



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary time Year A
12th NOVEMBER 2023**



We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this weekend:

*Horsham (Vigil) ~ Evana Libin ~
Daughter of Libin Babu & Jincy Mathew*

*Nhill (Sunday) ~ Ericka Macalinao ~
Daughter of Maverick & Kaye Anne Macalinao*

May they continue to grow in faith with loving support from their Family, Godparents, sponsors and our Parish Community.

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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>

Planned Giving envelopes for 2023/24 are now ready for pick up from Church foyers for those who have Masses this weekend, and will be delivered to remaining Churches as soon as possible. Parishioners of the Natimuk and Rupanyup areas will find your envelopes in the Horsham Church foyer.

Attached to this week's (email) bulletin, enclosed with Planned Giving envelopes for those who choose to participate in Planned Giving, and available in Church foyers, is a financial summary of the first two years of our merged St Paul VI Parish operations, from the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

A reminder that a Mass and Morning Tea will be held this Thursday 16th November at St Augustine's Church Beulah, at 10am. All are welcome.

Prayer for Remembrance Day – Saturday, November 11
Father of peace,
we pray for those who have served to protect our great Southern Land;
we commend to your mercy those who died for our freedom;
we pray for the safety of those who are currently serving in the Defence Forces;
we pray for peace throughout the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKDAY MASSES:		
Monday 13th November	11am	Nhill - Funeral Prayers for Hazel Hassall
Tuesday 14th November	No Mass	Warracknabeal (Council of Priests)
	No Mass	Horsham (Council of Priests)
Wednesday 15th November	5pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 16th November	10am	Beulah - Mass & morning tea
	9.30am	Horsham - St Vincent de Paul deceased members Mass
Friday 17th November	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 18th November	No Mass	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

*Funeral Prayers for Hazel Hassall
St Patricks Catholic Church, Nhill
Monday November 13th 2023, 11am*

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
<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
<u>18th & 19th November</u>	<u>Vigil 6.30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10.30am</u>
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Louise Kemp
Commentator	John Parker	Andrea Cox
Eucharistic Ministers	Micky Robarts Cath Taylor	Mary Dagleish Geoff Simpson Timothy Lannen
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Joan Whiley Mary Dowsley
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Dianne Noy, Carmel, Veronica, Louise
Prayers	John & Joan Parker	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	19th November Zita Cannane Pauline Breen Judie Delahunty	26th November Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>12th November Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>19th November Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	A Van den Ak	K Downes
Prayers	M Walder	F Casey
Collectors	L Casey	L Casey
Cleaning	M Ginnane B Murphy	M Ginnane & B Murphy

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>12th November Mass 11am</u>	<u>19th November Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	M Millington	C Kennedy
Reader	M Millington	J Gurry
Collector	J Kennedy	J Kennedy
Offertory	Lil Welsch	S Lawler
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

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*

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND

3rd Sunday of the month: 18th & 19 Nov

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: Hazel Hassall

ANNIVERSARIES: John Talbot, Cecilla Harris, Jack Foley, Joan Lynch & Dianne Morrison

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.

Refugee Scene Update and Discussion- Facilitator Sr Jacinta

What's happening to thousands of refugees in Australia and offshore?
Find out on **Tuesday 21st November**, at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Centre. *Pre-reading is recommended. (15 copies of Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project Newsletter available from Sr Jacinta.)*
Contact 0414337807. Can we help?

Publications Available for Purchase

We have on hand a limited supply of **God's Word 2024** available for **\$20**ea. 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 **\$8**ea 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.

Future Hopes

All widows in the parish are welcome to a **Gathering to assist in future planning for this Group.**

Facilitator: Sr Jacinta

Venue: Horsham Parish Centre

Time and Date: 2 p.m. on **Thursday 23rd November, 2023.**

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**

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 16 Nov 3.30pm (in church)

Murtoa: Wednesday 22 Nov 4pm (in church)

Nhill: Friday 24 Nov 3.45pm (in church)

Horsham: Sunday 3 Dec 11.30am (in church)

Warracknabeal: Tuesday 5 Dec 3.30pm (in church)

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

12 November 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself
known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of
her and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8

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

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy..

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

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

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians 4:13-14

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who
have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them,
like the other people who have no hope. We believe that
Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for
those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Gospel

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

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of
heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and
five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but
they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of
oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they
all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a
cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this,
all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and
the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of
your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There
may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to
those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had
gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who
were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door
was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord,"
they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you
solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you
do not know either the day or the hour.'

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be pre-
pared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading fol-
lows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the com-
ing of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that
the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples
that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unpre-
pared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it
is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Pal-
estine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young
maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the
bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are
possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against fol-

lowing the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the con-
text of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic
Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests
that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to
meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about
the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and
the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's
parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant
and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at
the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to
the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom
Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realiza-
tion that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within
their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are
we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5 **Response:** Happy are those who fear the Lord

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30