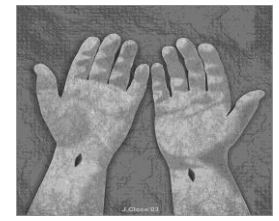




2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 28 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.

Office Hours

Tues, Thurs and Fri

10am -2pm

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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: 10.15 Sea Lake

Friday: 11am Holy Hour Exposition

12 noon Swan Hill (Lay Lead)

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 Catherine of Sienna

Tues: St Pius V

Wed: St Joseph the Worker

Thurs: St Athanasius

Fri: St Philip & St James

Sat: Bl Ceferino Gimenez Malla

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)

\$1025.50

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1185.55

Project Compassion

If project compassion boxes and envelopes could be returned by next weekend of the weekend after would be greatly appreciated, so that money can be counted and sent to Caritas.

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

Merv Bryant, Annette Garguilo, Pat Lange, Sr Eileen Carr, Haydee Phyland, Pat Chisholm, Salvatore Mangiamelli, Ignatius & Patrick Willocks, Jeff Learmonth, Domenica & Antonetta Di Nicola, Violet Egan, Irene Matthews, Thomas Ryan, Daniel Starkom, Max Sewell, Mary Beilby, Joh Rohan, Matthew Patching, William Byrne, Bernard Francis Kelly, Margaret Ledwich,

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

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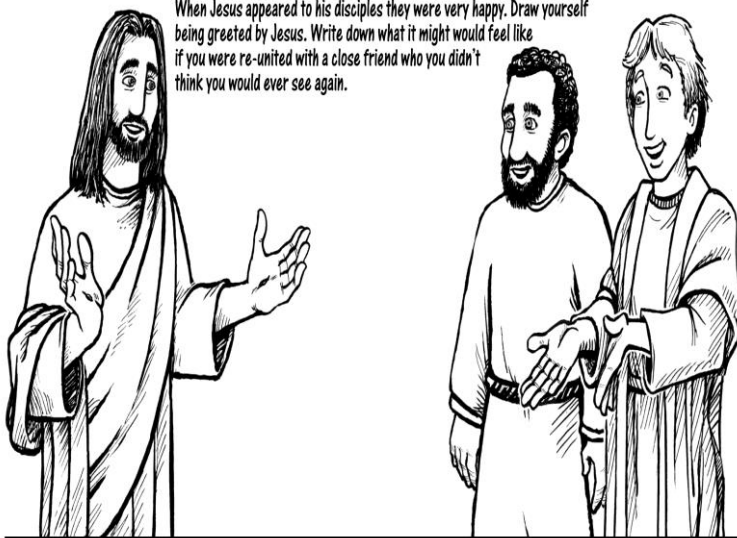
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When Jesus appeared to his disciples they were very happy. Draw yourself being greeted by Jesus. Write down what it might feel like if you were re-united with a close friend who you didn't think you would ever see again.

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 Reflection

The disciple Thomas has received a pretty raw deal from history. The phrase, *doubting Thomas*, has found its way into our everyday language and condemns Thomas as the one who wouldn't take the word of his fellow disciples but wanted to see the Risen Lord himself. However, rather than remembering Thomas for his doubt, we should remember Thomas as the one who makes the extraordinary declaration of faith, 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, alone amongst all those who recognise the greatness of Jesus across the four gospels, who acknowledges Jesus as not just the Messiah. but God.

Food for Thought

Why do you think Thomas was reluctant to believe what his friends told him about the Risen Jesus?

How might the other disciples have reacted to Thomas' unbelief?

Despite his earlier demand, why doesn't Thomas touch the wounds of Jesus?

What does Thomas' experience say to 21st Century Christians?

How do you respond to disbelief and doubt – within yourself or others?

AN EASTER PRAYER

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men and women who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence.

May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER WATER

Please feel free to bring your own container and help yourself to the water of new life in the Easter font for blessing of your homes.

House Blessing

May this house be a place of happiness and health of contentment generosity and hope.

A home of creativity and kindness.

May those who visit and those who live here know only blessing and peace.

Amen

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Second Reading: Rv 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

There are many things present in our lives that we don't see with our eyes. Circle the words which represent things we do not see.

BIBLE
 LOVE
 JOY
 ALTAR
 BREATH
 CHALICE
 CRUCIFIX
 FORGIVENESS
 PEACE
 FLOWERS
 CANDLE
 HOPE

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

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FINISH



Note of Thanks

I would like to thank on behalf of the parish community all those who in whatever way helped with the Easter Ceremonies. If you helped prepare any of the churches, donated flowers, read, special minister, music, and being involved. It was a great celebration of the Lord's Death and Resurrection.

Thanks, and God Bless
Fr Matt



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)

There is no Divine Mercy Devotions this Sunday.

Cuppa after Mass Next Sunday at St Mary's Swan Hill

New quarterly parish newsletter-

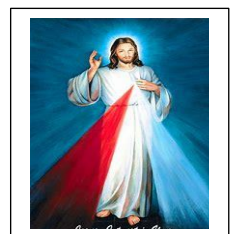
We would like to compile a what's happening around the parish newsletter for the end of April and we are asking for contributions from each church centre on what has been happening in your area. Contributions can be emailed to northeastmallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au or sent in to the Parish Office.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

Our Diocesan Community

The first edition of ODC for 2019 is available for collection from the foyer of the church this weekend.



We welcome through Baptism into the faith community –
Huey Collins child of Trent and Tiffany;
Millie De Morton child of Burke and Jacinta and
Hamish Nalder child of Benjamin and Madeline.



This Weeks Roster

	Sat 7.00pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Sun 9.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	B Grace B Patterson	Y Richardson D Kelly	J McInerney	N Ryan J Cameron	Lorna
Minsters of Communion	M Haeusler J Klabbbers U Phyland B McCartney,	D Kelly, B Ford, Y Richardson R O'Halloran +2	M Dorigo	T Nolan	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	Pham Family	Bowd Family	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Chris & Janice Kelly	TBA	Janine & Peter
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Grace & C Smith	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	E Carty	G Murdoch			
Cleaning Team			J Newell N Summerhaves	Donna	Avis

Next Week's Roster 5th May

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30 am Quambatook	Sun 9.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	M Hoare M Nolan	J Wong E Milazzo	TBA	T Nolan M Stephenson	Lorna
Minsters of Communion	M Derham, T McRae + 2	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio, E Balsarini, K Smith, J Ingram	M Allen	M Stephenson	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	Emma & John Hoare	B Murray	TBA		
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	Helen & Lorna
Music Ministry	Joe Taverna	John Farrell	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	Gavin O'Brien	Teresa O'Brien			
Cleaning Team				Judy	Avis

FIRST READING Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. Alleluia.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light.

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. Alleluia.

SECOND READING Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.' *The Word of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

