



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ - Yr. C - 9th January 2022



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Funeral Mass for Bob Atkins

Tuesday 11th January 2022, 1pm
@ SMJ Church Horsham.
Ceremony will be livestreamed at:
<https://fb.me/e/35COsk0G6>

Rosary 6pm on Monday 10th
January also at Horsham Church.

Act of Spiritual 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

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be revived. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

"Looking Forward" Pastoral Planning Booklet 2021-2025

-now available to download from the Ballarat Diocesan Website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/>.

This new edition includes data about the diocese, and insight on changes to parishes over the next few years.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal 2021 - Message from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR:

"Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have personal links with the diocese of Ballarat. I thank the people of the diocese for their support of [2020's] appeal." The money was distributed as follows:

Catholic Mission	5,000
Caritas Australia	5,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	5,000
The Mallee Family Care Christmas Appeal	5,000
CatholicCare Victoria Christmas Appeal	5,000
Act for Peace	2,000
Raise the Rent Ballarat	2,000
Exodus Community, Wendouree West	2,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)	2,000
Total donations made in 2021	\$33,000

COVID RESTRICTIONS: Face masks need to be worn at all indoor venues.

There are no vaccination limits on participants, however
all must still sign-in upon entry to any venue for contact tracing purposes.

Join in on our Masses online at any time by visiting our Eucharistic Facebook page : <https://bit.ly/3eYADVv>



Horsham Choir Practice:

Next Wednesday 6pm, 12th January 2022 @ SMJ Church. All Welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 10th January	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 11th January	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Wednesday 12th January	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham
Thursday 13th January	No Mass 9.30am	Warracknabeal—Fr Jim away Horsham
Friday 14th January	No Mass 9.30am	Warracknabeal—Fr Jim away Horsham
Saturday 15th January	9.00am 9.30am	Warracknabeal Horsham

St Vinnies Piety Store (Horsham) - Columban Calendars still available \$8 ea.
'Daily Mass Books 2022' are now also available (limited) for \$30 ea.

ROSTERS

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) —2022 LITURGY ROSTER

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers
January 9th Sunday	8.30am	M. Walder	M. Farrall	T Evans & L Casey	J McFarlane & M Lardner
January 15th <i>Saturday evening</i>	6.30pm	F Casey	L. Casey	T Evans & L Casey	K Downes & B Evans

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

8/9 Jan. 2022	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	Lorraine Clancy Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Kingsley Dalgleish Alison McKinnon Fay Wills
Reader	Sr Jacinta Rice	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
15/16 Jan.	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Frank O'Connor	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Betty Heinrich	(please volunteer...)
Eucharistic Ministers	Anthony Amor Pat Glaubitz Simon Lynch	Mary Dalgleish Anna Robertson Timothy Lannen
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Combined Choir
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	16th January Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	23rd January Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>January 9:</u> LLA 9am	<u>January 16:</u> LLA 9am
Readers	Horman Family	To be confirmed...
Offertory/ Lay-led	Marilyn Clancy & Joan Bellinger	
Ministers		

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>January 9:</u> LLA 10am	<u>January 16:</u> Mass 11am
Reader & Prayers	C Kennedy	M Millington
Lay Leaders	D & A Munro	-
Eucharistic Minister	A Munro	-
Offertory	-	L Welsch
Monthly Collector	J Millington	J Millington
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)
Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisken 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.

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

3rd Weekend of the Month:

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Murtoa: Sunday 8.30am
 Warracknabeal: Saturday 6.30pm
 Beulah: Sunday 8.30am
 Nhill: Sunday 11am
 Dimboola: Sunday LLA 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
 Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
 Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

Any upcoming changes in Victorian COVID-19 restrictions will apply.

OTHER MASSES:

Natimuk: *resuming February 2022...*

Rupanyup: *next date, time and location to be confirmed.*

Notice on Church Collection reports:

- Due to public holidays and bank closures, we are still awaiting some final figures to enter our account...

We aim to present our December month collections, as well as Bishop Appeal Collection on an oncoming Bulletin this month.

We thank our collectors and counters for their humble and faithful ministry. Note to our Church representatives, please submit banking reports as soon as possible. Thank you.

Pope's intention for January: *"We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

God, my creator, breathe on me, renew me, refresh me, extend my abilities, comfort me in adjusting to changes in health, mobility and activity. Body of Jesus Christ flow through every fibre of my being. Keep me well, and hope filled, always. Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for the good of others. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND CARERS:

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort in pain, of hope in times of despair, woundedness or sorrow, their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and love. Bless caregivers, as channels of your love, they are your hands on earth. Give them gentleness as they help the sick, give them respect for their dignity and value to You. Give carers and helpers patience and courage as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care, to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands and when they need your enduring help. Give them love and understanding to be a caring companion, on the path of pain and sadness with the sick. Bless the ministry of those who take Holy Communion to the elderly or sick, in Homes or in Hospital.

SCHOOLS & PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Bob Atkins (*Horsham*), June Rice (*sister-in-law of Sr Jacinta*), Peter O'Day

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McBain, Alex Pekin, Dan Pekin

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Brett Cox, Moira Kelly snr, Graham Klemm, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Leo Bourke, Peter Rowe, Laurie Grayling

Anointing:

On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Jim McKay, or please call the Parish Office.

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Confessions:

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

Seeking a new Prayer for Communion outside of Mass and for the Special Ministers in our Parish:

Our Parish, St Paul VI Wimmera Mallee - is currently seeking suggestions/submissions for a prayer for Communion outside of Mass which prays for and comforts those who are unable to be with us, whilst expressing appreciation to the friends, family members and Eucharistic ministers who visit and care for them.

All are welcome to enter - Please submit your prayers through the Parish office before 1st February 2022, this can be in written form or via email (wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Each prayer and/or suggestion shall be considered by our Parish Priest and Pastoral Council. The completed prayer will be used in all our Mass centres on Sundays. It will also be shared on our Bulletin as a sign of community and solidarity within our Parish, and as remembrance for the many different lives it encompasses with Holy Communion.

"Making a Scene"

Christmas Nativity sets from around the world

These Nativities come from every continent and over 60 countries. Some Nativities are artistically beautiful, some are challenging, some invite you to ask questions, some tell different parts of the Christmas story, some have their own fascinating story to tell. There are nativities made of bone, bread, wood, car parts, glass, bullets and paper. There is even one made of potato chip packets!

The exhibition was held at Bridge mall, Ballarat over the Christmas period, photos and information about the nativity scenes are available on our Diocesan Website:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/making-a-scene-at-christmas/>

Synod of Bishops

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Family life tip: How can you as a family help the poor, especially those in your own community? At the least, remember in your prayers today those who are struggling to meet their basic needs.

Daily Prayer: Father of great and everlasting glory, by the power of your Holy Spirit you have consecrated your Word made flesh and have established this Christ, our Saviour, as the Light of the world and your covenant of peace for all the peoples.

A Vocation View: Come on, continue your Baptism by baptising others in the Holy Spirit and fire. "You are my beloved child," says the Lord!

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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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.

Our Parish NGR Card number is 1402 0336.

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

"Plenary Council Post"

- Updates on the Fifth Plenary Council in Australia

Fruits of first Plenary Council assembly published

The Plenary Council members gathered online for the first assembly in October spent much of the week in small groups discerning responses to the 16 agenda questions. The document capturing the fruits of the first assembly reveals the directions of the small group discernment and offers them as a basis for the ongoing preparation for the second assembly. Archbishop Costelloe said the first assembly was "inspiring, challenging and sometimes unsettling" for the members. The report, as much as possible, "retains the original voice of those who spoke, without attempts to produce a harmonised or homogenous account". "This is another document in our years-long journey that can help carry forward the hopes of the members of the Council and, indeed, the hopes of the People of God across the country," Read the document via this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wi8RrPZPBKSHX-b6jiY3gvMdQQ26tcse/view?usp=sharing>



Confirmation of the venue for the second Assembly

During the November plenary meeting of the Bishops Conference, it was affirmed that there is deep commitment and desire to hold the second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council in person. The Assembly will take place at St Mary's Cathedral College in the Sydney CBD. The dates are confirmed as Monday, July 4 to Saturday, July 9, 2022.

The closing Mass of the Plenary Council will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on the Saturday morning and will be open to all to attend and share in the celebrations. As 2022 begins, a COVID-safe plan and related policies will be put forward for the Steering Committee to consider and a simple registration for the closing Mass will be available publicly.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 28:1-4, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

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Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation: cf Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press: (SunCBaptism)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's

Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father. The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.