



The Epiphany

Sunday, 6 January 2019



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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

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass
Tuesday: No Mass L/Lead
Wed: No Mass L/Lead
Thursday: 10.15am Sea Lake
Friday: 12noon

Please note that if there is a Funeral this will replace the mass for that day and if there is no mass then a lay lead will take place at the scheduled time.

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.

Saints / Feast Days

This Week

Mon: St Raymond of Penafort
Tues: St Andrew Corsini
Wed: St Adrian Of Canterbury
Thurs: St John the Almsgiver
Fri: Bl Bernard of Corleone
Sat: St Marguerite Bourgeoys

Welcome

We welcome any visitor who are joining us today.
We hope and pray that your time with us and while visiting in the region that your stay is one of relaxation.
To those travelling please travel safely and we welcome your return.

Fr Matt will be away from Sunday afternoon until Wednesday evening he is going to Adelaide for a few days.

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy) \$835.50
2nd Collection (Parish Support) Including C/Cards and D/Debt \$1025.00

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



Recent Deaths

Anniversaries of Death

Bill Hayes, Jenny Leonardi, Max Fletcher, Tom Conheady, Joe Clarke, John & Margaret Bookham, Annie & Ken Dwyer, Theresa & Frank Shiels, Elizabeth Loader, Margaret Cleary, John McLoughlin, John Rogers, Ralph Jones Florentino Aranas, Mary Walsh, Teresa Aiello, John Cappiello

Sick List

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

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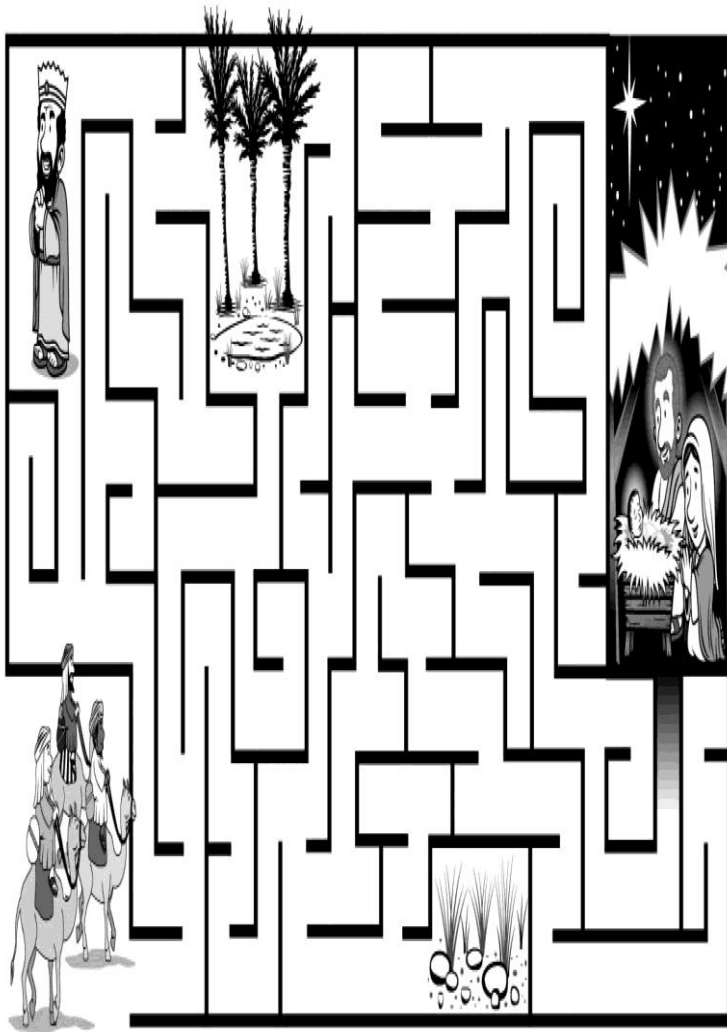
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Help the three wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!



Draw yourself offering a gift to Jesus



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

Why does Herod appear to take a great interest in the birth of Jesus?

What might Mary and Joseph have thought to see the wise men bringing gifts to their baby?

In what way was the journey of the wise men a journey of faith?

What is the significance of the wise men presenting earthly 'treasures' to the Christ child?

GOSPEL FOCUS- Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

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

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.

Please Find in the foyers a prayer card and also questions on back about the feedback.

A Prayer for the Epiphany

God of all heaven and earth,
From the breath of your love came the creation of the
world.

We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and
at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your
children.

Be our daily star,
Guiding our lives to search for kingdom love.
May we always follow your light of truth in all that we
do,
Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word.
Lift our eyes tonight to see your eternal life shining
brightly,
Leading us home.

Amen.



Bulletin

If you would like the bulletin to be emailed to you, would
you please email the office
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Newly Ordained Redemptorist Priests

Five newly ordained Redemptorist Priests who each
originate from different parts of South East Asia will have
a 12-month Parish placement in the Diocese of Ballarat
commencing in early 2019. One of these priests will be
appointed to the Ballarat Central and the others will be
appointed as assistant priests to Ararat, Hamilton,
Maryborough and Redan-Sebastopol.

Annual Bishops /Diocese Christmas Collection

This collection which is taken up each year around
Christmas time will be a special collection next weekend.
So at all the Masses and Assemblies on the weekend of
the 12th and 13th, a list of how last years collection was
distributed will be on the noticeboards in all the
churches.

This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Sun 8.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Marilyn Foley	Damien Kelly	TBA	Ecumenical Service	Brian G
Minsters of Communion	M Derham, T McRae D & R Devereux	F Fogarty, R O'Halloran, D Kelly, B Ford, +2			Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	J & E Elliot	J Chand			
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	Helen, Lorna
Music Ministry	J Taverna	John Farrell	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	P Mc Donald	K McCosh			
Cleaning Team			S McClelland, T Symes		Avis

Next Week's Roster 13th Jan

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Sun 8.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	John & Kay Farrell	Frank Fogarty Raelene O'Halloran	TBA	Peter Schlitz	Brian G
Minsters of Communion	U Phyland, H Lewis J Klabbers M Haeusler,	S Colombo, R Jager E Milazzo, Y Richardson, J Renda		Maris Stephenson	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	Pham Family	Bowd Family			Lorna, Brian G
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Maria Dorigo	Fr Matt	Janine & Peter
Music Ministry	J Taverna	Brenda Grace			
Counting Team	C Livingston	H Dean			
Cleaning Team			Mel McKenzie Margo McKenzie	Judy	Avis

FIRST READING *Is 60:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
 Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord. *The Word of the Lord*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11*

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Eph 3:2-3. 5-6*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 2:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
 After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 you are by no means least among the leaders of
 Judah, for out of you will come a leader
 who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord

