



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, 5 January 2020



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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

Anniversaries of Death

Bill Hayes, Jenny Leonardi, Max Fletcher, Tom Conheady, Joe Clarke, John & Margaret Bookham, Annie & Ken Dwyer, Theresa & Frank Shiels, Michael Conlan, Elizabeth Loader, Margaret Cleary, John McLoughlin, John Rogers, Ralph Jones, Florentino Aranas, Teresa Aiello, John Cappiello, Triss McGrath

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wed: 10am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 12noon

This week Tuesday will be a lay lead as Fr Matt will be away for a wedding

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

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Sick List

Jarrold Crimmins, Jack Donohue, Sean Carroll, Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis, Yvonne Annan,

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)
\$985.20

2nd Collection (Parish Support)
Including C/Cards and D/Debt
\$1202.30

Christmas Collection \$2421.05

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: Bl Andre Bessette

Tues: St Raymond of Penafort

Wed: St Andrew Corsini

Thurs: St Adrian of Canterbury

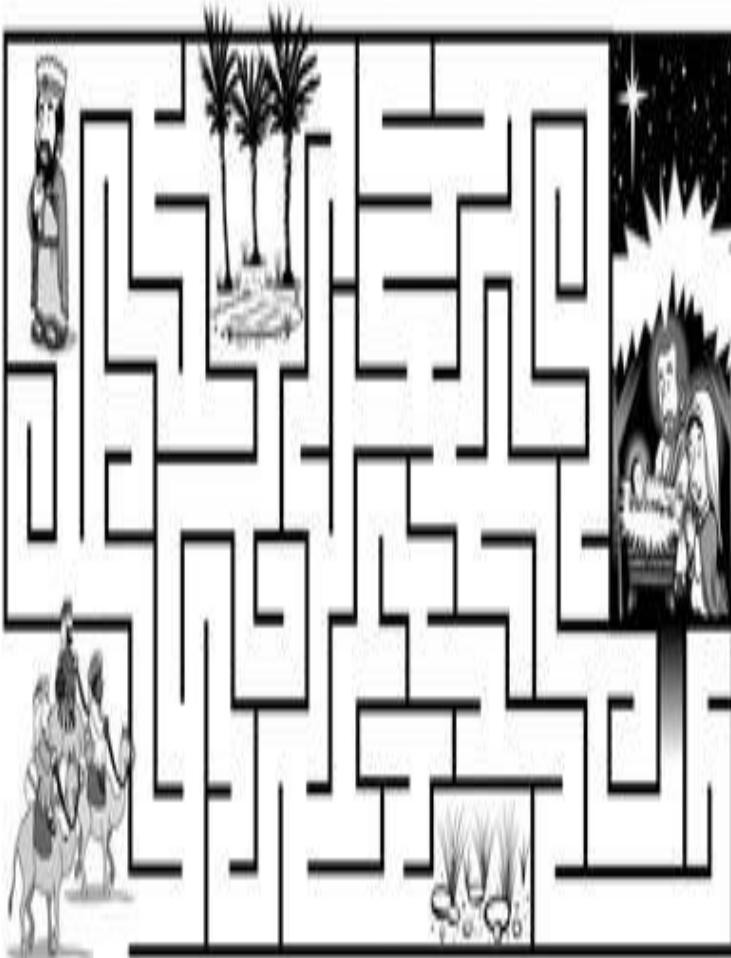
Fri: St John the Almsgiver

Sat: Bl Bernard of Corleone

Draw yourself offering a gift to Jesus



Help the three wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!



Have you thought? Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

Food for Thought

Why does Herod appear to take a great interest in the birth of Jesus?

What might Mary and Joseph have thought to see the wise men bringing gifts to their baby?

In what way was the journey of the wise men a journey of faith?

What is the significance of the wise men presenting earthly 'treasures' to the Christ child?

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

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.

Christmas Message

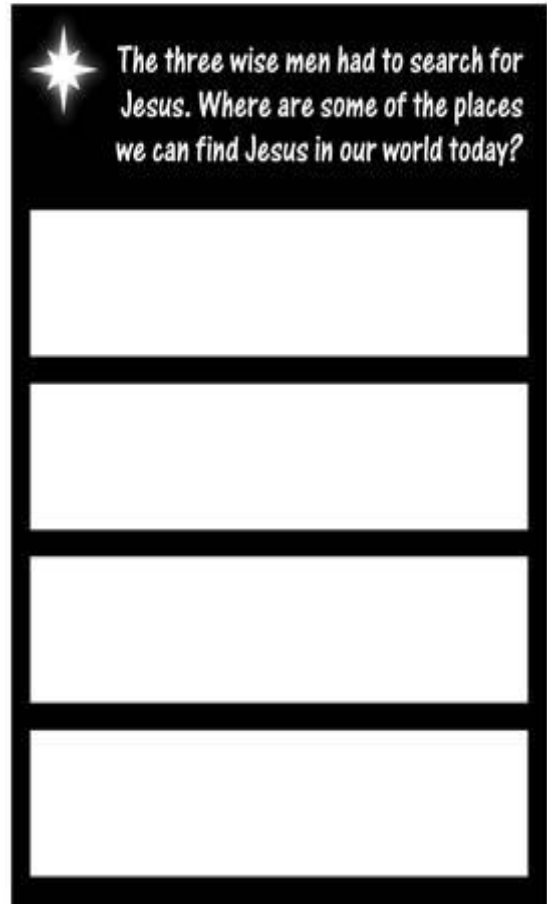
I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry and holy Christmas. I hope and pray that this time of year is a great time for you and your families. Through the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, may we all be open to the love that God has for each of us.

This is normally a time of gathering with family and friends, I ask that we spend a little time in reflection for those who do not have anyone to gather with. We pray for the families who have had a recent death that this Christmas they feel God's love and support at this time.

As we share in the meals and gathering with friends and love ones may we cherish what it is to be a child of God.

God blessing be with you all today and always,

Fr Matthew



This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 10.00am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	B Grace B Patterson	J Wong E Milazzo		T Nolan M Stephenson	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	J Klabbbers, J Forster, K Hoare, M Foley	S Colombo, R Jager, Y Richardson, J Renda E Milazzo		V Bourke	
Presentation of Gifts				n/a	
Leader	Glenda & Mary N	Ken Smith		TBA	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Grace	M Dorigo		
Counting Team	C Billing	J Taverna			
Cleaning Team			T Tait & B Alday	Donna	

Next Week's Roster 12th January

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	S Pearse C Palmer	N Bowd		L Graham	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	J Klabbbers, B McCartney M Haeusler +!	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio, K Smith, J Ingram +2		T Nolan	
Presentation of Gifts	Pham Family	H Meehan & M Kennon		Brian Lorna Graham	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		Fr Matt	
Music Ministry	A Woolstencroft	B Grace & K Smith			
Counting Team	G O'Brien	T O'Brien			
Cleaning Team			T Tait & B Alday	Donna	

First Reading Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

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

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel. *The Gospel of the Lord*

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mt 3:13-17

