



4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Sunday, 12 May 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 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: Our Lady of Fatima
Tues: St Matthias
Wed: St Isidore the Farmer
Thurs: St Felix of Cantalice
Fri: St Paschal Baylon
Sat: St John 1

Weekday Masses
Monday No Mass
Tuesday: 9am Foundation Liturgy St Marys PS Swan Hill 5.30pm Swan Hill
Wed: 10.00am Swan Hill (Lay Lead) Thursday: 10.15 Sea Lake
Friday: 11am Holy Hour Exposition 12 noon Swan Hill (Lay Lead)
Fr Matt away on Wednesday to Friday on Grade 4 Camp to Echuca

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.

Over 60's
Anyone over 60 is welcome to attend the cards day Monday 13th May at 1.30pm in the Meeting Room

Finances
1st Collection (Support Clergy) \$885.50
2nd Collection (Parish Support) Including C/Cards and D/Debt \$1205.00

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
Ray Wright, Pat Wilson, Pat Duryea, Percy Lewis, Carmel Gathercole, Jim Upton, Tess Wurf, Leo Hogan, Dot McGregor, Desiree Smith, Pat Jobling, Maurie Coughlan, Jack B Loughran, Patrick Lynch, Catherine Kelly, Thomas Brady, Thomas Burns, Leslie Woodburn

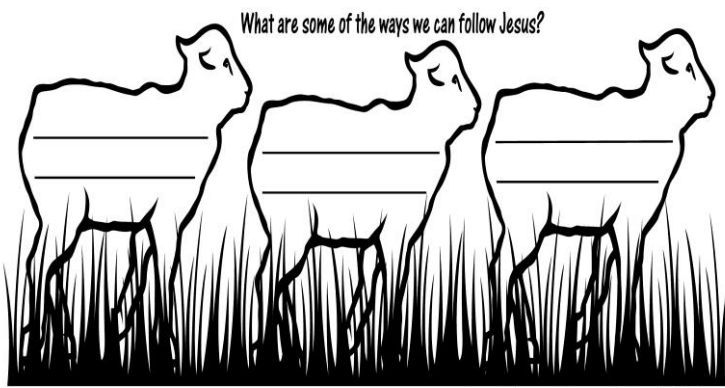
Recent Deaths

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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What are some of the ways we can follow Jesus?

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 - Eternal life

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, 'I give them eternal life.' He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

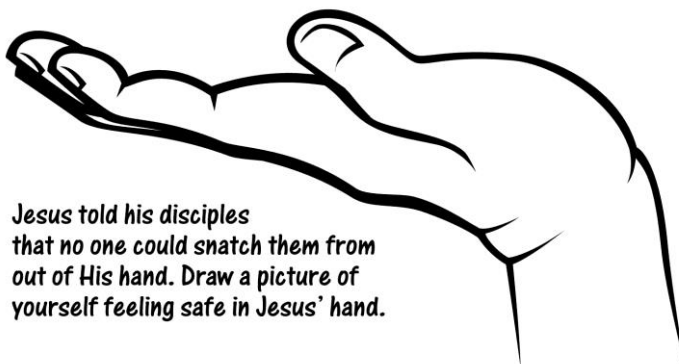
Food for Thought

Why has the image of the 'good shepherd' been such an enduring and significant one in Christianity?

Why might Jesus have chosen such a 'controversial' image to describe himself?

What are the positive and negative implications of describing faithful people as 'sheep'?

What message of hope for people today can be found in this short passage?



Jesus told his disciples that no one could snatch them from out of His hand. Draw a picture of yourself feeling safe in Jesus' hand.

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.

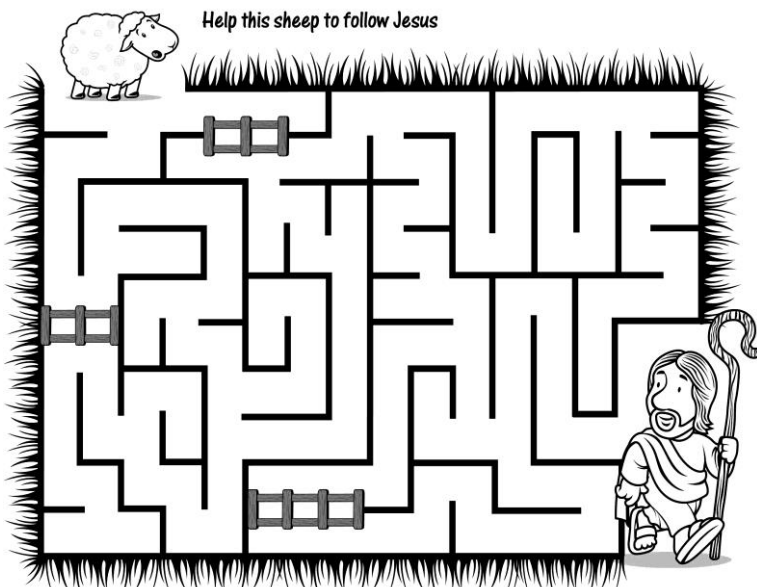
House Blessing

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



Help this sheep to follow Jesus

Our Diocesan Community

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

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Second Reading: Rv 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

TO ALL MOTHERS MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY MOTHERS DAY.

A Prayer for Mothers

Gracious God, you chose Mary to be the mother of your son Jesus Christ.

As you blessed her through her Son, bless all mothers. Grant them patience, wisdom, strength and joy, so that they may care for and love the children you have given to them and placed in their care.

Loving Father in heaven, we thank you for the mothers you have given us, whose commitment is so precious that it can never be measured. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.

We pray for those mothers who fear or who are in broken relationships and ask you to bless them with your own special love and the gifts.

We pray for children and fathers, that they may appreciate, love and support their mothers and wives.



New quarterly parish newsletter-

We would like to compile a what's happening around the parish newsletter 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.

Final Mass at Lavers Hill

The Final Mass for Sacred Heart Church, Lavers Hill will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2.00pm. All welcome.

Save the Date: RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences, "It takes a village"

The diocesan RCIA Conference will be held on Friday, November 15 from 5.30pm – 9.00pm and the RCIA State Conference will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 9.30am – 4.30pm. Both events will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat.

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

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)

This Weeks Roster

	Sat 7.00pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Sun 9.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Marilyn Foley	Y Richardson D Kelly	TBA	P Schlitz	Peter
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare, H Lewis B McCartney C Page	D Kelly, B Ford, R O'Halloran + 3	N Summerhayes	V Bourke + 1	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	M Haeusler B Ryan	Robertson Family	n/a	G Kelly	n/a
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Maria Dorigo	Fr Matt	Janine & Peter
Music Ministry	J Taverna	Brian Wood	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	J Ingram	Y Richardson			
Cleaning Team				Judy	Avis

Next Week's Roster 19th May

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30 Swan Hill	Sun 5.00pm Sea Lake	Sat 6.30pm Quambatook	Sun 9.30am Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Michelle Haeusler Glenda Klabbers	Naomi Bowd Helen Dean	School Mass	TBA	Peter
Minsters of Communion	J Klabbers, M Foley K Hoare	S Colombo, R Jager C Alderuccio, J Renda Y Richardson	TBA	TBA	Lorna
Presentation of Gifts	John & Kathy Noble	Helen Tuntar Lydia Slattery	TBA	TBA	Lorna & Brian G
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Peter	Fr Matt
Music Ministry	Joe Taverna	B Grace & C Smith	Maria Dorigo		
Counting Team	K&G Smith	P Coady			
Cleaning Team				Judy	Lorna

FIRST READING Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Alleluia.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Alleluia.

**SECOND READING** Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection by Artist

In the gospels, Jesus describes himself as a vine, a gate, the way etc, but the favourite image for many people is the Good Shepherd. The image is appealing because it evokes a tender sense of the nurture, protection and guidance which are integral to a shepherd's role.

