



Ss. Michael & John's Parish



WARRACKNABEAL



HOPETOUN

PARISHES




St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

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

BULLETIN

5th Sunday of Lent—Yr C 3rd April- 2022



Daylight Saving ends this weekend.
Before you go to bed Saturday,
turn your clocks back one hour.

EASTER SERVICES

~ Local communities, please organise your volunteers for Ministry at these Liturgies. (Horsham has a roster in the foyer to fill in)

Thursday 14th April:

- Mass of the Lord's Supper - Warracknabeal 6pm
- Mass of the Lord's Supper - Horsham 6pm (Live streamed)

Good Friday 15th April:

- Stations of the Cross & Prayers - Hopetoun 10am
- Stations of the Cross & Prayers - Nhill 10am
- Service of the Lord's Passion - Warracknabeal 3pm
- Service of the Lord's Passion - Horsham 3pm (Live streamed)

Easter Saturday Vigil 16th April:

- Horsham 6.30pm (Live streamed)
- Warracknabeal 6.30pm

Easter Sunday 17th April:

- Murtoa 8.30am
- Hopetoun 9am
- Rainbow LLA 10am
- Horsham 10.30am (Live streamed)
- Nhill 11am

Divine Chaplet 5.30pm Rosary from Good Friday 15th April to 24th April in Horsham

There are currently no requirements for face masks to be worn in Church, and no vaccination limits. View our online Masses at any time by joining our Facebook Eucharistic Group at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>



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Mass of the Oils 2022

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils to be held on

Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm.

Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and

I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 4th April	9.00am	Warracknabeal
Tuesday 5th April	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Wednesday 6th April	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Thursday 7th April	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Friday 8th April	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham
Saturday 9th April	9.00am	Warracknabeal
	9.30am	Horsham

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Warracknabeal) —2022 LITURGY ROSTER

Date & Time	Time	Readers	Prayers	Collectors	Special Ministers	Cleaning– Apr.
April 2nd	6.30pm	P Winsall	F Casey	D & K Baxter	M Muller & J McFarlane	B Evans & T Penny
April 10th Palm Sunday	8.30am	K Downes	J McFarlane	D & K Baxter	M Lardner & K Downes	

HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER

2nd & 3rd April	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Plazzer Anne Newton Bernadette Trounce	Zita Cannane Andrea Cox Kingsley Dalgleish
Reader	Kevin Dunn	Louise Kemp
Commentator	Sr Jacinta Rice	Dianne Noy
9th & 10th April	Vigil <u>6.30pm</u>	Palm Sunday <u>10.30am</u>
Reader	Betty Heinrich	Bob Pritchett
Commentator	Garry Heinrich	Alison McKinnon
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Parker Sr Jacinta Rice Micky Robarts	Alison McKinnon Fay Wills Rosie Taylor
Projector	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
Musicians	Chris Robarts	Men's Choir
Welcomers	Garry & Betty Heinrich	Mary Dalgleish & Alistair Castle
Prayers	Alison McKinnon & Anna Robertson	
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging	10th April Jenny Clarke Bernie Lakin Rhonda Tursi	17th April Helen Hunter Margaret Fischer Dianne Quinn Maureen McInerney

HOPETOUN CHURCH ROSTER

	<u>April 3rd 9am</u>	<u>April 10th 9am LLA</u>
Readers	Horman Family	Neha Kavoor
Offertory/ Lay-led	Horman family	Robyn Hallam & Cynthia Maiden
Special Minister		Olive Wellington

NHILL LITURGY ROSTER

	<u>April 3rd LLA 10am</u>	<u>April 10th LLA 10am Palm Sunday</u>
Reader & Prayers	A Munro	C Kennedy
Lay Leaders	M Millington	D Munro
Eucharistic Minister	C Kennedy	A Munro
Offertory		
Monthly Collector	R Piccone	R Piccone
Cleaning	M Millington	M Millington

Child Safety Standards: (Ss Michael & John Horsham)
Bob Pritchett and Jill McGinnisken 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.

MASS TIMES & REPORTS

2nd Weekend of the Month: Next week (9th & 10th April)

Horsham: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am
 Dimboola: Sunday 8.30am
 Beulah: Saturday 7pm
 Warracknabeal: Sunday 8.30am
 Minyip: Sunday 10am
 Murtoa: Sunday Mass Livestream viewing 10.30am
 Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am
 Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am
 Nhill: Sunday LLA 10am

Natimuk: 6.30pm Tues 26th April, venue TBA

Stations of the Cross

For those wishing to participate in the Lenten Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, all are more than welcome to gather in the Horsham Church at 4pm.



RUN FOR THE KIDS; Our Parish Council Chairperson, Justin Amor, is participating in the Run for the Kids this weekend in Melbourne, raising funds for the Good Friday Appeal. If you would like to support Justin in his fundraising efforts, please donate online via <https://runforthekids2021-2022.gofundraise.com.au/page/JUSTINAMOR-24345224>

PEACE IN THE HEART, PEACE IN THE WORLD: A milestone moment of unity and solidarity for Ukraine. Come along and see this online session in the Parish Centre on Thursday 7th April 10.30am-12.30pm. An unforgettable experience!

Position Vacant – Administrative role

A part-time Administrative role is available in our Parish Office (based in Horsham)
 Approx. 20-25 hrs over 3-4 days per week (days negotiable)

For further information please contact the Horsham office: Ph. (03) 5382 1155

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Parish Volunteer Opportunities:

New volunteers are always welcome in all of our Churches.

If you are interested in helping in any particular area, please contact the Horsham office to discuss.

PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please Remember in Your Prayers

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Pope John Paul II, Peter Heenan, Rosaria Zarlenga, Patricia McClusky, John McCluskey, Kenny West and the Dowling family.

SICK: Ken Dowsley, Des Gaynor, Heather McPhee, Shilpa Joe, Elsie Thomas, Marie Tobin, John Hickey, Mary Thompson, Patricia Simpson, Kobe Davidson, Brett Cox, Moira Kelly snr, Graham Klemm, Pat Hateley, Jill & Christie Higginbottom, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Laurie Grayling, Max Young, Joan McNamara and Peter Rafter

Anointing:

On request to Mons. Glynn Murphy or Fr Jim McKay, or please call the Parish Office.

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Confessions:

After Saturday Morning Mass at Horsham Church, or on request to our Priests.

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 are essential-** Phone 53812371 to book.

The Piety Store at the Horsham Church now stocks Easter cards and Majellan Calendars.



Project Compassion 2022:

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.**

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

Morning Craft Group:

Mondays @ Parish Office Meeting Room, 9.30-11.30am.

Meditation Group:

Tuesdays 2pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Choir Practice:

6pm, 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

7.30-8.30am, 3rd Thursday of each month @ the Parish Hall.

Ecumenical-Charismatic Prayer Group:

1.30-3.30pm, Wednesdays @ Parish office meeting room

Saturday Morning Devotions:

8.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lay-led),

8.50am - Rosary and prayers of the Church,

9.30am Saturday Morning Mass

Confessions after Mass.

Note: COVID restrictions, Public Holidays, Seasons and times where the Priest/Organiser is away may cancel the event.

Throughout the season of Lent we have reflected on God making a covenant with Abraham, leading the people of Israel out of their bondage, promising them a new way of life based on the love, mercy, compassion Jesus won for us. These gifts exceed the authority of the old law, which Paul today says is "rubbish" compared with knowing and being united in Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught up in sin to people who are forgiven. In today's Gospel Jesus knew the challenge before him. The people were like a lynch mob with the woman before him, so his words 'let he who is without sin cast the first stone'. May we hear this challenge today and stop any destructive things in word or deed against others, so that we too, like the woman today, can be free to follow where Jesus calls us.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND CARERS:

Compassionate and ever-loving God, You are the source and creator of all healing power. We entrust our sick to your loving care. We pray your blessings upon all in their own homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care. May You be their source of comfort in pain, of hope in times of despair, woundedness or sorrow, their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. Bless them with courage and faith to place their trust in your healing touch and love. Bless caregivers, as channels of your love, they are your hands on earth.

Give them gentleness as they help the sick, give them respect for their dignity and value to You. Give carers and helpers patience and courage as they manage their time, to best serve those who are needful of their care, to continue to serve when weakened by constant demands and when they need your enduring help. Give them love and understanding to be a caring companion, on the path of pain and sadness with the sick. Bless the ministry of those who take Holy Communion to the elderly or sick, in homes or nursing homes.

Making Connections: Have you ever been hasty in your judgement and condemnation of others? Is there someone who is on the outer to whom you can offer support this week?

Did You Know?: Pilgrims who came to Jerusalem for the great festivals and who could not find lodging in the city often stayed the night on the Mount of Olives, just outside the city gates. On the Mount of Olives is a garden area called Gethsemane, which means 'oil press' in Hebrew. The Mount of Olives offered a spectacular view across to the temple.

Symbols and Images: The question posed to Jesus by the Pharisees was meant to trick him. If he condoned her stoning, the act would break Roman law; if he refused to condone it, he would be holding religious law in contempt. In his response, God, in Jesus, is offering a new way. He does not condemn the sinner but invites her to leave her past behind and begin again. The imagery of forgiveness is consistent throughout the Lenten readings.

Daily Prayer: As once in the vision, O God, your prophet summoned the spirit so that dry bones stood up alive, and as once your Son stood fearless at death's door calling Lazarus to come forth alive, raise us up with Christ from the death of sin, that all of us, may be unbound and set free.

Marriage Tip: Thank your spouse for the lifelong journey he or she chose to take with you – just because.

Vocational View: Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
 When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.
 The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad. R.
 Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.
 They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing;
 they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want

only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 With all your heart turn to me,
 for I am tender and compassionate.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Gospel Reflection from Loyola Press:

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death. In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees

change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus. Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This

Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14). Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.