



# 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Sunday, 17 February 2019



# Holy Family Parish North East Mallee

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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

**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: Bl Elisabetta Canori-Mora  
 Tues: St Barbatus  
 Wed: St Margaret of Cortona  
 Thurs: St Peter Damian  
 Fri: The Chair of St Peter  
 Sat: St Polycarp

**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  
 Please note that if there is a funeral it will normally 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

**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.

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

**Finances**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Support Clergy) \$915.20  
 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



**Anniversaries**  
 John Bernard Bell, Jan Bell, Jaron Bennett, Betty Heslop, Barry Power, Flavia Dutto, Pat Maher, Irene Hoare, Patricia McMahon, Ron Noble, Ellen Wright, Vin Conway, Francis Foott, Jack & Kath Curran, James Maude Deagan, Honorah Quirk, Mary Doran, Josie King, Thomas Irwin, Frederick Lloyd,

**Recent Deaths**


**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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Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are \_\_\_\_\_ .  
His \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to you. 

God will bless you \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
You will have \_\_\_\_\_ to eat. 

God will bless you people who are \_\_\_\_\_ .  
You will \_\_\_\_\_ ! 

**Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.**

\_\_\_ **O** < **HAPPY**

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**WEAK** > \_\_\_ **O**

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**O** \_\_\_ < **FULL**

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**ASLEEP** > \_\_\_ **O**

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**HEAVY** > \_\_\_ **O** \_\_\_

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**LITTLE** > \_\_\_ **O**

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\_\_\_ **O** \_\_\_ < **OPEN**

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**Heaven is God's** \_\_\_\_\_ .



Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you, as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What do you think your rewards in heaven will be?

**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

**Gospel Focus – Treated as the prophets**

As part of his sermon, Jesus announces, 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man... This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.' The prophets of the Old Testament were the chosen spokesmen of God. Their message was often unpopular and they were often threatened and berated for challenging the social order. To be treated in this way is in fact something of an affirmation that one's words and actions are reflecting the message of God. The Word of God is confronting and challenging!

**Food for Thought**

Why was it significant that both Jews and Gentiles were present to hear this sermon?  
What is the significance of Jesus 'fixing his eyes on his disciples' before beginning his sermon?  
Why does Jesus regard the poor and rejected as being favoured by God?  
Does Jesus suggest that having wealth or success is automatically negative?  
What aspect of your own life does this gospel challenge?

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

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 with the questions on back about the feedback or an A4 sheet with the questions if you want to have your say please fill these out and leave them in the box provided or a general meeting will be held on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> after the 10am mass in Swan Hill for a group discussion.**

**“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.

**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)

**Baptism Preparation** will be held **THIS** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the Parish Function centre. If you are having a Baptism in February or March now is the time to attend.

**World Day Of Prayer**

St Mary’s Church Swan Hill at 10am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Lenten Program Ash**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

If you are wishing to establish a group or be part of a formed group or wanting to obtain a lenten book please contact the Parish Office, cost is \$10 per book.

Please note Quambatook people to see Maris or Judy.

Thanks

**A Lenten Group** commences on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm in the small meeting room. To register please contact Margaret Derham -50324229 or Mary Livingston – 50324286 By Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**Sacramental Dates for 2019**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm St Mary’s Church Swan Hill  
Parents Information Night

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Confirmation (S/Lake) 8.30am

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Confirmation (S/Hill) 6pm

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August Holy Communion (S/Hill and S/Lake)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (S/Hill) 6pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October Reconciliation (S/Lake) 10.30am

**November Remembrance Services**

Sea Lake Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 11am, Nandaly Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm

Culgoa Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm,

Swan Hill, Lalbert, Quambatook TBC

**This Weeks Roster**

	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	Emma & John Hoare	Jordan Wong Elizabeth Milazzo	TBA	Nyrie Ryan Judy Cameron	Lorna
Minsters of Communion	M Derham, T McRae D & R Devereux	D Kelly, B Ford R O’Halloran, F Fogarty, J Renda + 2	Maria Dorigo	Maris Stephenson +1	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	Shane & Julie Noonan	Helen Meehan	TBA	Peter Schiltz	Helen & Brian J
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Peter	
Music Ministry	J Tavern	B Grace & C Smith	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	J Ingram	Y Richardson			
Cleaning Team			L Duire, K McInerney	Judy	Helen

**Next Week’s Roster 24th February**

	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	Marilyn Foley Kerry Hoare	Yvonne Richardson Damien Kelly	Jim McInerney	Nyrie Ryan Judy Cameron	Lorna
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare, C Page B McCartney, H Lewis	S Colombo, R Jager C Alderuccio, J Renda Y Richardson	TBA	Maris Stephenson	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	Josh & Glenda Klabbers	Joseph Chand	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Maureen Allan	TBA	Janine & Peter
Music Ministry	J Taverna	A Wright & K Smith	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	K & G Smith	P Coady			
Cleaning Team			T Tait, B Alday	Judy	Helen

**FIRST READING** *Jer 17:5-8*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. ‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

*The Word of the Lord*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5*

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law, day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**SECOND READING** *1 Cor 15:12, 16-20*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

*The Word of the Lord*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Lk 6:23*

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Lk 6:17. 20-26*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Reflection by Artist -Jenny Close**

How realistic is 'blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh'? In the midst of life's troubles, it is difficult to feel the hope that this promise offers. Jesus' life gives witness to this promise, however, and it is comforting to know that he, like us, sometimes wept and lost hope.

**Next Week's Readings:**

First Reading: 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49

Gospel: Lk 6:27-38