



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

Fourth Sunday of Lent - YEAR C
30th March, 2025



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

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Mass Livestreaming

Vigil Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at 6.30pm Saturday Night and will be available to watch 'live', or for replay viewing at a time convenient.

(Recordings will be available until Friday each week)

YouTube Channel Link:

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

St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat - A Place of Pilgrimage

Bishop Paul has designated St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat as a place of pilgrimage for this Jubilee Year. Pilgrims are invited to take a self-guided tour of the Cathedral. A booklet is available for pilgrims to follow. This includes suggestions on how to be a pilgrim, a brief history of St Patrick's Cathedral and information about the beautiful stained-glass windows. As well as visiting the Cathedral for the self-guided tour, pilgrims are welcome to spend some time in the Cathedral in prayer. This could include joining in the celebration of Mass. Masses are held on weekdays at 12.05pm and on Saturday mornings at 10.00am. Sunday Masses are celebrated on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm and on Sundays at 8.00am, 10.30am and 5.00pm. There are also opportunities for daily adoration and devotions. Please check the Cathedral bulletin for information <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarat-cathedral>. A self-guided tour is best done in quiet times, when there is no Mass or other event happening. Pilgrims are welcome to come as individuals or you could arrange for members of your parish to come as a group.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING - Kaniva Church

After almost a century since it was opened, a final Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered on the grounds of St Michael's Church, Kaniva at **1pm** on Sunday **6th April**. Former parish families, parishioners and others are invited to 'bring a chair and a hat' for the **outdoor Mass**, celebrated beside the church.

The church itself has been closed for some time and there are elements of structural insecurity that present some OH&S risks inside the building.

We give thanks to God for the generations whose faith was nourished and sustained by the Sacraments, prayer and spiritual life of St Michael's community. An opportunity for social gathering, sharing memories and catching up with past families/parishioners will be available after Mass, at *Little Guys Pizza and Café*, Kaniva.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 1st April	5.00pm	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 2nd April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	5.00pm	Horsham
Thursday 3rd April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	12 noon	Horsham
Friday 4th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
	6.00pm 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross - Syro Malabar Rite - Horsham Syro-Malabar Rite Mass - Horsham
Saturday 5th April	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham



Funeral Prayers for Gayle Jeffery (nee Seater)

St Mary's Church, Warracknabeal **Thursday 3rd April 2025, 11am**



HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

<u>29th & 30th March</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Mass</u>
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Anthony Amor	May Rosello
Eucharist Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce	Lois Keegan Rosie Taylor Geoff Simpson
<u>5th & 6th April</u>	<u>6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>10.30am Mass</u>
Reader	Lesley Price	May Rosello
Commentator		Bob Pritchett
Eucharist Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Bob Pritchett
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Rob Sartori
Musicians	Embedded	Embedded
Livestream	Geoff Simpson	N/A
Welcomers	Bob & Tess Hayes	Joan Whiley Mary Dowsley
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Leena Robin Soumya Suby & Shaiby
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	30th March Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi Louise Guest	6th April Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty Gwen Antonucci Carmel O'Connor

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>30th March Mass 8.30am</u>	<u>6th April Mass 8.30am</u>
Reader	A Van den Akker	M Walder
Prayers	M Farrell	D Baxter
Collectors	B Bentley & L Downes	L Casey
Cleaning	F Casey & O Phelan	

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>30th March Mass 11am</u>	<u>6th April Mass 11am</u>
Sacristan	A Munro	M Millington
Reader	J Gurry	J Gurry
Collector	J Kennedy	J Millington
Music	Quyen	Quyen
Cleaning	C Kennedy	M Millington

HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>30th March LLA 9am</u>	<u>5th April Vigil 6.30pm</u>
Reader	Ellerdy Seipolt	Marilyn Clancy
Collectors	Claire & Kevin	Jan & Allen
Offertory	Cynthia & Joan	Anju & Alex
Eucharistic Minister	Marilyn Clancy	

RUPANYUP MASS

TBA

NATIMUK MASS

TBA

Child Safety Standards: St Paul VI Parish
Bob Pritchett is our Safeguarding Officer, Horsham
and **Cynthia Maiden**, Hopetoun.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND

Any family members who are aware of relatives (or friends) in the above situations who would like to receive Holy Communion at their place of residence. Please advise details to our Parish Office at any time. Ministry will be arranged.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES **THIS WEEKEND**

5th Sunday of the month: 29th & 30th March

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**
Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**
Minyip: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**
Murtoa: **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm**
Hopetoun: **Sunday LLA 9am**
Dimboola: **No LLA**
Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**
Rainbow: **Sunday LLA 10am**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES **NEXT WEEKEND**

1st Sunday of the month: 5th & 6th April

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 Mass 1pm**
Kaniva: Final Mass of Thanksgiving 1pm
Dimboola: **NO LLA**
Minyip: **Sunday LLA 10am**
Beulah: **Sunday LLA 9.30am**

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PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

Michael Cummins (brother of Carmel O'Connor),
Gayle Jeffery (nee Seater)

ANNIVERSARIES

Ken West and Maureen Giles

SICK OR INJURED

Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa,
Kevin Clancy, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon,
Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns,
Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Tim Clancy,
Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Adam Cooper, Mary Hallam



Fourth Sunday of Lent 29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

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Mon and Fri mornings between 11am - 12noon
Appointments essential - Phone **5381 2371** to book.

ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM

Morning Craft Group

The Craft Group gather weekly in the Parish Office meeting room on Wednesdays, 9.30am - 11.30am

Choir Practice

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm at the Church
Any newcomers always welcome

Men's Fellowship

Breakfast - **3rd Thursday** of the month
7.30am - 8.30am at the Parish Hall. All men welcome.

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group meet weekly on Tuesdays at 2pm in the Church meeting room.

Prayer Group

Prayer Group meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 1.30pm in the Church meeting room.

St Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee
has six schools governed by DOBCEL



Schools can be contacted at the details below.



St Joseph's Primary School, Hopetoun

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Next Weekend's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Sunday Mass

30th March 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus.

Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us;

by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God.

Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behaviour of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honour the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father

spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.