



# Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

## 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday, 20 October 2019



**Parish Priest:** Fr Matthew Thomas

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#### Office Hours

Tues, Thurs and Fri

10am -2pm

#### **Parish Admin Officers:**

Glenda Klabbbers

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

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

#### Parish Prayer

God our Father,

Through the intercession of the Holy Family our patron, we pray that you bless this parish so that we may love you more.

Help parents to be a good example to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care; to the sick and the weak grant health; to the aged bring serenity; and to those in sorrow joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily life. Amen.



#### Recent Deaths

#### Anniversaries of Death

Michael Garahy, Mary Dobelli, Mary Dawes, Reg Dacey, John Betts, Rosa Mazzarella, Antonia & Antonio Costa, Denis & Kevin Conheady, George Noir, Henry Kiley, Michael O'Connor, Mary Clancy, Luke Brennan, Patricia Pearce, John McNamara, Lee Power, Elizabeth Piperno, Fr Frank Monaghan

#### Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday: 12 noon End of year Mass

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5.30pm Swan Hill

Wed: 10am Swan Hill

Thursday: 10.15am Sea Lake

Friday: 11am Holy Hour Exposition

12 noon Swan Hill .

#### 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 9.30am

#### Schools within the Parish

##### Primary

##### **St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake**

Principal: Kate Nunn

47 Hannon Street, Sea Lake

Ph: 03 5070 1272

[Principal@smsealake.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Principal@smsealake.catholic.edu.au)

##### **St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill**

Principal: Kate Quin

2 Murlong St Swan Hill

Ph. 03 5033 2541

[principal@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au)

##### Secondary

##### **St Mary MacKillop College**

Principal: Michelle Haeusler

53 McCrae Street, Swan Hill

Ph: 5032 9771

[Principal@mackillopsh.vic.edu.au](mailto:Principal@mackillopsh.vic.edu.au)

#### Sick List

Jarrod Crimmins, Brian Mulcahy, Jack Donohue, Sean Carroll, Thao Nguyen, Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis, Col Lawry, Yvonne Annan,

#### Finances

1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Support Clergy)

\$875.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1620.80

Thank you for your generous contribution to the running of the parish and the support of our priests

#### Saints / Feast Days

##### This Week

Mon: St Hilarion

Tues: St John Paul 11

Bl Timothy Giaccardo

Wed: St John of Capistrano

Thurs: St Anthony Mary Claret

Fri: St Richard Gwyn

Sat: The Eleven Martyrs of Almeria, Spain

#### 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

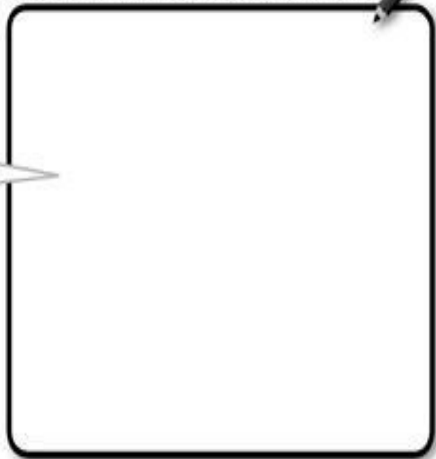
Cross out all letters that appear three times or more.  
Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the name of the popular prayer below.

H	T	G	O	C	E	J	W
S	A	P	Q	G	K	I	T
F	O	E	A	S	B	Q	O
K	L	T	J	T	E	U	B
E	B	C	F	U	J	C	E
Q	G	M	E	Y	B	W	U
U	F	S	O	C	P	Q	S
O	R	P	K	W	E	J	T

The \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus wants us to pray to God and not give up. Draw a picture of yourself praying to God

Dear Lord,  
you always hear me when I call out to you. Help me to always do what is right and just. In the name of Jesus, I make this prayer. Amen.



Write a prayer asking God to help you to never give up when things get tough.

**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.

**Different View – Convincing God**

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God’s mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

**Food for Thought**

What is meant by the description of the judge as having ‘neither fear of God nor respect for man’?

What finally motivates the judge to act on the widow’s case?

In what way is the story a parable about ‘the need to pray continually and never lose heart’?

In what aspect/s of your life do you recognise that you need God’s help?

What regular time do/could you set aside for prayer?

**Knitting Day Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October Please note change of date:** 10.00am in the Parish Function Centre. A plate of food to share would be appreciated. Come and enjoy. All welcome.

***"Do Not Be Afraid" - Mental Illness and Outreach: Guidelines for parishes***

The Australian Bishops Commission for Social Justice — Mission and Service, has produced a booklet intended to be a resource for parishes for ministry to people with mental illness and their families. More information

at <https://www.catholic.org.au/donotbeafraid>

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

***Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!***

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Next weekend date: 15-17 November 2019.**

*Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.* Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

***Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – October:***

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.



**St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Family Fun Night 5.30pm-8.00pm

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Parish Centenary Mass 10.30am

St Mary MacKillop and St Mary's School Tours 11.30am-2.30pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov:** School Mass St Mary's Primary School 9.15am & blessing of statue. Morning tea for guests, former students, staff & families.

Kaboom Old Fashioned Sports 11.30am-1.30pm

St Mary MacKillop And St Mary's School Tours 11.30am-1.00pm

Memorabilia displays in gymnasium over the weekend.

New webpage launched, looks amazing  
[www.smswanhill100years.com](http://www.smswanhill100years.com)

**DO NOT FEAR** *for I am with you*

Sister Stan Mumuni is at the forefront of the Church's work in reaching out to children in need in Ghana. As the director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children, Sister Stan works endlessly to provide education, healthcare and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening situations. In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children' and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. The Nazareth Home for God's Children is among the pioneers in this crucial mission. Today you have the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work. All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need  
**Freecall: 1800 257 296**  
[catholicmission.org.au/Ghana](http://catholicmission.org.au/Ghana)

**Catholic Theological College Open Day**

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. Includes Study Options, Building and Library Tour, Refreshments. RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by Friday, November 1 on 9412 3314 or [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au).

**OCTOBER**

21<sup>st</sup> Baptism Preparation 7.00pm

22<sup>nd</sup> October Year 12 MacKillop College students end of year Mass 12 noon

**This Weeks Roster**

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 5.00pm Sea Lake	Sat 6.30pm Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Stacey Pearse Caddie Palmer	St Mary's School	TBA	Nyrie Judy	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare, C Page B McCartney M Foley	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio E Balsarini, K Smith J Ingram		Verna	
Presentation of Gifts	Kennedy Family	St Marys School		Peter Schlitz	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Peter Jose	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	St Mary's School	M Dorigo		
Counting Team	P Rosaia	B Ford			
Cleaning Team				Donna	

**Next Week's Roster 27th October**

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	T McRae H Hogan	K Quinn G Gook	TBA	Terry Maris	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	C Billing, C Hoare G Bryent, L Stutley	D Dacey, D Kelly, B Ford, M Kiley, T Brady, A Gilmour		Terry	
Presentation of Gifts	H Lewis M Magee	Bowd Family		n/a	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		TBA	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Grace & C Smith	M Dorigo		
Counting Team	Patsy McDonald	Kerry McCosh			
Cleaning Team				Donna	

**First Reading** Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus:

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.  
*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 120. R. v.2

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade, at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy  
You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.  
*The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Next Week's Readings:**

First Reading: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

Second Reading: 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Lk 18:9-14



**'our power is prayer and the prayer of the humble is God's weakness. The Lord is weak only in this: he is weak in the face of the prayer of his people'**  
**(Pope Francis, November 2013)**