



# Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

## Baptism of the Lord

### Sunday, 12 January 2020



**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

Noura Thiele, May Croft, Alf Wilson,

Pauline Martin, Eddie Dalton,

Catherine Wilson, David "Tige" Bonney,

Vince Mobilio, Carmel Gregor,

Tom & Jo Murphy, Dominico Bartalotta,

Nyree Templeton, Mary Walsh, Mary Allen,

Norah Gregor, Laurence Byrne, Peter Power,

Rhonda Coughlan, Marie LeDeux

#### 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 (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

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

Principal: Kate Quin

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##### Secondary

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

Principal: Michelle Haeusler

53 McCrae Street, Swan Hill

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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

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

\$

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

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$

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: 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

Draw a line to connect each symbol with its correct meaning.



Candle



Water


Symbolizes the Holy Spirit

Symbolizes life, cleansing and growth


Symbolizes purity and freedom from sin

Symbolizes the emergence from darkness into the light


Dove



White Gown




Draw Jesus being baptized in the river by John the Baptist.




Symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism

Candle




Symbolizes the emergence from darkness into the light.

Water



Symbolizes life, cleansing and growth.

White Gown



Symbolizes purity and freedom from sin.

**Gospel Focus – Leave it like this**

There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, ‘Leave it like this for the time being’. We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives – we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus’ words convey a sense that there is an order to things a right time for them to come about. ‘Leave it like this for the time being’ says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.

**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



We welcome through Baptism into our parish family and the faith community:  
**Ivy, Lola and Fredrick,**  
 children of Stuart and Emily and  
**Bodhi Beriman**  
 Child of Jayden and Gemma

**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.

### 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.

### **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 rosters.

**OVER 60's Cards** tomorrow Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm. All welcome

### **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 9.30am 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 Klabbers, B McCartney M Haeusler +1	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio, K Smith, J Ingram +2		T Nolan	
Presentation of Gifts		H Meehan & M Kennon		Brian & Lorna Graham	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		Fr Matt	
Music Ministry	A Woolstencroft	B Grace & KSmith			
Counting Team	G O'Brien	T O'Brien			
Cleaning Team			T Tait & B Alday	Donna	

#### **Next Week's Roster 19<sup>th</sup> January**

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 5.00pm 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	

**First Reading** Is 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah;

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 28:1-4, 9-10. R. v.11

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**Second Reading** Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles;

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation** See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mt 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew;

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Next Week's Readings:**

First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

**Food for Thought**

What might John have thought as he saw Jesus approaching him for baptism?

When have you had respect paid to you by someone you respect?

When or where have you experienced an awareness of the presence of God?

How might you try to become aware of God's will in your life?

What do you think John recognised about Jesus that marked him as the Messiah?

Why did Jesus refuse to baptise John?

For you in your life, what are the 'demands of righteousness'?

What are the everyday moments of your life that are 'graced' moments of God's presence?