



CONTACTS

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CLOSED MONDAYS

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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

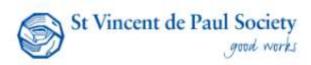
St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR C - 13th July 2025





Vinnies Winter Appeal 2025

Vinnies' 2025 Fundraising Winter Appeal launched early this month which plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society. With your support, this appeal will help them continue serving the community. Homelessness is never a choice. Your generous support today can help people facing homelessness, have somewhere safe to stay and help break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Donate today at https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025 Expressions of Interest

Students Yrs 9-12 and Adults aged 18-25 Yrs

Expressions of interest for attendees to ACYF in Melbourne are required to enable us to move forward with securing accommodation. If you are interested please complete the online form https://forms.office.com/r/n5NuDjg2wn or email directly to: fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Hardcopies of the following are available in church foyers this weekend:

- Letter from Mons. Glynn (including sponsorship/assistance in costs)
- Roadmap to the ACYF
- · Letter from Bishop Paul

More information can be found at www.acyf.org.au or calling the Parish office on **03 5382 1155**

WEEKDAY MASSES 9.30am Warracknabeal Tuesday 15th July 9.30am Horsham Warracknabeal 9.30am Wednesday 16th July Horsham 9.30am Warracknabeal 9.30am Thursday 17thJuly 9.30am Horsham 9.30am Warracknabeal Friday 18th July 5pm Horsham 9.30am Warracknabeal Saturday 19th July Horsham 9.30am

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER			WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
12th & 13th July	Sat 6.30pm Vigil	Sun 10.30am Mass		13th July Mass 8:30am	20th July Mass 8.30am
			Reader	P Winsall	K Downes
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Louise Kemp	Prayers	M Walder	F Casey
Commentator	Emelia Sudholz	Gerard Raven	Collectors	B Bentley & L Downes	D & K Baxter
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce	Lynda Hutchinson Anna Robertson Lois Keegan	Cleaning	D. Sleep &	P. McCoy
			NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
19th & 20th July	Sat 6.30pm Vigil	Sun 10.30am Mass		13th July Mass 11am	20th July Mass 11am
Reader	Maree Plazzer	Dianne Noy	Sacristan	M Millington	C Kennedy
Commentator	John Parker	Anna Robertson	Reader	l Dart	M Millington
Eucharistic Ministers	John Parker Bob Hayes	Alison McKinnon Rosie Taylor Simon Lynch	Collector	J Millington	J Millington
			Music	Quyen	Quyen
Musicians	Embedded	Embedded	Cleaning	M Millington	M Millington
	Judy Bryan	Denise Vallance	HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
Welcomers Tea/Coffee	Pat Williams	Leena Robin, Soumya,		<u>12th July</u> Vigil 6.30pm	19th July Vigil 6.30pm
After Mass	N/A	Suby, Shaiby	Reader	Claire White	Cynthia Maiden
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson		Collectors	Diyon Ciju	Claire & Kevin
Church Cleaning & Flower	20th July Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer	<u>27th July</u> Lynda Hutchinson Bernadette Delahunty	Offertory		
			Eucharistic Minister		
Arranging	Dianne Quinn	Pauline Breen		UP MASS & DINNER Thursday August 21st	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

2nd Sunday of the month: 13th July

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 9.00am
Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am
Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

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 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.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

3rd Sunday of the month: 20th July

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: No LLA

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria (Pia) Sordello, Cherian Joseph and Agostino Masiero

SICK OR INJURED

Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Alex Kavoor, Kevin Clancy, Bernie Ryan, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, Tim Clancy, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Adam Cooper, Jimmy Cortesi, Sr Jacinta Rice

St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases in Horsham on Monday & Friday mornings, between 11am - 12noon. ~ Appointments essential ~ Phone 5381 2371 to book.



The 2nd Sunday in July is Sea Sunday and is a time to remember, celebrate, pray for Hoterpal States program seemed seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas through-

out the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need. Stella Maris cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of all seafarers regardless of colour, race or creed. Knowing that people recognise and appreciate the efforts and difficulties for seafarers, is a great source of comfort and support. Donations can be made online at:

https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/

Prayer for Sea Seafarers from Pope John Paul II

Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean, guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea. As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, work and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm, we will always look to Christ and say,

"Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?" Our Lady of Peace, pray for us! Bright Star of the Sea, guide us! Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.

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

The July gathering will be on Thursday 17th July, with dinner at 6pm at the RSL- McLachlan St Horsham. All men welcome.

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group meetings have been cancelled until further notice - as per Sr Jacinta

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

Principal: Cynthia Maiden Contact: 5083 3296

principal@sjhopetoun.catholic.edu.au



St Mary's Primary School, Warracknabeal

Principal: Julie Leonard Contact: 5398 2001

principal@smwarracknabeal.catholic.edu.au



St Patrick's Primary School, Nhill

Principal: Kingsley Dalgleish Contact: 5391 1575 principal@spnhill.catholic.edu.au



St Brigid's College, Horsham (Secondary)

Principal: Gerard Raven Contact: 5382 3545 principal@stbc.vic.edu.au

Ss Michael and John's Primary School, Horsham



Principal: Louise Chesterfield Contact: 5382 3000 principal@smjhorsham.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady Help of Christian's Primary School, Murtoa



Principal: Chris McCumstie Contact: 0434 508 994 principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au

As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.





FREE SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School Murtoa now offer their students from Horsham a free school bus service. The bus departs from and returns to Ss Michael and John Church, with pick up in the morning at 8am, and drop off in the afternoon at 4pm.

Low fee Catholic education in a beautiful rural setting is available to families just 25 minutes away from Horsham!

Interested families are encouraged to contact the school on 03 5385 2526 or email principal Chris McCumstie at: principal@olhcmurtoa.catholic.edu.au

Quarterly Parish Lunch

The next Quarterly Parish Lunch will be held at the Natimuk Pub on Wednesday 16th July at 12 Noon

Menu: \$18.50

Booking and enquiries via Parish Office Horsham on 03 5382 1155 (Seating capacity for this event is 45)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 13th July 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there.

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbour. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this

was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travellers. The traveller in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

Next Weekend's Readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42