



St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN



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Parish Office

CLOSED MONDAYS

Office Hours: **TUES - FRI**
9am-12.30pm - 1.30pm-4.00pm
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Please submit notices for our
weekly Bulletin to the Parish
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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>

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR C - 27th July 2025



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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>

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord! Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

Amen.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 29th July	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	12pm	Horsham
Wednesday 30th July	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 31st July	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 1st August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	5pm	Horsham
Saturday 2nd August	9.30am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER		
<u>26th & 27th July</u>	<u>Sat 6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>Sun 10.30am Mass</u>
Reader	Anthony Amor	Alison McKinnon
Commentator	Maree Plazzer	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Cath Taylor	Nerrida Holland Gerard Raven Zita Cannane
<u>2nd & 3rd August</u>	<u>Sat 6.30pm Vigil</u>	<u>Sun 10.30am Mass</u>
Reader	John Parker	Lisa Glatz & Justin Amor
Commentator	Anthony Amor	Bob Pritchett
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce	Anna Robertson Karen Hill Lois Keegan
Musicians	Embedded	Embedded
Welcomers	Gary Coutts	Alistair Castle
Tea/Coffee After Mass	N/A	Jayson, Janeth, Pam, Ruby, Maria, May
Prayers	Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	<u>3rd August</u> Josie Phelan Pauline Irwin Zita Cannane	<u>10th August</u> Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi Louise Guest
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 4th Sunday of the month: <u>27th July</u> Horsham: Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am Warracknabeal: Sunday Mass 8.30am Dimboola: No Mass Beulah: Sunday LLA 9:30am Nhill: Sunday LLA 11am (ONLINE MASS - TV) Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am		

WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>27th July</u> Mass 8.30am	<u>3rd August</u> Mass 8.30am
Reader	M Walder	M Farrall
Prayers	A Van den Ak.	J. McFarlane
Collectors	D & K Baxter	L Casey
Cleaning	D. Sleep & P. McCoy	
NHILL LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>27th July</u> ONLINE MASS (TV)	<u>3rd August</u> Mass 11am
Sacristan	M Millington	C Kennedy
Reader	-	I Dart
Collector	J Millington	R Picone
Music	-	Quyen
Cleaning	M Millington	C Pilgrim
HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER		
	<u>27th July</u> LLA 9am	<u>2nd August</u> Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Reader	Lana & Toby	Marilyn Clancy
Collectors	Jacki & Brian	Jan & Allen
Offertory	Cynthia Maiden & Joan Bellinger	
Eucharistic Minister	Marilyn Clancy	
RUPANYUP MASS & DINNER 6.30pm Thursday August 21st		NATIMUK 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 <i>(Please state envelope number and name)</i> 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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PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS

ANNIVERSARIES

Monnie McPhee, Margaret Brasier, Alan Norman Tunks,
Jack Slattery

SICK OR INJURED

Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Alex Kavoor, Kevin Clancy, Bernie Ryan, Cynth a Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, Tim Clancy, Cassie Simpson, Jean Simpson, Adam Cooper, Jimmy Cortesi, Sr Jacinta Rice, Bernie Bellinger, Terry Bellinger, Noel Bellinger, Therese Bellinger, Martin (Stumpy) Woodard, Lois Poulton

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.

**Warracknabeal Conference of St Vincent de Paul
will meet at St Mary's Church Warracknabeal, on
Wednesday 30 July at 2:00pm**



Transport assistance request

A family with two students currently enrolled at St Brigid's College have just moved from Nhill to Warracknabeal due to a change in employment. One student is in Year 12 and concludes her education in 10 weeks. Currently, St Brigid's College does not provide transport from Warracknabeal to Horsham, although this may change soon. We are seeking support in transporting these students over the next few months between Warracknabeal and Horsham. If you know of anyone who may travel to Horsham from Warracknabeal and return during the week who may be able to assist, please ask them to call Gerard Raven (Principal) at the school, on Ph: 5382 3545.

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

Details for the August gathering TBA.

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

An electronic copy of our Parish bulletin can be found on the Diocese of Ballarat website each week, uploaded by 3.30pm every Friday.

The direct link to information relating to our Parish is as follows:

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

27th July 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

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

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:
"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."
He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.
'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers. The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form

that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version. Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could

God not respond to our requests? This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost. The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

Next Weekend's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm: 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21