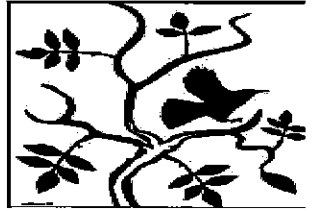




St Mary's Parish Swan Hill
St Mary's Parish Sea Lake
St Peter and Paul's Parish Quambatook



Parish Newsletter 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday, 17 June 2018

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 Tues and Fri 10am -2pm
Parish Admin Officer:
 Glenda Klabbers
Child Protection Officers:
 Damian and Karen Kelly

**Our Diocesan
 Community & Plenary
 Council Prayer Cards** are
 in the foyer

**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.

Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Paul we welcome you to the parishes of Swan Hill,
 Sea Lake and Quambatook this weekend.

We as parishioners hope that your visit to the parish is
 spiritually uplifting and allows you to journey
 with us in faith as we grow stronger
 in God's love.

May God continue to bless you in your
 Ministry of leadership and service.



Weekday Masses

Tuesday: No Mass
 Wed: 12.00 am Swan Hill -Hearts & Hands
 MacKillop College
 Thursday: 10.15 am Sea Lake
 Friday: 12.00 noon Swan Hill
 Exposition 11.00am

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)
 \$780.80
 2nd Collection (Parish Support)
 Including C/Cards and D/Debt
 \$1185.95

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.

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 7pm
 1st and 4th Assembly 9:30am
 5th Ecc Service 9:30am
St Michal's Lalbert
 3rd and 5th Sun 8:30am
 1st 2nd and 4th Assembly



Recent Deaths

Anniversaries of Death

Des O'Sullivan, Anne Walsh, Robert Day, Barry
 Jennings, Alice Kelly, Emelai & Antonio Rullo,
 Mary & Peter Conheady, Esther Moyle, Mary
 Flannery, Isabella Rinaldi, Margaret Cloonan,
 Ellen Giddings, Dennis O'Meara, Francis
 Loughran, Leo McLoughlan.

Sick List

Erin Coburn, Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis,
 Jarrod Crimmins, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy,
 Simon Meehan,

St Mary MacKillop College

Principal: Michelle Haeusler
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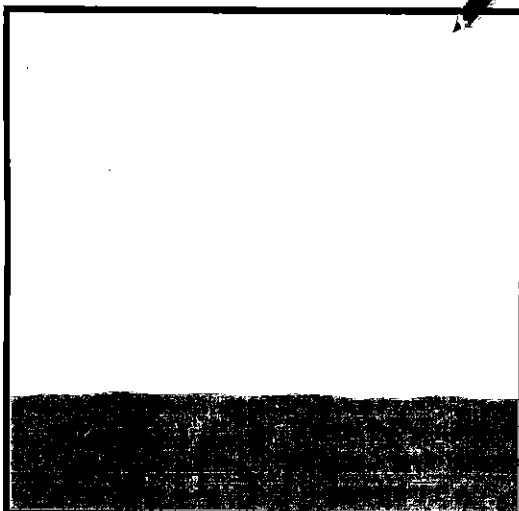
St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill

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The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed; the smallest of all seeds.



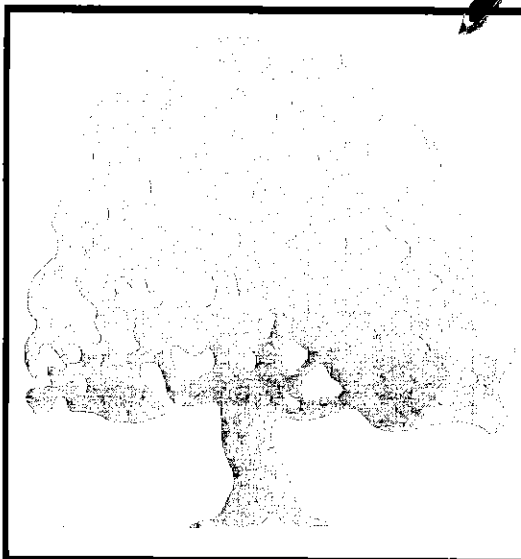
Draw yourself planting some mustard seeds into the soil.



Yet it grows to become the biggest of all shrubs, with large branches for birds to make their nests.



Draw some birds making their nests in the tree.



Child Safe Church

Here in the Parishes of Swan Hill, Sea Lake and Quambatook we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office

Calendar

15th June Bishops Visit
16th June: Cuppa after 6.30pm Mass with the Bishop
17th June: cuppa after Mass
20th June Parish Council Swan Hill 6.00pm
June 25th: Baptism Preparation, 7.00pm Parish Function Centre
July 15th Italian Festa

Seminary Raffle

The annual Corpus Christi College raffle is on again. Tickets can be purchased online. Follow the "Our College" link at www.corpuschristicollege.org.au

Seed on the land

The first parable in the gospel passage describes the unerring work of the kingdom. It is like the seed that almost magically transforms into a fully grown plant that may be harvested – apparently without any external forces. Of course, we know that plants need to be fed, watered, weeded and nurtured to ensure their proper growth. However, the kingdom of God works in our lives in a similar way – if we feed and nurture it, the kingdom will produce a great harvest. Even if we don't pay it attention, the kingdom is present and acting in our world.

Food for thought:

What comparison is being made between the kingdom of God and the seed growing night and day?
 What is a literal interpretation of the parable of the mustard seed?
 How does knowing some of the social context of a passage help in understanding and interpreting?
 Why do you think Jesus so often taught through parables?
 Why might Jesus have avoided a direct description of the kingdom of God?

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"God alone can give us true happiness. It's useless wasting time looking for it elsewhere: in wealth, pleasure, and power."

A VOCATION VIEW

Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body: to become Christ-like ... purified ... ready to serve. Pray for Vocations.

In the footsteps of Mary Mackillop. 2018 National Pilgrimage.

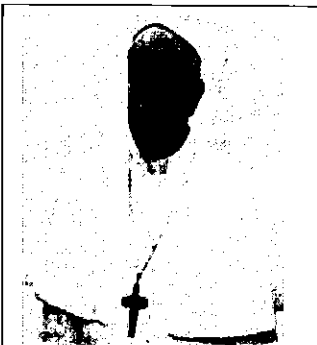
The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join them, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made Holy by St Mary. Commencing Melbourne 23rd Oct, travel through Vic and SA, conclude in Sydney 3rd Nov. **Cost \$3,230.**
national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or

Saints / Feast Days This Week

Mon: St Gregory Babarigo
 Tues: St Romuald
 Wed: Blessed Michelina of Pesaro
 Thurs: St Aloysius Gonzaga
 Fri: St John Fisher & St Thomas More
 Sat: St Paulinus of Nola

Catholic Synod in Australia.

The official launch will be on Pentecost Sunday 2018. That will begin a year of consultation through diocesan and parishes to enable through these sessions with the people to advise the bishops on how to move in the future.



Catholic Professional Standards Ltd - Consultation Forums with Survivors, their Families and Advocates

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Consultation will be held in Ballarat on Friday, June 15 from 11.00am - 1.00pm at Royal Craig's Hotel. For more information and to register: www.cpsltd.org.au/news-and-media/survivor-families-advocates-consultation-forums/

Bishops Visitation to the Parish

15th June (Friday)

9.am – 9.30am Private Meeting
 10am Logan Lodge
 11.45 Benediction
 Noon – Mass
 2-5pm Home Visitations (2-3 Parishioners)
 Dinner

16th June (Saturday)

9am Private Meetings
 10am Rosary in the Park
 After lunch
 3-5pm Home Visitations (2-3 Parishioners)
 Mass – Swan Hill
 Dinner

17th June (Sunday)

8.30am Mass Lalbert
 10.30am Mass Swan Hill
 Lunch
 4pm Mass Sea Lake
 Dinner with the Sea Lake Community and school visit

18th June (Monday)

9am – 12 noon St Mary's PS Swan Hill
 12.30-3.30pm St Mary Mackillop College
 4.30pm Depart

WYD 2019 Pilgrimage to Panama – call for pilgrims!

Are you interested in being part of the Ballarat Diocese World Youth Day Pilgrimage (18-35 yo) to Panama in January 2019? Please send an email expressing your interest to youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Save the Date - **BBI-ACBC eConference**

(Aust Bishops Conference)

The 14th National BBI-ACBC eConference will be held on August 8, 2018 from 10.00am – 2.05pm, "Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change". Registrations will be open soon.

St Joseph's Church Nullawil 90th Anniversary

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will celebrate Mass on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at St Joseph's Church, Nullawil for the 90th Anniversary of the Church. Mass will begin at 11.00am, followed by a luncheon at Aushmore Museum, Quambatook Road, Nullawil. Payment on the day for lunch: 16 and over - \$20, high school students - \$10.00, primary students - \$5.00. Please rsvp for catering purposes to Kaylene James, ph. 0428 935 270 or Joan Smith, ajsmith@ativ8.net.au

Date Saver – Youth Festivals!

Ballarat Diocese is holding 3 x day-long Festivals for youth and young adults 15-30yo. Sundays 5 August, 2 September, 25 November. Free! This is an initiative for the Year of Youth - *Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy!* More details soon & checkout www.ballarat.catholic.org.au youth web pages.

This Weekends Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 5.00pm Sea Lake	Sat 7.00pm Quambatook	Sun 8.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Chris Mitchell Catherine Smith	St Marys Year 6	TBA	Judy Cameron Nyrie Ryan	Brian G
Minsters of Communion	J Klabbers, L Wood, K Hoare, B Grace	D Bishop, R O'Halloran, D Kelly, B Ford, J Meehan	Maria Dorigo	Maris Stephenson +1	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	J & G Klabbers	St Marys Year 6		Terry Nolan	Brian G Lorna
Leader	Bishop Paul	Bishop Paul	Bishop Paul	Fr Peter	Bishop Paul
Music Ministry	Brian Wood	St Marys Yr 6			
Counting Team	P McDonald	K McCosh			
Cleaning Team			S McClelland, T Symes	Glenda	Lorna

Next Week's Roster 24th June

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am (A) Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am (A) Quambatook	Sun 9.30am (A) Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Emma Hoare John Hoare	Naomi Bowd Helen Dean	Jim McInerney	Nyrie Ryan Judy Cameron	Brian G
Minsters of Communion	U Phyland, T McRae J Klabbers, M Haeusler,	S Colombo, R Jager, E Milazzo, Y Richardson, J Renda	Marg Rinaldi	Verna Bourke	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	B McCartney C Billing'	J & H Meehan			
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	J Newell	TBA	Janine & Peter
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Murray & B Grace			
Counting Team	C Livingston	H Dean			
Cleaning Team			S McClelland, T Symes	Glenda	Helen

FIRST READING Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 2 Cor 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad. *The Word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!



*We welcome through Baptism
into the Faith Community
Anastasia McKerrow child of
Colin and Veronica.*

GOSPEL Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

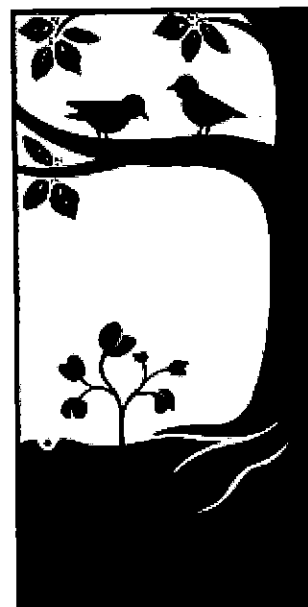
Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone. *The Gospel of the Lord*

Next Week's Readings

First: Is 49:1-6

Second: Acts 13:22-26

Gospel: Lk 1:57-66. 80



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