



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 1 December 2019



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Tues, Thurs and Fri

10am -2pm

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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.

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

Frank Curran

Anniversaries of Death

Michael Fogarty, James Derham, Craig Power, Joan Brennan, Gwenda Phelan, Bernie O'Bree, Vince Pellegrino, Connie Taverna, Alice Taylor, Michael Farrell, Abbe & Bronte Foott, Glenys Power, Mary Elliott, Ruby Egan, Jack Robinson, Tony Campanelli, Thomas Gleeson, William McInerney, Catherine Conlan, John Currie, Thomas Irwin, Tom Stutley, Stan Smith, Jack Robinson, Bernie Ryan.

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday: 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 (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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Sick List

Jarrold Crimmins, Jack Donohue, Sean Carroll,

Thao Nguyen. Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis,

Yvonne Annan,

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.

Rosters for Christmas Masses

In the foyer at St Marys Swan Hill

there are clipboards with ministry

sign up forms

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$ 950.20

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$2510.00

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 Bibiana

Tues: St Francis Xavier

Wed: St John of Damascus

Thurs: St Sabas

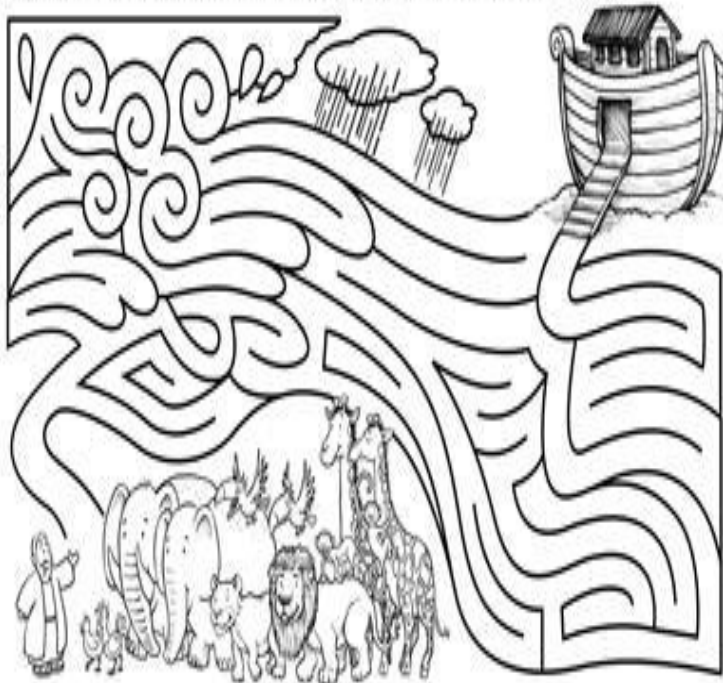
Fri: St Nicholas

Sat: St Ambrose

Child Safe Church

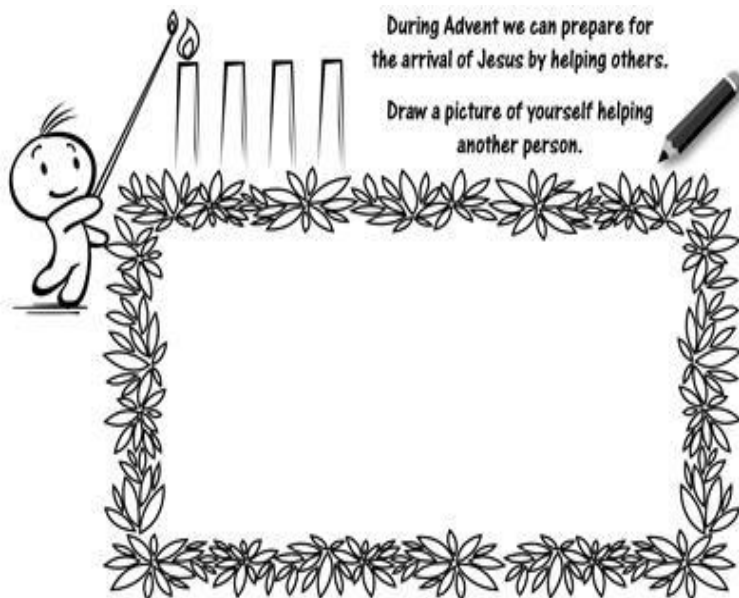
Here in the Parish of Holy Family North East Mallee follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office

Help Noah and the animals find their way onto the ark so they can be ready for the flood when it comes.



During Advent we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus by helping others.

Draw a picture of yourself helping another person.



During the season of Advent we prepare for the arrival of Jesus.

What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this first week of Advent?

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Historical Context – The Advent Wreath

One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.

Food for Thought

Why does Jesus draw a parallel between the people of Noah's time and the people of his own time?

For what is it that Jesus is urging the people to be ready?

Why do we need a designated period of preparation during Advent?

In what ways can Advent be a time of preparation for Christmas?

When Jesus speaks of the 'coming of the Son of Man', to what is he referring?

National Prayer Campaign

for the gift of rain, for the people affected by drought, for support services.

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 drought stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

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 and 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

Study Tour of Biblical Lands 2020

Catholic Theological College are hosting a study tour of the Biblical Lands (Jordan, Israel and Palestinian Territories, Greece) from November 14 – December 7, 2020. An information session will be held Sunday, November 9 from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. For further information contact Jenny Delahunte, email jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au or ph. (03) 9412 3314.

Dates to Remember

1st December – Cuppa after Mass
 9th December – Over 60's, 1.30pm
 14th December – Rosary in the Park , 10.00am @ Joe & Teresa Taverna's
 16th December- Baptism Preparation, 7pm.



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

Armani Capone
child of Marcus and Stephanie and
Scarlette Phillips
Child of Timothy and Colombina

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

St Vincent de Paul receives very little government funding so your donation assists our conference to enable Vinnies to help those experiencing hardship. Throughout Victoria Vinnies has helped provide over \$18.3 million in material assistance. Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you wish to help.

Contributions for the Holy Family Herald are being collected for our end of year issue. Please send to the Parish Office by the end of next week 6th December.

Best Advent Ever/ Advent Reflections 2019/ Dynamic Catholic
Are you ready to get ready? SO...WHAT IS BEST ADVENT EVER?
Best Advent Ever is a daily email program during **Advent** that helps you prepare for your **Best Christmas ever**. It's totally free so go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever> and sign up.

Eucharistic Ministers: please collect a new roster as an amendment to the Saturday Roster has been made.

Columban Calendars and Majellan Christmas Cards
2020 Columban calendars are available for \$8 and Majellan Christmas cards \$10 pack of 10 available from the parish office or for country centres the sacristy.

Rosary in the Park December Meeting Venue
The December gathering, 14th December, will be held at Teresa & Joe Taverna's, 109 Werrill St, Swan Hill at 10.00am, All welcome.

Cuppa after Mass-this Sunday 1st December

Baptism Preparation – the last meeting until February 2020 will be on 16th December at 7.00pm. If you are having your child baptised in January or February now is the time to attend.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

6pm St Mary's Swan Hill

St Marys Sea Lake

8.30pm St Mary's Swan Hill,

St Peter and Paul's Quambatook

10.30pm St Mary's Swan Hill

Christmas Day

9.30am St Mary's Swan Hill

This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Kerry Hoare Jacquelyn Foster	Deanne Dacey Tarsha Brady		Lorna Graham	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	C Billing, C Hoare M Derham, T McRae.	F Fogarty, E Milazzo, K Smith, J Ingram +2		Verna Bourke	
Presentation of Gifts	Mardi Hall	J Chand			
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	A Wright & B Murray	M Dorigo		
Counting Team	A Woolstencroft	P Coady			
Cleaning Team	K & G Smith		K Nunn & J McLean	Glenda	

Next Week's Roster 8th December

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	C Smith C Mitchell	K Smith F Tuntar	TBA	Peter Schlitz	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	J Kladders, J Forster K Hoare, M Haeusler	D Dacey, D Kelly B Ford, M Kiley, T Brady +1		Terry Nolan	
Presentation of Gifts	J Forster J Leah	A Patney J Jenkins		Judy Cameron	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		Fr Matt	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Wood	M Dorigo		
Counting Team	V & K Dullard	N Dullard			
Cleaning Team			K Nunn & J McLean	Glenda	

First Reading Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. *The Word of the Lord*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say ‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!’

For love of my brethren and friends I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans:

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Week’s Readings:

First Reading: Is 11:1-10

Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9

Gospel: Mt 3:1-12

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Burglars in the night

The teachings and sayings of Jesus reveal him to be a clever public speaker and story teller. His use of imagery and language captivated the imagination of his audience. However, we have tended to endow his every word with awesome significance and layers of meaning. Today’s reading is an example where Jesus used a confronting image simply to gain his audience’s attention. He does not intend to suggest that God sneaks up on us like a burglar and is seeking to catch us out. The image conveys the need to prepare for what might happen unexpectedly.

Nativity Play St Mary’s Swan Hill

There will be a practice for those who wish to be in the nativity play for the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass. Practises will be on Sunday 8th, 15th, 22nd December during the 10.30am mass in the Parish Function Centre.