



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 16 February 2020



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Incorporating the Catholic Communities of

Sacred Heart Church, Culgoa

St Michael's Church, Lalbert

St Joseph's Church, Lake Boga

St Joseph's Church, Nandaly

S's Peter & Paul, Quambatook

St Mary's Church, Swan Hill

St Mary's Church, Sea Lake

Notices for Bulletin need to be received at the office by Wednesday morning.

Parish Prayer

God our Father,

Through the intercession of the Holy Family our patron, we pray that you bless this parish so that we may love you more.

Help parents to be a good example to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care; to the sick and the weak grant health; to the aged bring serenity; and to those in sorrow joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily life. Amen.



Recent Deaths

Anniversaries of Death

John Bernard (Bernie) Bell, Jan Bell, Maude Deagan, Kath Ritchie, Ellen Wright, Lorraine Rogers, Barry Power, Jaron Bennett, Adrian Penno, Raffaele Caccavello, James Ryan, Patrick McInerney, Honorah Quirk, Johanna (Josie) King, Mary Doran, Thomas Irwin,

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday: No Mass 5.30pm Swan Hill

Wed: No Mass 10am Swan Hill

Thursday: No Mass Sea Lake

Friday: No Mass 12noon

Layleds will replace masses this week

Weekend Mass Times

St Mary's Swan Hill

Sat 6.30pm Sun 10.30am

St Mary's Sea Lake

Sun 8.30am (1st Sun) 5pm (3rd Sun)

9.30am Assembly (2nd, 4th)

Ecc Ser. (5th) 10am

St Joseph's Lake Boga 8.30am (4th Sun)

St Joseph's Nandaly 5pm (2nd Sun)

9am Assembly (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sun)

Sacred Heart Culgoa 5pm (2nd Friday)

9.30am Assembly (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th)

S's Peter and Paul Quambatook

2nd Sun 8:30am 3rd Sat 6.30pm

1st and 4th Assembly 9:30am

5th Ecc Service 9:30am

St Michael's Lalbert

3rd and 5th Sun 8:30am

1st 2nd and 4th Assembly 9.30am

Schools within the Parish

Primary

St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake

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Sick List

Jarrod Crimmins, Jack Donohue, Sean Carroll, Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis, Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke

Dates to Remember In February .

17-21st Feb: Fr Matt on Retreat

26th Feb: Ash Wednesday

Please note Fr Matt will be joining the clergy of the Diocese for our annual retreat on Monday 17th till Friday 21st in Halls Gap,

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$925.20

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$750.20

Thank you for your generous contribution to the running of the parish and the support of our priests

Saints / Feast Days

This Week

Mon: Seven Founders Of the Order of Servites

Tues: Bl Elisabetta Canori-Mora

Wed: St Barbatus

Thurs: St Margaret of Cortona

Fri: St Peter Damian

Sat: Chair of St Peter

Child Safe Church

Here in the Parish of Holy Family North East Mallee follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office

**National Prayer Campaign
PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND
DROUGHT:**

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our fire ravaged and drought stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock. Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians- Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us



Ash Wednesday 26th February. Lenten Program books can be ordered from the Parish Office; This Year the theme is "*Be Opened- a journey to new life*". Cost \$10.00 Groups and meeting times will be published at a later date.

Leaders for Lent Reflection Groups

If you are interested in leading a reflection group within your community, please contact the office.

Food for Thought:

What do you think Jesus means when he uses the words 'abolish' and 'complete'?

Why is Jesus' combination of both the Law and the Prophets significant?

What do you take from the final teaching about not making oaths; just saying yes or no if you mean it?

What modern interpretation could be used that might better explain one of these laws?

Why do you think it's important to interpret the Bible rather than read it as literal truth?

Jesus wants us to make peace with those who we have wronged

When someone does wrong things against me, I can make peace with them by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can make peace with them by....

EASTER CEREMONIES

Ash Wednesday: Vigil Tuesday 25th Feb 5.30pm Swan Hill
Wednesday: 8.30am MacKillop Staff; 9.15am St Mary's PS Swan Hill School Liturgy; 10.00am Swan Hill Mass; 5.30pm Quambatook, Thursday 27th 10.15am Sea Lake.
Holy Thursday: Sea Lake 10.15am Swan Hill 6.30pm
Good Friday 3.00pm Swan Hill, Sea Lake, Quambatook, 5.00pm Culgoa
Easter Vigil Saturday 6.30pm Swan Hill, Sunday 8.30am Quambatook, 10.30am Swan Hill, 5.00pm Nandaly

Find your way through the maze



CAN YOU HELP
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROSTERS

Are you able to help in any of the following roles:

Proclaimer of the Word; Delivering readings of the day, leading the responsorial psalm and prayers of the faithful.

Generally, 2 people share this role

Eucharistic Minister; Assisting with the distribution of Communion to the congregation.

Offertory Gifts; Bringing the gifts to the altar from the back of the church.

Counting Roster: 2 people per Sunday morning to count and collate the collections from both masses.

Training will be provided.

At the moment most Ministries rotate every 6 weeks.

Please contact the office if you are willing to help or if you are no longer able to assist so that we can adjust our next rosters.

Prayer for Rain:

Loving God, Maker of all things And protector of your people, In you we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, send us the rain we need, and teach us to seek your lasting help on our journey through life. We ask this blessing through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Plenary Council 2020 Update

Six key themes emerged from the 17 ½ thousand individual and group submissions received during

Phase 1: Listening and Dialogue of the Plenary Council 2020. A snapshot and overview of these have been on display at the back of the church and featured in previous bulletins. Parish submissions for

Phase 2: Listening and Discernment, are welcome up until Ash Wednesday, February 26th. This is a communal discernment not individual. If there is sufficient interest, Holy Family Parish will hold Listen and Discernment Experience next week. Up to 2 hours in length.

Clipboards are available at the back of the church for you to write your name if you're interested in participating and could you please also indicate the key theme you're most interested in. Thank you.

1. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising?
2. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?
3. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?
4. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful?
5. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community?
6. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform?

This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sat 6.30pm Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Stacey Pearse Caddie Palmer	Naomi Bowd Kate Quin	TBA	L Graham	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	J Klabbers, M Haeusler, H Lewis +1	S Colombo, R Jager, E Milazzo, Y Richardson, J Renda, + 1	TBA	M Stephenson	
Presentation of Gifts	J & G Klabbers	J Chand		T Nolan	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	Fr Jim	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Grace C Smith			
Counting Team	R Hoare	M Hoare			
Cleaning Team			J Newell & N Summerhayes	Judy	

Next Week's Roster 23rd February

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	T McRae H Hogan	K Quin G Gook	TBA	P Schlitz	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare. B McCartney. C Page. M Foley	F Fogarty. C Alderuccio, K Smith, J Ingram +2	TBA	L Graham	
Presentation of Gifts	Kennedy Family	Bowd Family	n/a	n/a	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	TBA	
Music Ministry	A Woolstencroft	B Murray & A Wright			
Counting Team	P McDonald	K McCosh			
Cleaning Team			J Newell & N Summerhayes	Judy	

First Reading Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus:

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1**(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**Second Reading** 1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

Gospel Mt 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.