



7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 24 February 2019



Holy Family Parish North East Mallee

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

Office Hours

Tues, Thurs and Fri
 10am - 2pm

Parish Admin Officer:

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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:

12noon MacKillop College
 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.

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 Caesarius of Nazianzen
 Tues: St Porphyry
 Wed: St Gabriel Possenti
 Thurs: St Romanus & St Lupicinus
 Fri: St David of Wales
 Sat: Bl Agnes of Bohemia

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

1st Collection (Support Clergy)
 \$876.20
 2nd Collection (Parish Support)
 Including C/Cards and D/Debt
 \$965.00

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



Anniversaries

Pat Purtill, Raffaello Caccavello,
 Ted Corrie, Jack O'Connor, Helen Fleming, Maureen O'Toole, Daniel Wright, Dot Francis, Mitchell Donohue, Vincent & Danny Lavey, Antonio & Vincenza Fazzalori, Irene Hoare, Wilhelm Wiederman, Mary Giddings, John Quirk, Simon Hayes., Gary Patching, John Walsh, Ellen Sheehan, Clare O'Bryan, Loss Nolan,

Recent Deaths

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

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Complete the Text Maze:

“Forgive others and God will forgive you.”

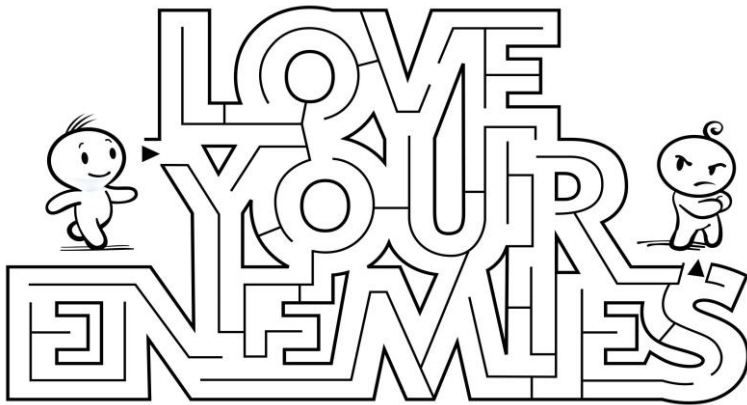
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*CAN YOU FIND THE SIX HIDDEN WORDS FROM THIS WEEKS GOSPEL READING?

FINISH

Find your way through the maze to make peace with your enemy.



How can we love our enemies? Tick the best answers in the boxes below.

 <p>If someone slaps you on the cheek, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Slap them back</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B: Forgive them, or...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C: Call the police</p>	 <p>If someone teases you and calls you names, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Throw a tantrum</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B: Find nice things to say about them, or...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C: Ask God to punish them</p>	 <p>If someone wants to share your favorite toy, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Tell them to go away</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B: Let them play with it, but only for 5 minutes, or...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C: Let them have it for as long as they like</p>	 <p>If someone is mean to you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Ask God to bless them</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B: Tell everyone how bad that person is, or...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C: Get even with them</p>
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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 – Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God’s compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today’s gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God’s compassion we are also called to show it to others.

Food for Thought

- Which line of today’s gospel do you find most challenging for your own life?
- When have you ever tried to treat someone positively when they were treating you badly?
- What consequences can flow from treating others as you would like to be treated?
- When have you experienced genuine compassion from another person?
- What does it mean to you to know that God is willing to forgive anything and not judge you?

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

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 27th 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.

World Day Of Prayer

St Mary’s Church Swan Hill at 10am on Friday 1st March



We welcome through Baptism into the faith community -
- Isabelle Cleeland, child of Jacob and Melanie and
- Francesca Bird, child of Scott and Trisha

Lenten Program Ash

Wednesday 6th 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 5th March, 1.30pm in the small meeting room. To register please contact Margaret Derham -50324229 or Mary Livingston – 50324286
By Thursday 21st February.

Sacramental Dates for 2019

Mon 18th March 7pm St Mary’s Church Swan Hill
Parents Information Night

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

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

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

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

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

November Remembrance Services

Sea Lake Thursday 7th 11am, Nandaly Sunday 10th 4.30pm

Culgoa Friday 8th 6pm,

Swan Hill, Lalbert, Quambatook TBC

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	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

Next Week’s Roster 3rd March

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Sun 9.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Michelle Haeusler Glenda Klabbers	Frank Fogarty Raelene O’Halloran			Peter
Minsters of Communion	C Billing, C Hoare, J Klabbers, L Stutley	F Fogarty, E Milazzo, E Balsarini, K Smith, J Ingram	Nancy Summerhayes		Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	Kennedy Family	Bowd Family			
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		Helen & Lorna
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Grace & B Murray	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	V & K Dullard	N Dullard			
Cleaning Team			T Tait, B Alday	Judy	Helen

FIRST READING *1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23*

A reading from the first book of Samuel
Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R. v.8*

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul gives thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul gives thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *1 Cor 15:45-49*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man. *The Word of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Lk 6:27-38*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Sir 27:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58

Gospel: Lk 6:39-45

**Reflection by Artist**

'Love your enemies' is one of the most challenging teachings of Jesus. It seems an impossible ideal, but Jesus gave us a practical example in the way he faced the terror of the cross. The problem is that living this way is inherently risky – especially when violence and terrorism occur and revenge seems a more efficient solution than reconciliation. Reaching out in love is clearly the radical Christian way, however.