



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

1st Sunday of Lent Sunday, 1 March 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

Frank Salvo, Mary Hall, Barry Risdale, Robert Bradley, John O'Brien, Helen Harris, Peter Gaylor, Giovanni & Serina Edera, Libby Dunstone, Michael Nolan, Edna Ryan, Maria & Rosario Guastlegname, Maria Basile, Jack Howley, Tony DeMaio, Norah Walsh, Kelvin Cameron, John Walsh, Ellen Sheehan, Mary Ellen Ryan,

Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: Mass 5.30pm Swan Hill

Wednesday: 10am Swan Hill Lay Lead

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: NO Exposition

Mass 12noon Lay Lead

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)

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

Principal: Kate Nunn

47 Hannon Street, Sea Lake

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Secondary

St Mary MacKillop College

Principal: Michelle Haeusler

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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 March .

1st March: Cuppa after Mass

5th March: Grandparents night St Mary's Primary School. 5.30pm

9th March: Over 60's 1.30pm

14th March: Rosary in the Park 10.00am

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$875.00

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1250.00

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

Saints / Feast Days

This Week

Mon: Bl Agnes of Bohemia

Tues: St Katharine Drexel

Wed: St Casimir

Thurs: St John Joseph of the Cross

Fri: St Colette

Sat: St Perpetua & St Felicity

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



DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT!

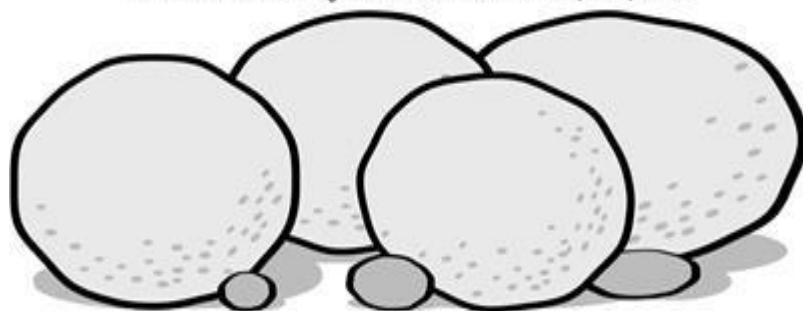
It's not about what you give up, **it's who you become.**

Best Lent Ever is all about how the saints are ready to help you create holy moments and become the-best-version-of-yourself. Every day during Lent you'll receive an email with a short video designed to inspire you and focus you for the day. It's free and easy to sign up. Go to DynamicCatholic.com and enter your name and email address. Give it a go and experience for yourself a 40 day journey of amazing possibilities.

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings at 7pm St Marys Swan Hill, all welcome.

In the desert, Jesus faced some tough choices but was able to make the right ones. What are some of the tough choices that we face in our day to day lives?



How did Jesus respond to temptation?



Take action on climate change

The link below provides information about the current climate change bill and all it involves. The link also provides an opportunity for you to sign a petition in support of the bill. It takes only seconds to show your support of this important response <https://www.climateactnow.com.au>

St Marys Sea Lake

Please note that for the near future St Mary's Sea Lake community have decided not to have lay leads on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The Masses will continue on the 1st Sunday at 8.30am and 3rd Sunday at 5pm.

The Difference You Make

Mercy Connect invites you to a night with Mohamed Semra, a young Sudanese leader working to shatter stigma and misconceptions surrounding African migrants and refugees. The evening is open to all and part of the professional development provided to Mercy Connect Volunteers. Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Sisters of Mercy 151 Victoria Street, Ballarat East at 7.30pm. Please RSVP by March 2, 2020. Any questions and RSVPs to Donna Stewart at Mercy Connect mercyconnectb@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Avoid independence

Today, both Eve and Jesus are tempted to become independent, to turn away from the love of God. In marriage, we can think we have a right to fulfil our own desires without considering our partner, but we need to share these deepest hopes and dreams, and be prepared to hear the impact on our loved one and our relationship.

EASTER CEREMONIES.

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

Food for Thought:

What might it mean that Jesus was 'led by the Spirit out into the wilderness'?

In what way can the temptations Jesus faced be seen as testing his trust in God?

From where do you seek strength and support when your will and commitment are 'tempted'?

How can you become better aware of the way God calls you to live your life?

St Joseph's Church Nullawil Final Mass

All are welcome to attend the Final Mass at St Joseph's Church Nullawil on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 12.30pm. A light luncheon will follow. For further information please contact Kaylene James, ph. 0428 935270.

National Biennial Liturgy Conference

Save the date for the National Biennial Liturgy Conference, March 12-14, 2020 in Parramatta, "Liturgy: Forming a Prayerful and Eucharistic Church." This conference is organised by the National Liturgical Council and National Liturgical Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and aims to provide those working in liturgical ministry in parishes, schools and other communities with enriching opportunities for liturgical education, prayerful celebration, professional networking and fellowship. Keynote presenter is sacramental theologian Fr Paul Turner STD from the USA. Visit the website for more information [bit.ly/nlc2020event]

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.

This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Emma Hoare John Hoare	Jordan Wong E Milazzo	TBA	P Schlitz	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	C Billing, C Hoare, M Derham, T McRae	D Dacey, D Kelly, B Ford, M Kiley, T Brady + 1	TBA	L Graham	
Presentation of Gifts	H Lewis H Magee	G Harrower & T Brady		n/a	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	TBA	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	K Smith & B Grace			
Counting Team	B Ford	P Rosaia			
Cleaning Team			J Newell & N Summerhayes	Judy	

Next Week's Roster 8th March

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Marilyn Foley Rob Waterhouse	Deanne Dacey Tarsha Brady	TBA		No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion			TBA		
Presentation of Gifts			n/a		
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Wood			
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First Reading Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis:

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans:

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free

gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4

Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:8-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9