



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 2 August 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

Janet Bradford, Margaret Elliott, Rosa Puglisi

Anniversaries

Ian Thomson, Noel Hickey, Bill Woodhouse, Mark McMahon, Jack McMahon, Tom Nolan, Anna Mancinelli, Jim Shepherd, Luigi Dutto, John Joseph Bell, Bryan Grumley, Veronica Butler, John Phyland, Matthew Noone, Honora Bunworth, Edward Fitzgerald, Sr Claire Schlitz, John Cummins, Jim O'Meara,

Masses this coming week

Weekdays 3rd-7th August

(no need to book in)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 5:30pm Swan Hill

Wednesday: 10.00am Swan Hill

Thursday: 10:15am Sea Lake

5pm Confession Swan Hill

5:30pm Mass Swan Hill

(Feast of the Transfiguration)

Friday: 12pm Swan Hill

5pm Culgoa

Weekend Masses: 8/9th August

(please book in as per notice)

Saturday:

9:30am Swan Hill

(For Feast of St Mary MacKillop)

Vigil Mass

5pm Swan Hill

6:30pm Swan Hill

Sunday

8.30am Quambatook

10:30am Swan Hill

5.00pm Nandaly

Schools within the Parish

Primary

St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake

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St Mary MacKillop College

Principal: Michelle Haeusler

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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

Sick List

Jarrold Crimmins, Jack Donohue, Sean Carroll, Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis, Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke Chris Hall, Allan Mathews.

During these difficult times your continued donations to the presbytery and parish support are greatly appreciated.

If you wish to drop off your stewardship envelopes please leave under door at Parish office or drop off on a Tuesday or Friday.

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

Thank you for your generous contribution to the running of the parish and the support of our priests during this difficult time, through your direct deposits, or dropping off at the office. It is greatly appreciated.

Saints / Feast Days

This Week

Mon: St Philip Benizi

Tues: St John Mary Vianney

Wed: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Thurs: Transfiguration of the Lord

Fri: St Cajetan

Sat: St Mary MacKillop

The Parish Collections We have had people enquire about how they can contribute to the normal collections.

The First Collection - This looks after Fr James and the running of the Presbytery, this collection is normally taken up first and in the past has been via cash, with the current situation you may wish to contribute to this by either dropping money into the office on a Tues or Fri or you can direct debit to the account.

Name Holy Family Parish BSB- 083874 Account No. 30-816-7018

The Second Collection- this is for the running of the parish, most people either use plan giving envelopes or direct debit, if you would like to contribute to this one the details are

Name: Holy Family Parish BSB 083874 Account No. 30-806-2531

If using direct deposit, please make sure you put your name in the reference box.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

What are three different emotions Jesus might have experienced in the course of this passage?

Why might the people have been so determined in following Jesus?

How might the disciples have felt when Jesus told them to feed the loaves and fish to the people?

What message can you take from this passage that is applicable today?

What is the difference between the reaction of the disciples and the reaction of Jesus to the crowd?

When have you had to respond to the needs of others when you just wanted time alone?

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

This Saturday the 8th August we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. This is a special feast for the Church here in Australia, and of course the Feast Day of Mackillop College. We will keep them all especially in our prayers this week as they celebrate the life of a truly remarkable saint.

We will include the readings for her Feast on next week's bulletin. I will also celebrate her Feast Mass on Saturday morning at 9:30am in Swan Hill. Given the limits on numbers, if you would like to come please ring into the Parish Office from Tuesday.

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can."



Reminder of COVID 19 Precautions

The national situation shows that we still need to remain vigilant. Please continue to take seriously the recommended precautions. Just to be clear, when we gather for Mass we must;

- Maintain social distancing (at least 1.5m from each other)
- Sanitise our hands as we enter
- Avoid contact (no shaking hands)
- Sign in our names each visit

I know we like to sit near our friends. And in other circumstances I would encourage it. But we really do need to give each other plenty of room as we enter and exit the Church, as we approach for Holy Communion and in the choice of where we sit. Further to these precautions, please stay at home if you are feeling at all sick.

*** FURTHER UPDATE: as from Monday 3rd August wearing of face masks in public is compulsory across all Victoria. This means we will have to wear masks at Mass or when visiting the church.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Feeding of the Hungry Crowd

Note the disciples' reaction to the plight of the hungry crowd: 'Send the people away so that *they* can buy.' The disciples have gone for the fix which puts no responsibility on them. They are willing to entrust the hungry crowd to market forces. Those with money can eat: those without, can't. For the disciples, money and commerce are the answers to hunger.

Jesus rejects that solution. 'There is no need for them to go; *give* them something to eat yourselves.' The solution to the hunger of that crowd was to give generously what little the disciples had. What they could have kept for themselves was to become gift. Once the disciples were in Jesus' frame of mind, the hunger of the crowd was satisfied. How did this come about? The answer lay in human cooperation with the impulse of Divine generosity which knows no limits. The story simply says that Jesus blessed and broke the loaves 'and handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowd.' Jesus depended on the disciples to obey him: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'.

Jesus still looks with gut-wrenching compassion on those who are hungry in our own society and throughout the world. If we answer that market forces will suffice, Jesus will reject our answer as decisively as he rejected the answer of his earliest disciples. We have to take responsibility to share what we have, to be generous with what we have. After all, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, *commands* us: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. Note how Jesus blessed those loaves and broke them before they were distributed, which reminds us of the words of Pedro Arrupe, former General of the Jesuits, 'Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world.'

We could pause for a moment at Mass to ask: Who are those hungry people crowding in on us, and then pray that we may respond to them as our Lord commanded, so that the hungers of the crowd, and our hunger to really follow our Lord, *will be satisfied*.

© Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is currently Vicar General in the Archdiocese and is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law



With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions

MASS IS RESUMING BUT WITH RESTRICTIONS:

From now on we will be celebrating weekend Masses. Next weekend, the 8/9th August will be according to our usual roster for the 2nd Sunday of the month.

To help accommodate some extra numbers, Fr James will also temporarily offer an extra Mass in Swan Hill every Saturday at 5.00pm, and on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month at 5pm

BUT

According to Victorian Governments directions
only **20** worshippers can attend each service

SO

For Swan Hill, please book your seat **each week** by **Phone ONLY** from **TUESDAY** onwards
by contacting

the Parish Office on 50324144 **after** 10.30am.

Our country churches have been contacted and will make their own arrangements for their scheduled Masses

Sunday Readings

First Reading Is 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost,
wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not
bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to
eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to
me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will
make an everlasting covenant out of the favours
promised to David.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger,
abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give
them their food in due time. You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his
deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from
their hearts.

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Second Reading Rom 8:35. 37-39

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

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted,
or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even
attacked. These are the trials through which we
triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel,
no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not
any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing,
can ever come between us and the love of God made
visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on
every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where
they could be by themselves. But the people heard
of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot.
So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and
he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped
by; so send the people away, and they can go to the
villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus
replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them
something to eat yourselves.' But they answered,
'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.'
'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders
that the people were to sit down on the grass; then
he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his
eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking
the loaves he handed them to his disciples who
gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as
they wanted, and they collected the scraps
remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate
numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing
of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5

Gospel: Mt 14:22-33

