>Collectors</b>	L Casey	L Casey
<b>Cleaning</b>	Cleaning Bee in December	

<b>NHILL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b>24th December Christmas Vigil Mass 8.00pm</b>	<b>31st December 11am Mass</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	A Munro	M Millington
<b>Reader</b>	I Dart	C Kennedy
<b>Collector</b>	R Picone	R Picone
<b>Music</b>	Paulino Ramas	M Millington
<b>Cleaning</b>	M Millington	

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

**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.*

**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.

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Noreen Ellis, Terry McManus, Bob Wallis, Bob McPhee, Fr John Murphy, William Francisco

**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, Jason O'Connell, Connie Butera

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.

**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.

**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.*

We welcome family members home for Christmas, and a warm welcome to all visitors. We pray for a safe and blessed holiday and travels for those going away over the holidays.

## Christmas Masses (Eve & Morning)

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### *First Reading* Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, "Your God is king!"

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

#### *Responsorial Psalm* Ps 97:1-6

**R.** All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.  
Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

**R.** All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God

#### *Second Reading* Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

#### *Gospel Acclamation* Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

#### *Gospel* John 1:1-5 9-14

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### **Mass Livestreaming**

Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at **6.30pm each Saturday evening & Christmas Vigil Mass 8pm** will be "Live Streamed" and 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>

Light has come into the world  
John 3:19



Children attending Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to process in at the beginning of Mass carrying a candle (battery operated) to place around the Nativity Scene at the altar. Mrs Bush & Mrs Robertson will be there to guide the children. Candles supplied.

## Sunday Mass 24 December 2023

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### *First Reading*

A reading from the second book of Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."' "

*Responsorial Psalm* Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.'

He will say to me: 'You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me.'  
I will keep my love for him always;  
for him my covenant shall endure.

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

#### *Second Reading*

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

#### *Gospel Acclamation*

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

#### *Gospel*

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

#### LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us. We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and

wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God. The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

#### Next Weekend's Readings:    **The Feast of the Holy Family Year B**

**1st Reading:** Book of Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

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

**Response:** The Lord remembers his covenant forever

**2nd Reading:** A letter to the Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

**Gospel:** Luke (short form) 2:22, 39-40