



# 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Sunday, 4 November 2018



# Holy Family Parish North East Mallee

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Notices for Bulletin need to be received at the office by Wednesday morning.

### Office Hours

Tues, Thurs and Fri

10am -2pm

### Parish Admin Officer:

Glenda Klabbers

Mary Kennedy

### Child Protection

#### Officers:

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday Funeral 10.30am Mrs Eustace

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wed: 10.00am

Thursday: 10.15 am Sea Lake

Friday: 12.00 noon Swan Hill

Exposition 11.00am

5pm Culgoa

(When there is no Mass, a lay Lead will take place instead)

### 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.



We welcome through Baptism into the Faith Community Emily Tonkin child of Aaron and Rachel, and Eva Violi child of Don and Cathy.

### A Dinner to Celebrate

#### Women's Diversity

Valuing every woman as a theme the International Ladies Group has organised a dinner Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Start at the Parish Function Centre Swan Hill Tickets \$20 for a 2 course meal Contact Zah 0467658612 Ahkwilan: 0401664339

### Saints / Feast Days This Week

Mon: St Bertilla  
Tues: St Theophane Venard  
Wed: Bl Giuseppe Tovini  
Thurs: St Phillip Howard  
Fri: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Sat: St Leo the Great.

### Finances

1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Support Clergy) \$985.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish Support) Including C/Cards and D/Debt \$1553.00

### Weekend Mass Times

#### St Mary's Swan Hill

Sat 6.30pm Sun 10.30am

#### St Mary's Sea Lake

Sun 8.30am (1<sup>st</sup> Sun) 5pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)

9.30am Assembly (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>)

Ecc Ser. (5<sup>th</sup>) 10am

#### St Joseph's Lake Boga 8.30am (4<sup>th</sup> Sun)

#### St Joseph's Nandaly 5pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)

9am Assembly (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sun)

#### Sacred Heart Culgoa 5pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday)

9.30am Assembly (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>)

#### S's Peter and Paul Quambatook

2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 8:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat 6pm

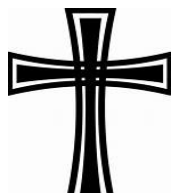
1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly 9:30am

5<sup>th</sup> Ecc Service 9:30am

#### St Michael's Lalbert

3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sun 8:30am

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly



### Recent Deaths

Mary Phyland (Ballarat)  
Jean Eustace

### Anniversaries of Death

Patricia O'Loughlin, Sr Rita Hayes, Dick Livingston, John Hayes, Cliff Hinton, Joe Wilkins, Bernie Conway, Bernie Maher, Robert Isgro, Phillip Clarke, Elsie Wright, Norah Hogan, Thomas Meehan, Francis Walsh, Keith Rowe Cecil Learmonth, Michele Costa, Hugh Foott, William O'Brien, Les Johnston, Ashley Maher, Jean McInerney, James Gleeson, Claire Dunstan, Jack McGrath, Lucille Nolan,

### Sick List

Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis, Jarrod Crimmins, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Chris Mullins, Leo Kiley, Tim Coffe,

### St Mary MacKillop College

Principal: Michelle Haeusler  
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### St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake

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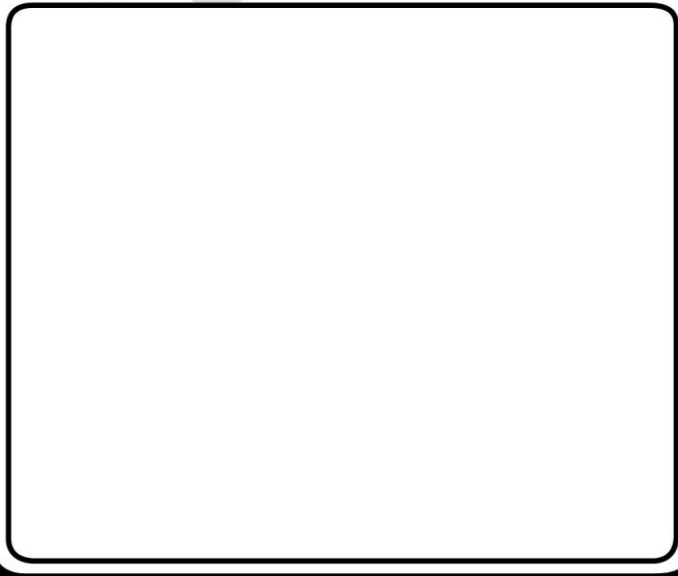
### St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill

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**Whenever we show kindness, love and respect for others, we are loving God. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows love for God.**



Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

- love
- second
- God
- answered
- yourself
- teacher
- heart
- first
- asked
- commandment

An expert in the Jewish law \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, "\_\_\_\_\_, what is the most important \_\_\_\_\_?"



Jesus \_\_\_\_\_: "Love the Lord your \_\_\_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_, soul and mind." This is the \_\_\_\_\_ and most important commandment. The \_\_\_\_\_ is like it: "\_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor as much as you love \_\_\_\_\_".



**Plenary Council 2020 - Listening and Dialogue Encounters**

All are invited to participate in the *Listening and Dialogue* process to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda. All of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Questions for individuals or groups:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Please submit your responses by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at [www.plenarycouncil.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.org.au)

I would ask you to consider these questions and in a couple of weeks we will have time for small groups to gather and discuss, this will enable people to think about and reflect upon their responses.

**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

**Food for Thought**

- Q. How do you think Jesus would have felt when he first saw the scribe approach him?
- Q. Of all the commandments, why does Jesus name these two as first and second?
- Q. What does it mean to love your neighbour as yourself?
- Q. How might we better define 'neighbour'?
- Q. Who is a 'neighbour' you need to show more love towards?

**LIVING THE GOSPEL – LOVE** Jesus reminds us 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' There's an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

**November Memorial Services at the Cemeteries**

Culgoa	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm (after 5pm Mass)
Nandaly	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4.30pm
Lalbert	TBC
Quambatook	TBC
Swan Hill	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 5.45pm
Sea Lake	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 11am (After 10.15 Mass)

**Catholic Theological College 2019 Study Tour**

The CTC 2019 Study Tour 'Footsteps of Faith: Encountering the Christian Tradition' will be held from September 19 – October 15, 2019 to Ireland England and Italy. Tour Leaders include Rev Dr Max Vodola, Dr Frances Baker rsm, and Rev Prof Austin Cooper omi AM. Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 4.00pm – 6.00 pm and Saturday, November 24, 2018 from 11.00am - 1.00pm. RSVP to Jenny Delahunt, ph. 9412 3314 or email [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au). Further details available from the College website <http://www.ctc.edu.au/studytours>. Flyer attached.



**'I love you Lord, my strength'**

**Ps 17:**

### **Plenary Council Preparations in Ballarat Diocese Update**

The Ballarat Diocese is holding Gatherings as part of preparations for Plenary Council 2020. Representatives from Parishes, school communities, Catholic organisations and all others who might be interested, are invited to attend. The gatherings provide an opportunity to hear from and meet Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team. Details of gatherings are attached and also on website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7125.

### **Palms are looking for fresh volunteers to send out in 2019!**

Spring has sprung and at Palms, we are looking for some fresh volunteers to send out in 2019. If you are looking for a change of routine, or know someone who is, check out our current opportunities at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### **Columban Calendars**

2019 Columban are available to be purchased they are \$10 each either from the Parish Office in Swan Hill or in the sacristy's at each of the churches.

### **Pastoral Care Practitioner Vacancies**

Catholic Care are currently seeking to fill two ongoing Pastoral Care Practitioner vacancies at Hopkins Correctional Centre Ararat and Langi Kal Kal Prison Beaufort (re-advertised). More information is available from Catholic Care website <http://www.ccam.org.au/page/58/careers>



### **November Month of Remembrance**

During the month of November, we celebrate and remember those members of our families, and communities who have died. We do this in many ways, you can write the name of your loved ones into the book of remembrance at each church, you could have a mass said for them (there are yellow November Mass envelopes in the church's) these envelopes can be placed in the collection plates. You could attend one of the cemetery services as well.

### **St Vinnies – Good Kitchen**

Free meals will be served in the Parish Function Centre from 6pm -8pm on a Tuesday night. This is a great opportunity for the community to come together and to have a meal with other people. All welcome to attend.

### **Bulletin**

If you would like the bulletin to be emailed to you, would you please email the office [northeastmallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:northeastmallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **This Weekends Roster**

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am (A) Quambatook	Sun 9.30am(A) Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Catherine Smith Chris Mitchell	Yvonne Richardson	Jim McInerney	Terry Nolan Maris Stephenson	Brian G
Minsters of Communion	M Derham, M Foley D & R Devereux	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio E Balsarini, K Smith, J Ingram	Nancy Summerhayes	Maris Stephenson	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	M Haeusler B Ryan	B Murray B Croft		N/A	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	Helen & Lorna
Music Ministry	J Taverna	John Farrell	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	P McDonald	Kerry McCosh			
Cleaning Team				Judy	Lorna

### **Next Week's Roster 11<sup>th</sup> November**

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Sun 9.30am (A) Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Emma & John Hoare	Kate Quinn Ginny Gook	TBA	Peter Schiltz	Brian
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare, H Lewis B McCartney C Page	D bishop, D Kelly R O'Halloran, B Ford +2	Maureen Allen	Verna Bourke	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	John & Kathy Noble	Robertson Family		Glenda Cummins	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Jenny Newell	Fr Matt	Janine & Peter
Music Ministry	J Taverna	Brian Wood	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	C Livingston	H Dean			
Cleaning Team				Judy	Helen

**FIRST READING** *Dt 6:2-6*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
 Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R.v.2*

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed.

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

**SECOND READING** *Heb 7:23-28*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

*The Word of the Lord*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Jn 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia

**GOSPEL** *Mk 12:28-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Next Week's Readings**

First: 1 Kgs 17:10-16

Second: Heb 9:24-28

Gospel: Mk 12:38-44