



The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, 13 January 2019



Holy Family Parish North East Mallee

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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

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wed: 10.00am

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 Macrina the Elder

Tues: St Paul the Hermit

Wed: St Bernard and Companions

Thurs: St Anthony of Egypt

Fri: Bl Christina Ciccarelli

Sat: St Paula

Sacrament of Penance / Confession

Swan Hill

Every Tuesday 5 to 5.25pm

First Saturday 9 to 10am

Sea Lake

Thursday 10 to 10.15am

Mass Intentions

If people would like a mass offered for someone would they kindly fill in the white mass intention envelope located in the foyer of the church and give to the office or place it on the collection plate. It will then be placed in the diary and a reminder to the family to speak to Fr Matt before mass to let him know that you are present.



Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$902.50

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$925.30

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

Dr John Niall

Kevin Livingston

Anniversaries of Death

Noura Thiele, May Croft, Alf Wilson, Pauline Martin, Eddie Dalton, Catherine Willson, David "Tige" Bonney, Vince Mobilio, Carmel Gregor, Tom & Jo Murphy, Dominico Bartalotta, Nyree Templeton, Mary Allen, Norah Gregor, Laurence Byrne, Margaret Rogers, John (Jack) Quirk, Dorothy Tuohey, Trish McGrath, Rhonda Coughlan, Marie LeDeux

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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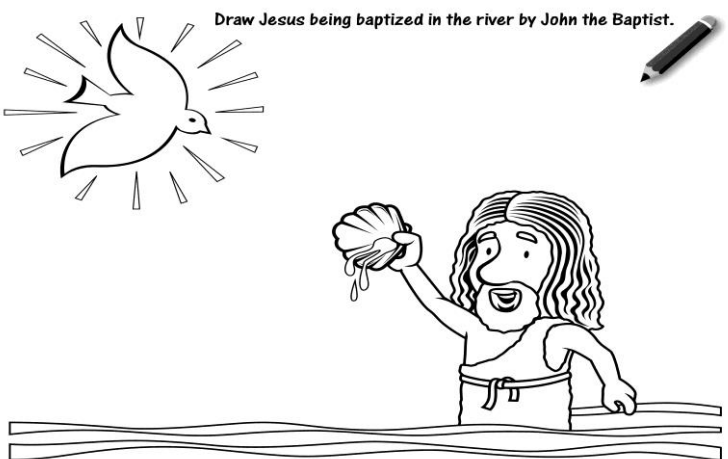
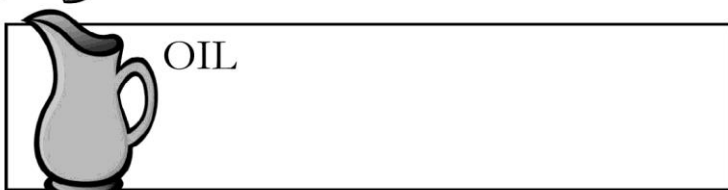
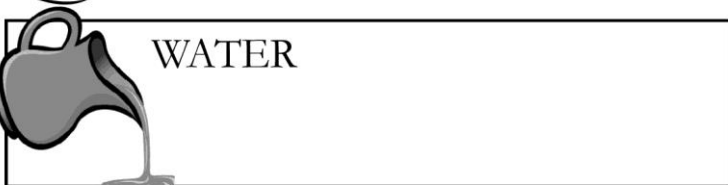
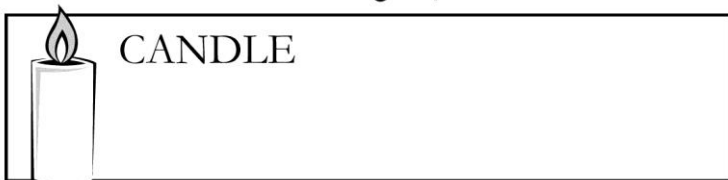
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Below are some objects that are used in baptism.
What do each of these things symbolize?



Baptism is a symbol of becoming part of God's family.
Circle the words below that describe what God's family is like for you.

- Trusting** **Angry**
Generous
Spiteful
Selfish **Loving**
Forgiving
Mean **Deceitful**
Understanding

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 might John's followers have reacted to news of someone much more powerful than John?
- Q. Why might the expectations about the Messiah have grown as time went by?
- Q. What might it mean for God to say of Jesus, 'my favour rests on you'?
- Q. What are the implications of God saying to you, 'you are my beloved, my favour rests on you'?

GOSPEL FOCUS- My Son, the Beloved

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.' This declaration by the voice from Heaven – the voice of God – is an amalgamation of two earlier pieces of scripture: 'You are my son; today I have begotten you' (Ps 2:7) and 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights' (Is 42:1). The fact that it is uttered before Jesus has begun his ministry is a sign to all of us that God delights in us for who we are, not for what we have achieved in our lives.

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.

Over 60's

Over 60's will be playing cards in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm this Monday January 14th. All welcome.

Bulletin

If you would like the bulletin to be emailed to you, would you please email the office

northeastmallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Annual Bishops /Diocese Christmas Collection

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

Hospital Visits

If you or a family member are in hospital and would like a visit please either ask the nursing staff to contact the presbytery or you can contact the presbytery yourself and I will go as soon as I am free.

Please note I do not go to the hospital every day, I only go if requested.

Fire Safety within the Parish

If the CFA declares a Total Fire Ban Day with a Catastrophic Category then the following will be activated

People will be encouraged not to travel unnecessarily, if you live outside of the town boundary then you would be advised to stay off the roads.

Any scheduled Mass would then be cancelled.

If there is an active Fire in your region

Then all services will be cancelled for that day.

I do understand that for some people this is confronting and others feel it over the top but for everyone's safety that is why this is being implemented within this parish.

Thanks Fr Matt

This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Sun 9.30am 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			
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Maria Dorigo	Fr Matt	Janine & Peter
Music Ministry	J Taverna	Brenda Grace	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	C Livingston	H Dean			
Cleaning Team			Mel McKenzie Margo McKenzie	Donna	Avis

Next Week's Roster 20th Jan

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 5.00pm Sea Lake	Sat 6.30pm Quambatook	Sun 8.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Catherine Smith Chris Mitchell	Doreen Greenham Bernice Murray	TBA	Judy Cameron Nyrie Ryan	Janine
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare, M Foley B McCartney, C Page	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio E Balsarini, K Smith, J Ingram + 2		Verna Bourke +1 John Ryan	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	Emma & John Hoare	Bernice Murray & Bill Croft			Avis
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		Fr P Jose	Fr Matt
Music Ministry	J Taverna	Brian Wood			
Counting Team	Brenda Ford	Pina Rosaia			
Cleaning Team				Donna	Lorna

FIRST READING *Is 42:1-4. 6-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11*

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING *Acts 10:34-38*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Mk 9:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Lk 3:15-16. 21-22*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord



The Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his ministry. The story describes a very tangible and textured encounter with God in terms accessible to human imagination. At the same time, the events draw human thinking, feeling and sensing to unfamiliar and mysterious levels of experience. A captivating theophany is depicted: the heavens are torn apart, the Spirit appears and descends like a dove on Jesus and the voice of God affirms that Jesus is the chosen one, the 'Beloved'. There is unmistakable tenderness here.

Reflection , Jenny Close-artist