



# 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, 27 January 2019



## Holy Family Parish North East Mallee

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

**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

**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 Thomas Aquinas  
Tues: St Genevieve  
Wed: St Maria Soledad Torres-Acosta  
Thurs: St John Bosco  
Fri: St Brigid of Ireland  
Sat: The Presentation of the Lord

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday No Mass  
Tuesday: 5.30pm Swan Hill  
Wed: 10.00am Swan Hill  
Thursday: 10.15am Sea Lake  
Friday: 11am Holy Hour Exposition  
12noon Swan Hill  
If there is a funeral this will replace the mass of the day.

**Sacrament of Penance / Confession**  
*Swan Hill*  
Every Tuesday 5 to 5.25pm  
First Saturday 9 to 10am  
*Sea Lake*  
Thursday 10 to 10.15am



We welcome through Baptism into the Faith Community Kaiden Smith, son of Brett and Danielle

**Mass Intentions this week**  
Tues  
Wed  
Thurs  
Fri

**Finances**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Support Clergy)  
\$902.50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish Support)  
Including C/Cards and D/Debt  
\$1015.00

**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 6.30pm  
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

**Anniversaries of Death**  
Fr Joe McMahon, Eugenio Aiello, Lucio Tieri, Murray Frummond, Maria Peluso, Dorothy Patching, Jack & Kath Curran, Peter O'Connor., Marianna Costa, Neil Meyer, Des Byrne, Matthew O'Neill, Patrick Feeney, Bridget Supple Johanna Wise Anne Patching, Kathleen McArthur, Rita Stahl

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

**St Mary MacKillop College**  
Principal: Michelle Haeusler  
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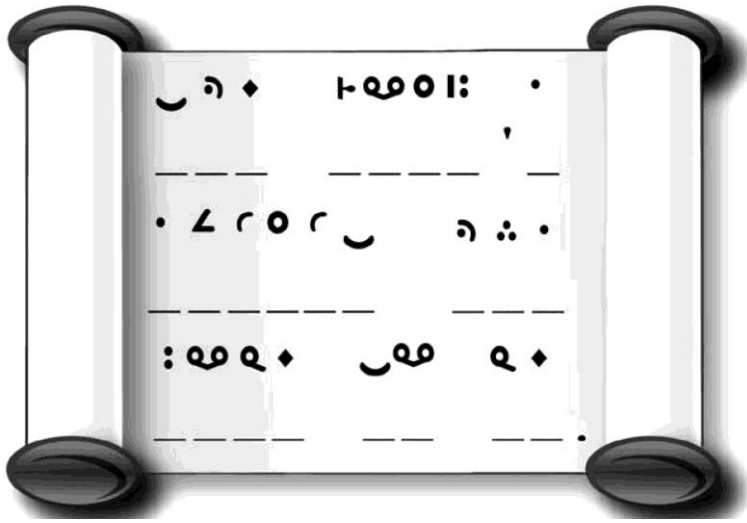
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# DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
 N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



## 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

What effect does the author achieve through the opening four verses of the gospel?

In what way can this gospel passage be seen as a declaration of mission by Jesus?

What might be meant by 'the Lord's year of favour'?

In what ways are you able to work toward achieving the actions Jesus named as his mission?

## GOSPEL FOCUS- Theophilus

The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work - Luke-Acts - as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as 'lover of God'. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

## 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.

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

Jesus said to those listening, "What you have just heard me read has come true today." Circle the statements below which are true.

GOD SENT JESUS TO TEACH US

SOME PEOPLE SHOULD SUFFER

GOD WANTS US TO BE LIKE JESUS

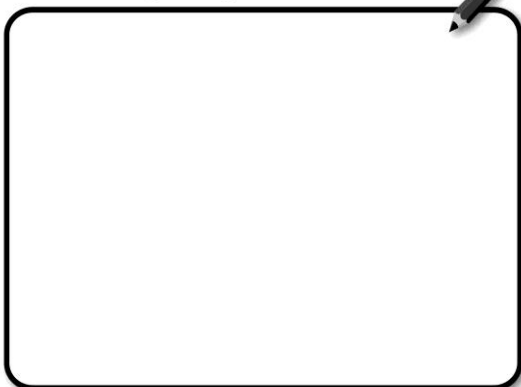
NOT ALL PEOPLE DESERVE TO BE LOVED

GOD ONLY LOVES CHRISTIANS

JESUS HEALED THE SICK

EVERYONE IS EQUAL IN GOD'S EYES

After reading from the scriptures, Jesus told his listeners how Isaiah's prophecy was now fulfilled - as God had sent Jesus as His chosen one to bring the good news to the poor and suffering. Draw some of the good things Jesus tells us about God.



**“Christian Monastic Development in the Fourth Century”**

John van de Laar (Ballarat Diocese) has written a book on monasticism in the early Church and the importance of women monastics in the fourth century. Copies are available to peruse from the Catholic Education Office or for purchase for \$25.00 from John, ph. 53002327.

**Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 15, 2019**

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 15, 2019. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2019.

**International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking**

Events for the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of modern slavery and human trafficking, will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli on February 7, 2019 at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne with Holy Hour at 6.30pm and Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Catholic Women Responding to the Spirit**

The Council for Australian Catholic Women warmly invites you to their 2019 National Colloquium from February 22-24 in Adelaide. More information at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Back to School**

As the students and staff return to school for another year, we take this opportunity to welcome new staff and students to our school communities, and we pray that this year will be a great one for you all.

**St Mary’s Swan Hill**

Meet the Teacher Chats Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

**St Mary’s Sea Lake**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February

**St Mary Mackillop College**

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> January Year 7 and Year 12  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February Years 8, 9, 10 and 11



**World Youth Day 2019**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January till Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January in Panama.  
To log on and see what’s happening [wyd.org.au](http://wyd.org.au).  
This years theme is ‘Dare to Dream’

**This Weeks Roster**

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Sun 9.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Kerry Hoare Helen Lewis	Kate Quinn Ginny Gook	TBA	Nyrie Ryan Judy Cameron	Janine
Minsters of Communion	C Billing, C Hoare G Bryent, L Stutley	D Kelly, Brenda Ford, R O’Halloran, + 3	Maureen Allen	Terry Nolan	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	M Haeusler & B Ryan	Robertson Family			
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Bruce Heard	TBA	Helen & Lorna
Music Ministry	J Tavern	K Smith & A Wright	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	C Billing	J Taverna			
Cleaning Team			K Nunn, J McLean	Donna	Lorna

**Next Week’s Roster 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sat 9.30am Quambatook	Sun 9.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Teresa McRae Helen Hogan	Yvonne Richardson Damien Kelly	TBA	Terry Nolan Maris Stephenson	Peter
Minsters of Communion	J Klabbbers, K Hoare M Foley, + 1	S Colombo, R Jager E Milazzo, Y Richardson, J Renda + 1	Nancy Summerhayes	Maris Stephenson	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	John & Kathy Noble	Helen Tuntar Lydia Slattery			
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	Helen, Lorna
Music Ministry	J Taverna	John Farrell	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	T O’Brien	G O’Brien			
Cleaning Team			K Nunn, J McLean	Judy	Lorna

**FIRST READING** *Neh 8:2-6. 8-10**A reading from the book of Nehemiah*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

The Word of the Lord

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63*

**(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** *1 Cor 12:12-14, 27**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The Word of the Lord

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *See Lk 4:18*

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**Next Week's Readings:**

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

Gospel: Lk 4:21-30