



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 9 February 2020



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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

Wilma Woodburn

Bill Hogan

Bryan Hogan

Anniversaries of Death

Lorraine Kiley, Kath Ritchie, Max Proctor,

Lorraine Rogers, Judith O'Brien,

Laurie Di Palma

Adrien Penno, Ron Free, Vincenzo Iannuci,

Edward Fitzgerald, Darren McKenzie,

James Elliott,

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday:

9.15am St Mary Swan Hill PS

5.30pm Swan Hill

Wed: 10am Swan Hill

Thursday: 10.15am Sea Lake

Friday:

12.15 Mackillop College

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

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St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill

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St Mary MacKillop College

Principal: Michelle Haeusler

53 McCrae Street, Swan Hill

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Sick List

Jarrold Crimmins, Jack Donohue,

Sean Carroll, Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis,

Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke

Dates to Remember In February .

10th Feb: Monday Over 60's 1.30pm

And Baptism Preparation Program. 7.00pm

11th Feb: Tues: 9.15am St Mary Swan Hill PS

14th Feb: Fri: MacKillop Opening School Mass

12.15pm

26th Feb: Ash Wednesday

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$895.00

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1020.50

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 Scholastica

Tues: Our Lady of Lourdes

Wed: St Meletius

Thurs: St Catherine of Ricci

Fri: St Cyril & St Methodius

Sat: St Faustinus & St Jovita

**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.

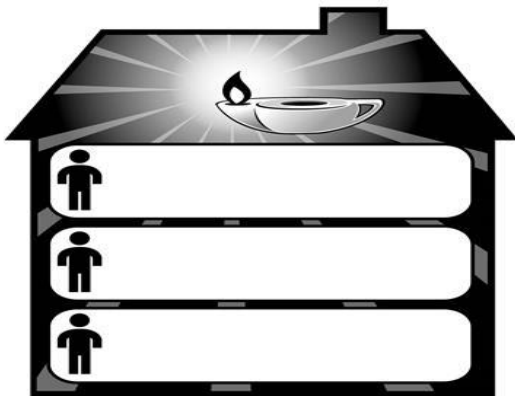


We welcome through Baptism into our parish family and the faith community:

Evie Johnson

child of Andrew & Jessica

Baptism Preparation –This Monday 10th February at 7.00pm. If you are having your child baptised in March or April now is the time to attend.



Write down a way you can let your light shine for each person in this house?

Food for Thought:

Which phrase from today's gospel or idea from the gospel reflection capture your attention?

How would you describe what it means to be salt of the earth or light of the world?

What can you do to be salt and light – an example – for others?

Who do you know personally that you would describe as a light for others?

What challenge for your own actions do you find in today's gospel?

In what way/s have you seen this familiar passage with new eyes today?

Unscramble and decipher these tiles to reveal one of Jesus' sayings from this week's Gospel.

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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.

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.

Plenary Council 2020 Update - Listening and Dialogue diocesan reports published

A report of the responses from the Ballarat Diocese to the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council has been published. Click here to access this report <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/feature-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=1745&categoryId=101>

Bushfire Appeal – a message from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Special collections at Masses across the country on the Australia Day weekend have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support people and communities affected by the devastating bushfires. This is one part of a multi-dimensional response of the Catholic community across the nation to this situation. Catholic Emergency Relief Australia (CERA) is a new collaboration of national Catholic organisations that will help coordinate the Church's ongoing response to the bushfire crisis and future domestic natural disasters. Find out more at www.cera.catholic.org.au

This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	M Hoare M Nolan	J Wong E Milazzo	TBA	T Nolan M Stephenson	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	M Derham, T McRae K Hoare, C Billing	D Dacey, D Kelly, B Ford M Kiley, T Brady, A Gilmour	TBA	T Nolan	
Presentation of Gifts	S & J Noonan	H Tuntar L Slattery		T Nolan	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	Fr Matt	
Music Ministry	A Woolstencroft	B Wood			
Counting Team	V & K Dullard	N Dullard			
Cleaning Team			J Newell & N Summerhayes	Judy	

Next Week's Roster 16th February

	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	n/a	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	

First Reading Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory.

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light *for* the world.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Unity is the key

When we married, a new flame was lit in our Church, signified by the lighting of a new candle as we made our vows and became "Little Church" together. Now, as we think of our life up to now, we can see how our love has been reflected on to our children, our family and our Church community.