



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, 29 December 2019



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Office Hours

Tues, Thurs and Fri

10am -2pm

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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

Patricia Wallace

Maggie Stacey

Anniversaries of Death

Paul Peluso, Mark Dacey, Eileen Watson,

Nicholas Bruton, Maria Mirabito,

Bill Smith, Giuseppina Abate, Maria

Columbro, Jane Hinton, Margaret Mason,

Joe Mammone, David Neild, Len Day, Glad

Howley, Enerst & Alice Gleeson, Paul Dutto,

Tom Turner, Ray Leschke, Margaret

Johnson, Marie Barry, Kenneth McManus,

Dorothy Tuohey,

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wed: 10am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: No 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

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Sick List

Jarrold Crimmins, Jack Donohue,
Sean Carroll, Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis,
Yvonne Annan,

Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make the Christmas Masses a prayerful and joyful celebration of Christ's birth. I trust and pray that you all experienced God's gift of love with your families and friends.

Thanks

Fr Matt

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$985.20

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1202.30

Christmas Collection \$2421.05

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

Fr Matt will be away from Wednesday 1st after mass until Wednesday the 8th, so there will be no weekday masses and lay lead during the weekend.

Saints / Feast Days

This Week

Mon: Bl Vicente Vilar David

Tues: St Sylvester 1

Wed: Mary Mother of God

Thurs: Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Fri: Holy Name of Jesus

Sat: St Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

A		G		L		Q		V	
B		H		M		R		W	
C		I		N		S		X	
D		J		O		T		Y	
E		K		P		U		Z	
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Have you thought? Holy refugees

When they fled Israel and sought safety in Egypt, Jesus and his family became refugees. They fled their own country because of fears that they would be sought out by the ruling military forces and that Jesus, if not all of them, would be put to death. What might have happened if Egypt had denied them access or kept them locked up interminably in a detention centre? Was the plight of this holy family really very different from the situations faced by so many families today who flee their war-torn and oppressive countries to seek refuge and safety in a new land?

Food for Thought

What emotions might Joseph and Mary have experienced in this episode?

What sort of man does Joseph appear to be from his depiction in this passage?

How would you feel if your family was forced to flee your home for another country?

How do/could you show your family that they are important to you?

In what ways should this story inform Christian attitudes towards modern-day refugees?

I love my family



Joseph was willing to protect his family because he loved them and he loved God. Who are some of the members of your family and how can you show that you love them?

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Draw the angel speaking to Joseph in his dream.



National Prayer Campaign

for the gift of rain, for the people affected by drought, for support services.

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 drought stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

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 and 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

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.

Christmas Message

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry and holy Christmas. I hope and pray that this time of year is a great time for you and your families. Through the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, may we all be open to the love that God has for each of us.

This is normally a time of gathering with family and friends, I ask that we spend a little time in reflection for those who do not have anyone to gather with. We pray for the families who have had a recent death that this Christmas they feel God's love and support at this time.

As we share in the meals and gathering with friends and love ones may we cherish what it is to be a child of God.

God blessing be with you all today and always,

Fr Matthew

Columban Calendars and Majellan Christmas Cards

2020 Columban calendars are available for \$8 and Majellan Christmas cards \$10 pack of 10 available from the parish office or for country centres the sacristy.



We welcome through Baptism into our parish family and the faith community:

Domenica Costa

child of Joseph and Michaela and

Lucas Costa

child of Domenic and Jodie

Break in at Presbytery

Last Sunday during the 10.30am mass the Presbytery was broken in to and money was taken, if anyone saw anything or knows anything could they please let me know. We know it was a lady as she was spotted.

Thanks Fr Matt



This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 10.00am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word		Y Richardson D Kelly	ECUMENICAL SERVICE	ECUMENICAL SERVICE	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare, C Page B McCartney, H Lewis	D Dacey, D Kelly, B Ford, M Kiley, T Brady.			
Presentation of Gifts	J & E Elliott	H Tuntar L Slattery		n/a	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		TBA	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Grace & C Smith	M Dorigo		
Counting Team	B Ford	P Rosaia			
Cleaning Team			T Tait & B Alday	Glenda	

Next Week's Roster 5th January

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	B Grace B Patterson	J Wong E Milazzo		T Nolan M Stephenson	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	J Kladders, J Forster, K Hoare, M Foley	S Colombo, R Jager, Y Richardson, J Renda E Milazzo +1		V Bourke	
Presentation of Gifts	Pham Family	K & G Smith		n/a	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		TBA	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Grace			
Counting Team	C Billing	J Taverna			
Cleaning Team			T Tait & B Alday	Donna	

First Reading Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus:

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading Col 3:12-21

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

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:13-15. 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Next Week's Readings:**

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

Parish Office hours

Please note that during January the office might be opened during different hours, please send any bulletin notice via email and do leave voice messages on the phone answering machine as this will be checked at different times.