



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time Year A
20th AUGUST 2023**

Mark the Diary - Parish Celebration

This Sunday, the 20th of August after 10:30am Mass the five Horsham Hospitality groups will be providing a Morning Tea in the Parish Centre to celebrate a much valued and respected member of our broader Parish Community. A short presentation will be made on behalf of the Parish, and all are welcome to share in the celebration. Great work team! - *Fr Matt*

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Applications invited for Study and Mentoring (SAM) Leadership Program



The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Leadership Program offers both financial and personal support to mature-aged Catholic women as they undertake undergraduate or postgraduate theological/spiritual study at a recognised theological Institution. Applications close September 6, 2023. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

Funeral Mass Fr Frank Smith CSsR

The Funeral Mass for Fr Frank Smith CSsR will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree at 10.30 am on Friday, August 25, 2023.



We pray for Arville II and Sophie who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Patrick Church in Nhill this Sunday. Congratulations and we wish you well on your faith journey with the support of your family, friends, and the Parish community.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 22nd August	5.30pm	Warracknabeal
	5.30pm	Horsham (after Birchip Zone Meeting)
Wednesday 23rd August	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 24th August	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	5.30pm	Minyip
Friday 25th August	9am	Warracknabeal
	1.30pm	Horsham - Funeral Mass For Mary Hunter
Saturday 26th August	9am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

Funeral Mass for Mary Hunter
Ss Michael & John Catholic Church, Horsham
Friday 25th August 2023, 1.30pm

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 next week) **YouTube Channel Link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams>

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
19th & 20th August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Garry Heinrich	Anna Robertson
Commentator	Sr Jacinta	Louise Kemp
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce Maree Plazzer	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Karen Hill
26th & 27th August	Vigil 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30am
Reader	Sr Jacinta	Gerard Raven
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Nerrida Holland
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Choir
Livestream	Rob Sartori	N/A
Welcomers	Judie & Hugh Delahunty	Nanette Freckleton Lyn Starr
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Anne Rowe Zita Cannane, Lynda Hutchinson Esther Fry
Prayers	Angela Amor & Pauline Breen	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	27th August Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy Veronica Barker	3rd September Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Judie Delahunty

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.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND

3rd Sunday of the month: **19th & 20th August**

Horsham: **Saturday 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**
 Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am and Thursday Mass after the 3rd Sunday 5.30pm (24th August)**

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	20th August Mass 8.30am	27th August Mass 8.30am
Reader	D Baxter	M Aitken
Prayers	K Downes	M Farrall
Collectors	B Bentley & L Downes	B Bentley & L Downes
Cleaning	M Muller & P Winsall	M Muller & P Winsall

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	20th August Mass 11am	27th August Mass 11am
Sacristan	M Millington	M Millington
Reader	C Kennedy	I Dart
Collector	J Kennedy	J Kennedy
Offertory	S Lawler	Volunteer please
Music	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
Cleaning	C Kennedy	C Kennedy

Natimuk Mass: Thursday 31st Aug, 6.30pm.
 Venue: 1 Banool Street, Horsham.
Rupanyup Mass: TBA

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.

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish
Bob Pritchett and Jill McGennisken 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.

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

Please Note: **Rainbow's Thursday Evening Mass** will be in recess over *Winter*, at the request of the community.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

4th Sunday of the month: **26th & 27th August**

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
 Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
 Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
 Beulah: **Saturday Vigil 6pm**
 Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
 Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
 Murtoa: **Sunday LLA 9am**
 Hopetoun: **Sunday LLA 9am**
 Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**
 *Natimuk: **Thursday after the 4th Sunday, 31st August, 6.30pm**

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS: Mary Hunter, Danny Forde

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill McGrath, Ian Ryan, Gino Panozzo

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Marie Tobin, 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

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.

Catholic Social Services Victoria 2023 Annual Dinner



The CSSV Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023 at South Wharf Promenade, Melbourne at 5.30pm. Michael McGirr, Mission Director at Caritas Australia, will host the dinner. Scan or click the QR code to book tickets.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate online, ph. (03) 9287 5513 or scan or click the QR code for more information.



Who is Palms Australia?

With over 60 years experience, Palms Australia recruits qualified and experienced Australians who participate in an exchange of knowledge and skills to meet the requests of overseas communities seeking to reduce poverty by developing the capacities of their people and organisations.

What skills are we looking for?

The skills we recruit are determined by the requests we receive from community organisations overseas including educators, accountants, managers, tradespeople, agriculturalists, IT specialists, community and social workers, doctors, & health workers.

Where are the current opportunities?

We currently have requests from communities in Papua New Guinea, Zambia, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Cambodia, Philippines and American Samoa. New requests are added regularly.

REGISTER NOW!

Register for our webinar and be inspired as Michele, Anjelica & Rofina speak about their intercultural experiences and learn about our other opportunities abroad. There might be a position that calls to you.

Scan this QR Code to register for our upcoming "Global Development Opportunities" webinar



St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

The theme this year is homelessness.

Older women are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates. Please donate to provide immediate support & long term assistance for women who are facing homelessness. Visit <https://www.vinnies.org.au/> or call 13 18 12. Horsham conference urgently needs second hand white goods e.g. Fridges & washing machines in working order. Goods may be dropped off at Vinnies Centre where they will be checked & tagged. **Horsham conference is desperate for new volunteer members.** Anyone willing/interested may speak to any of the conference members or ring 5381 2371 & leave a message your call will be returned.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Wednesdays in Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Note: This Wednesday, 23rd Aug, the craft group will be meeting for lunch (after craft), at the West Side Tabaret at 12pm.

Meditation Group: Every Tuesday, 1.30pm in the Church meeting room.

Choir Practice:

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm

- **Any newcomers always welcome**

Men's Fellowship: Dinner (May - September)

3rd Thursday of the Month, 6pm at The Vic Hotel Horsham



This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice.

To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject or scan the QR code.



Sunday Mass

20 August 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm Ps66:2-3,5-6,8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.
R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies

her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

Next Weekend's Readings: The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: Prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3,6,8

Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20