



5th Sunday of Lent Sunday, 7 April 2019



Holy Family Parish North East Mallee

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

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 Julie Billiart
Tues: St Madeleine Sophie Barat
Wed: Bl Antoine Frederic Ozanam
Thurs: St Stanislaus
Fri: St Joseph Moscati
Sat: St Martin 1

Sacrament of Penance / Confession

Swan Hill

Every Tuesday 5 to 5.25pm
First Saturday 9 to 10am

Sea Lake

Thursday 10 to 10.15am

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)
\$925.30
2nd Collection (Parish Support)
Including C/Cards and D/Debt
\$875.50

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.



Anniversaries

Alma Higgins, Marianna Ganci, Sr Dawn Power, Anna Nocera, Patrick Daltron, Tim Power, Les Wright, Tony Colombo, Patrick Phyland, Carmine & Maria Raco, Guiseppina Raudino, Carmela & Francesco Trinci, Raffaello Amitrano, Annette Gargulio, Jane McInerney, Michael Clohesy, Moira Ryan

Recent Deaths

Sick List

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

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

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

Lenten Reconciliation Services

Tuesday 9th 5.45pm

St Mary's Swan Hill

Thursday 11th April 6pm

St Peter and Paul's Quambatook

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

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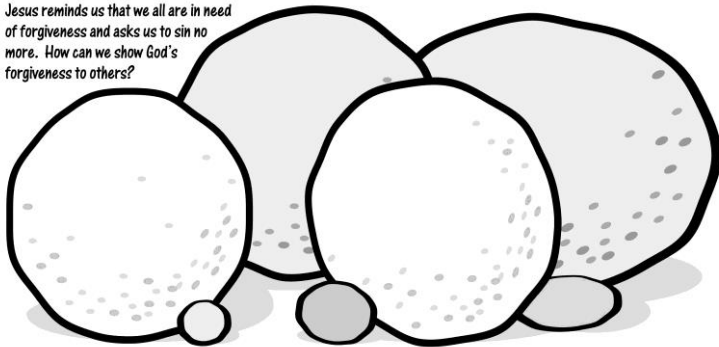
During this final week of Lent we can all work really hard at being the best Christians we can be, in preparation for Holy Week.

At the start of Lent, what was one of the things about your life that you wanted to improve?

How well do you think you have done so far? Give yourself a score between 5 (Great!!) and 1 (hmmm..not so great).

What are some ways you can do even better during this final week of Lent and Holy Week?

Jesus reminds us that we all are in need of forgiveness and asks us to sin no more. How can we show God's forgiveness to others?



Use the code below to work out what Jesus said to the accused woman

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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

Living the Gospel – Forgiven, not forgotten

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

Food for Thought

Why did the Pharisees see this incident as a test for Jesus? What is achieved by Jesus bending down and focusing his attention on the ground? What happened to the mob mentality when Jesus challenged them? Have you ever been in a situation where group behaviour overtook individual thought and action? When Jesus says, 'Go, and don't sin any more,' how can that be applied to your life?

Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday

7pm St Mary's Sea Lake (Assembly)
7pm St Mary's Swan Hill

Good Friday

9.30am Eccumenial Way of the Cross
St Mary MacKillop College Jubilee Centre

Veneration of the Cross

3pm St Mary's Swan Hill
3pm Sacred Heart Culgoa
3pm St Peter and Paul's Quambatook
3pm St Michael's Lalbert
St Mary Sea Lake Eccumenical with Uniting Church

Holy Saturday

7pm St Mary's Sea Lake (Assembly)
7pm St Mary's Swan Hill

Easter Sunday

8.30am St Michael Lalbert
9.30am St Joseph's Nandaly (Assembly)
9.30am St Peter and Paul's Quambtaook
10.30am St Mary's Swan Hill

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Is 43:16-21
Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14
Gospel: Jn 8:1-11



We welcome through Baptism into the faith community –
Alaina Marsh, child of Wesley and Lisa and
Kaitlyn Rullo, child of Anthony and Sarah



**100 Years of Catholic Education-
St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill.**

As many of you know St Mary's Primary School, Swan Hill, is celebrating 100 years of providing quality Catholic education this year. We are in the process of organising events and need your help to celebrate this important milestone in the life of our school. We are looking for parishioners who may have photos or memorabilia that could feature in displays and publications about our history. If you can help, please contact Kate Quin or the school office (50332541)

Rosters for Holy Week Ceremonies, Swan Hill, are at the back of the church. Please add your name if you can assist.

Sacramental Dates for 2019

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

New quarterly parish newsletter- We would like to compile a what's happening around the parish newsletter for the end of April and we are asking for contributions from each church centre on what has been happening in your area. Contributions can be emailed to northeastmallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au or sent in to the Parish Office. Any important events in May – July can be added to our calendar.

Change of Venue for **Rosary in the Park**, 10.00am, 13th April to be held at Joe & Teresa Taverna's 109 Werrill St,

Baptism Preparation meeting TOMORROW Monday 8th April, 7.00pm Parish Function Centre

This Weeks Roster

	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	Kerry Hoare Marilyn Foley	Ken Smith Francesco Tuntar	TBA	T Nolan M Stephenson	Janine
Minsters of Communion	C Billing, C Hoare G Bryent, L Stutley	S Colombo, R Jager, E Milazzo, Y Richardson +2	N Summerhayes	Terry Nolan	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	B McCartney C Billing	H Meehan	TBA		N/A
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		TBA	Janine & Peter
Music Ministry	J Taverna	J Farrell	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	T O' Brien	G O'Brien			
Cleaning Team			J Newell N Summerhayes	Donna	Janine

Next Week's Roster 14th April

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sat 8.30am Quambatook	Sun 9.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Teresa McRae Helen Hogan	Jordan Wong Elizabeth Milazzo	TBA	Peter Schlitiz	Helen
Minsters of Communion	J Klabbers, K Hoare, Marilyn Foley +1	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio E Balsarini, K Smith, J Ingram	TBA	Maris Stephenson	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	Jim & Elaine Elliott	Joseph Chand	n/a	Judy Cameron	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Jenny Newell	Fr Matt	Helen & Lorna
Music Ministry	J Taverna	A Wright & K Smith	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team					
Cleaning Team				Donna	Janine

FIRST READING *Is 43:16-21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 125. R. v.3*

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Phil 3:8-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jl 2:12-13*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL *Jn 8:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Reflection by Artist**

Scribes and Pharisees tried many ways to test Jesus, but he had the knack of outwitting them. In this story from John's gospel an unnamed woman is used as a scapegoat. Jesus defuses the violent situation by slowing down the pace, by using common sense and a little compassion. Instead of focusing on the woman, Jesus turns the situation around so that the scribes and Pharisees are forced to examine their own motives and inadequacies. As a consequence, stones are no longer righteous weapons for them. When the crowd has gone Jesus talks directly to the woman and for the first time she is a person, rather than a thing. She still has no name, but now at least she has a voice.