



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 19 January 2020



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Office Hours

Tues, Thurs and Fri

10am -2pm

Parish Admin Officers:

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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

John Murphy

Leo Kiley

Anniversaries of Death

Bill Magee, Carmelo Carpenteri, Dominic Costa, Patrick Shepherd, Eda Whiting, Beatrice Curran, Margaret Foott, Lance Learmonth, Felicia Foott, Julie Wilson, Norah McGown, Margaret Walsh, Angela Shepherd, Pauline Nolan, Margaret Rogers, John Quirk, Eva Ledwich, Brian Byrne, Matthew O'Neil. Loughlin Curran

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wed: 10am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 11am Exposition

12noon Mass

No Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday lay leads

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 9.30am

Schools within the Parish

Primary

St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake

Principal: Kate Nunn

47 Hannon Street, Sea Lake

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St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill

Principal: Kate Quin

2 Murlong St Swan Hill

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Secondary

St Mary MacKillop College

Principal: Michelle Haeusler

53 McCrae Street, Swan Hill

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Sick List

Jarrod Crimmins, Jack Donohue,

Sean Carroll, Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis,

Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke

Parish Office hours

Please note that during January the office might be opened during different hours, please send any bulletin notice via email and do leave voice messages on the phone answering machine as this will be checked at different times.

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$925.00

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1864.95

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

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

Saints / Feast Days

This Week

Mon: St Hilary of Poitiers

Tues: St Macrina the Elder

Wed: St Paul the Hermit

Thurs: St Berard and Companions

Fri: St Anthony of Egypt

Sat: Bl Christina Ciccarelli

National Prayer Campaign
PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our fire ravaged and drought stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock. Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

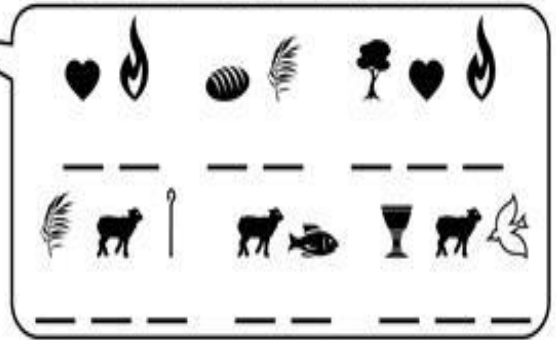
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians- Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us

As much as you want to plan your life, it has a way of surprising you with unexpected things that will make you happier than you originally planned.

That's what you call
GOD'S WILL.
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Use the code key to decipher what John the Baptist knew about Jesus



We welcome through Baptism into our parish family and the faith community:

Sadie Skinner

children of Marcus and Sarah and

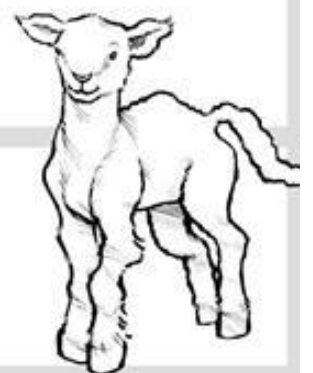
Paddy Morris

Child of Kris and Zoe



Ash Wednesday 12th February. Lenten Program books can be ordered from the Parish Office; This Year the theme is "*Be Opened- a journey to new life*". Cost \$10.00 Groups and meeting times will be published at a later date.

John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God, because he was the pure and spotless gift to God the Father. What can we do to be pure and spotless in the eyes of God?



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.

CAN YOU HELP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROSTERS

Are you able to help in any of the following roles:

**Proclaimer of the Word; Eucharistic Minister;
Offertory Gifts; Counting Roster.**

Due to parishioners unable to continue in their role as ministers because of age, health, moving or death we need more volunteers to assist at weekends. The more offers of help will lessen the load on those already assisting. Please contact the office if you are willing to help or if you are no longer able to assist so that we can adjust our next rosters.

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.

Fire Safety within the Parish

If the CFA declares a Total Fire Ban Day with a Catastrophic Category then the following will be activated

People will be encouraged not to travel unnecessarily, if you live outside of the town boundary then you would be advised to stay off the roads.

Any scheduled Mass would then be cancelled.

If there is an active Fire in your region

Then all services will be cancelled for that day.

I do understand that for some people this is confronting and others feel it over the top but for everyone's safety that is why this is being implemented within this parish.

Thanks Fr Matt

This Weeks Roster

| | Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill | Sun 10.30am Swan Hill | Sun 8.30am Sea Lake | Sun 6.30pm Quambatook | Lalbert |
|-----------------------|--|---|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Minister of the Word | M Foley R Waterson | F Fogarty A Patney | | P Schlitz | No Services at the moment |
| Minsters of Communion | M Derham, T McRae, C Billing, C Hoare | D Dacey, D Kelly, B Ford, M Kiley, T Brady +1 | | M Stephenson | |
| Presentation of Gifts | B McCartney C Billing | Volunteers please | | G Kelly | |
| Leader | Fr Matt | Fr Matt | Fr Matt | Fr P Jose | |
| Music Ministry | J Taverna | Brian Wood | | | |
| Counting Team | E Carty | G Murdoch | | | |
| Cleaning Team | | | T Tait & B Alday | Donna | |

Next Week's Roster 26th January

| | Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill | Sun 10.30am Swan Hill | Sun 9.30am Sea Lake | Sun 9.30am Quambatook | Lalbert |
|-----------------------|---|--|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Minister of the Word | Emma & John Hoare | Deanne Dacey Tarsha Brady | TBA | J Cameron | No Services at the moment |
| Minsters of Communion | M Hoare, C Page B McCartney, H Lewis | S Colombo, R Jager, E Milazzo, J Renda Y Richardson +1 | TBA | L Graham | |
| Presentation of Gifts | M Haeuslert B Ryan | A Patney J Jenkins | | | |
| Leader | Fr Matt | Fr Matt | TBA | TBA | |
| Music Ministry | A Woolstencroft | J Farrell | | | |
| Counting Team | J Ingram | Y Richardson | | | |
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First Reading Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah;

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!



Gospel Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John; Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Is 8:23 - 9:3

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34 Mt 4:12-23

Living the Gospel – Pointing the way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.



Food for Thought:

What image is generated by the description of Jesus as the 'lamb of God'?

What emotions might John have felt in the situation described in this passage?

Who has been a John the Baptist in your life and 'pointed the way' for you in your faith?

How can your actions 'point the way' for others?

Why was it important to emphasise the message of salvation for all the world?

Where do you see an 'us and them' attitude in the world (or your own community) today?