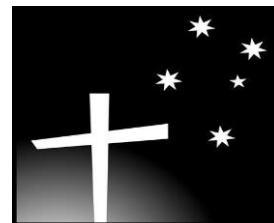




Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 26 January 2020



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Office Hours

Tues, Thurs and Fri

10am -2pm

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Damian and Karen Kelly

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

Noel "Nocka" O'Bree

Cameron Looney

Anniversaries of Death

Fr Joe McMahon, Eugenio Aiello, Lucio Tieri, Murray Drummond, Maria Peluso, Dorothy Patching, Jack & Kath Curran, Peter O'Connor, Marianna Costa, Neil Meyer, Des Byrne, Patrick Feeney, Bridget Supple, Johanna Wise, Rita Stahl,

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wed: 10am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 11am Exposition

12noon Mass

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

Principal: Kate Nunn

47 Hannon Street, Sea Lake

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2 Murlong St Swan Hill

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St Mary MacKillop College

Principal: Michelle Haeusler

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Sick List

Jarrold Crimmins, Jack Donohue,

Sean Carroll, Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis,

Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke



Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$895.20

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1250.20

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

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

Saints / Feast Days

This Week

Mon: St Angela Merici

Tues: St Thomas Aquinas

Wed: St Genevieve

Thurs: St Maria Soledad Torres- Acosta

Fri: St John Bosco

Sat: St Brigid of Ireland

**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 12th 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.

Back
to
School

St Marys Swan Hill

Students return to school Monday 3rd February.

MacKillop College Students

Wednesday 29th January - Year 12 Retreat

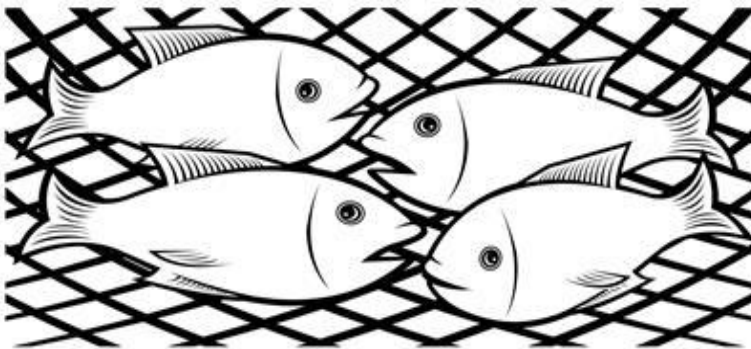
Friday 31st January - Year 7

Monday 3rd February – All year levels commence

St Mary's Sea Lake

Friday 31st January

The disciples were called by Jesus to bring people to God. Inside the fish write down some of the ways that we can bring people to God in our everyday lives.



Food for Thought:

Why does the arrest of John the Baptist appear to be the catalyst for Jesus to begin his ministry?

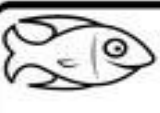

What is significant about the first disciples leaving their livelihoods and leaving their family?

How do you think the families of the first four disciples reacted to them following after Jesus?

When have you 'repented' – changed your mind or attitude about something?

In what ways is Jesus' call to repentance still needed today?

Write down the names of four people you know who follow Jesus. For each person give an example of how they follow Jesus.



Mass Intentions

If people would like a mass offered for someone would they kindly fill in the white mass intention envelope located in the foyer of the church and give to the office or place it on the collection plate. It will then be placed in the diary and a reminder to the family to speak to Fr Matt before mass to let him know that you are present.

CAN YOU HELP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROSTERS

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

**Proclaimer of the Word; Eucharistic Minister;
Offertory Gifts; Counting Roster.**

Due to parishioners unable to continue in their role as ministers because of age, health, moving or death we need more volunteers to assist at weekends. The more offers of help will lessen the load on those already assisting. 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.

St Joseph's Church Nullawil Final Mass

All are welcome to attend the Final Mass at St Joseph's Church Nullawil on Sunday, April 4, 2020 at 12.30pm. A light luncheon will follow. For further information please contact Kaylene James, ph. 0428 935270.

Support those affected by the bushfires

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided information and resources to support those affected by the bushfires and this is available from the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or www.catholic.org.au/bushfires. The diocesan website also has media releases from Catholic Mission and Caritas regarding ways they are supporting those in bushfire affected areas. St Vincent de Paul is collecting donations for the "Vinnies Bushfire Appeal" at www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw. Please be assured that all donations from Victoria will be directed to Victorians.

Leaders for Lent Reflection Groups

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

This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Emma & John Hoare	Deanne Dacey Tarsha Brady	TBA	J Cameron	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare, C Page B McCartney, H Lewis	S Colombo, R Jager, E Milazzo, J Renda Y Richardson +1	TBA	L Graham	
Presentation of Gifts	M Haeusler B Ryan	A Patney J Jenkins			
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	TBA	
Music Ministry	A Woolstencroft	J Farrell			
Counting Team	J Ingram	Y Richardson			
Cleaning Team			J Newell & N Summerhayes	Donna	

Next Week's Roster 2nd 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	Catherine Smith Chris Mitchell	Y Richardson D Kelly	TBA	N Ryan	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	J Kladders, M Haeusler, H Lewis, B McCartney	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio, K Smith, J Ingram + 2	TBA	V Bourke	
Presentation of Gifts	S & J Noonan	H Meehan, M Kennon		n/a	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	TBA	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Murray & B Grace			
Counting Team	K & G Smith	P Coady			
Cleaning Team			J Newell & N Summerhayes	Donna	

First Reading Is 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Mal 3:1-4

Second Reading: Heb 2:14-18

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

Gospel Mt 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of
death

a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

From the perspective of ... The first called

What must it have been like for those first four disciples Jesus called? The fact that they were fishing means that they had not been chosen to continue studying the Torah beyond childhood and had not been chosen by a rabbi to be his followers. Even as young men, these four were has-beens and had no hope of a rabbi asking them to be his disciples. Suddenly, Jesus appears and calls them to follow him. A life that had passed them by suddenly opened up before them! Of course they dropped everything and followed.

MARRIAGE MATTERS God has a stake in our marriage

Today, we see two aspects of God's plan for our marriage: '... (I will make) their joy increase' (Isaiah) and 'I will make you fishers of men' (Matthew). God wants us to make our love for each other as close to Jesus' love for us as possible, that all whose lives we touch might experience how much God loves them.