



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary time Year A
5th NOVEMBER 2023**

**A widows and widowers Mass intentions
will be celebrated in the Horsham church on
Friday 10th November at 9.30am.
Anointing available in Mass.**

The Parish office will be CLOSED on the Melbourne Cup
PUBLIC HOLIDAY Tuesday 7th November (and closed on the Monday as per usual).

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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](https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams)



We pray for **Dakota, Parker, Lawson, Toby, Luca, Lilly and Maxwell** who are receiving the **Sacrament of CONFIRMATION** at St Joseph's Church in Hopetoun this Sunday Eucharist (Vigil).

We pray also for **Campbell, Colby, and Jagger** receiving the Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION** at St Mary's Church in Warracknabeal, and **Matilda, Chassidy, and Luke** at Ss Michael & John Church in Horsham this Sunday. Congratulations and we wish you well on your faith journey with the support of your family, friends, and the Parish community.

This week Bishop Paul Bird has announced the retirement of Fr Kevin Moloney from his duties as Vicar General of the Diocese of Ballarat, effective 1st November 2023, due to continuing health concerns.

Fr Kevin was appointed to this role over five years ago, in April 2018. Since then, he has fulfilled the varied tasks of Vicar General with great generosity. He has served as a member of the College of Consultors, the Personnel Board, the Bishops Advisory Council, the Board of Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education, the Catholic Development Fund Committee and the Professional Standards Panel, as well as chairing the Diocesan Finance Council and the Pastoral Planning Panel. He has been ready to travel to various parts of the diocese to assist local communities with issues as they have arisen. For much of this time, Fr Kevin also attended to the pastoral care of several parishes and coordinated professional development opportunities for priests.

We wish Fr Kevin a peaceful retirement. Bishop Paul hopes to appoint a new Vicar General in the coming weeks.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 7th November - Office Closed - Public Holiday	5.30pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 8th November	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 9th November	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 10th November	5.30pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham - Widows / Widowers Mass
Saturday 11th November	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Mass for Marie Tobin

St Patricks Catholic Church, Minyip
Monday November 6th 2023, 11am
Burial to follow at Horsham Lawn Cemetery, at 1pm

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
<u>4th & 5th November</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Micky Robarts	Anna Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalglish
<u>11th & 12th November</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Nerrida Holland
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Gerard Raven
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Gary Coutts	Mary Dalglish Alistair Castle
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Angela Amor Liz Both Anna Robertson Lyn Starr
Prayers	Darryl & Maree Wren	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>12th November</u> Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney	<u>19th November</u> Zita Cannane Pauline Breen Judie Delahunty

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>5th November Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>12th November Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	A Van den Ak	P Winsall
Prayers	P Winsall	M Walder
Collectors	D & K Baxter	L Casey
Cleaning	M Ginnane B Murphy	M Ginnane B Murphy

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>5th November Mass 11am</u>	<u>12th November Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	A Munro	M Millington
Reader	C Kennedy	M Millington
Collector	J Kennedy	J Kennedy
Offertory	Paul & Leah	Lil Welsch
Music	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro

Natimuk Mass: Thursday 30th November, 1 Mitchell St Natimuk

Rupanyup Mass: Thursday 7th December, at Sue's

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.

ROSARY - MURTOA:

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

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.

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 ~

All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

1st Sunday of the month: 4th & 5th Nov

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Sunday of the month: 11th & 12th Nov

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 *and Mass & Morning Tea Thursday 16th Nov at 10am*

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Marie Tobin

ANNIVERSARIES: Beverly Threfall, Monica Breen, Carmel Hernon, Anthony Panozzo, Jack Nevill & Kevin Walsh

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

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 on hand a limited supply of **God's Word 2024** available for **\$20ea**. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange purchase.



A limited supply of **The Sign** books for Advent and Christmas daily reflections are also available now for **\$8ea** at the Parish Office.



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.



Sacramental Program 2024 Information Session

This year St Paul VI Parish has completed its first Sacramental Program involving over 50 children and their families. The Program has been engaging and enjoyable, as well as educational and inspiring. Parents and their children re-discovered the richness of our faith, responding with their lives to the words of Jesus "ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you." (Mt. 7:7)

Parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children. The fruit of parents playing an active part in helping their child prepare for the Sacraments this year has been evident, and therefore the Parish based Sacramental program will run according to this model in 2024 also. For those families who have a child in year 4 and above who has not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Communion, or for children in year 6 and above who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation – please feel welcome to attend one of the information sessions listed below.

Hopetoun:	Thursday <u>16 Nov</u> 3.30pm (in church)
Murtoa:	Wednesday <u>22 Nov</u> 4pm (in church)
Nhill:	Friday <u>24 Nov</u> 3.45pm (in church)
Horsham:	Sunday <u>3 Dec</u> 11.30am (in church)
Warracknabeal:	Tuesday <u>5 Dec</u> 3.30pm (in church)

PARISH LUNCH

The next Parish lunch outing will be held at the **Hopetoun Community Hotel**, at **16 Austin St Hopetoun** on **Wednesday 29th November**.

Please **RSVP** by **22nd Nov** for catering purposes, by phoning the Parish Office on 5382 1155. (Please also let us know if you can car pool)

Menu (\$25 per head)

- Roast Chicken or Roast Pork
- Apple Pie or Pavlova
- ~ Drinks at bar prices ~

ABIDE in Warracknabeal scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday in **November** (14/11) has been **CANCELLED** due to Fr Matt attending the Council of Priests gathering in Ballarat.

St Mary's Ladies Club next meeting will be held on Wed 15th November at 2pm in the foyer of St Mary's Church Warracknabeal.

A Christmas get together has been planned for St Mary's Warracknabeal Church Community and friends, together with St Vincent De Paul Stewards.

- ◆ Friday 15th December 2023
- ◆ 5.30pm Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Church.
- ◆ 6pm onwards, drinks and dinner at The Creekside Hotel.

The marquee has been booked for this dinner. Please list your name on the sheet provided in the foyer of the Warracknabeal church. **RSVP: Tuesday 5 December 2023**

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. All Parish men welcome! (Prior to work hours)

Sunday Mass

5 November 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10
 I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.
 I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.
 Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
 A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.
 O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading A reading from the first letter of

St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
 Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we

felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 23:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!
 You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
 you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between

his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

Next Weekend's Readings: The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: Book of Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

2nd Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13