



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, 2 February 2020



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Office Hours

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

Anniversaries of Death

Audrey Walsh, Mary Shirley,
Robert Burns, Kieran Brennan, James King, Patrick Casey, , Betty Burns, Blessing Ugbejie, Natalie Pino, Allan & Alvie Coburn, Frank Lonergan, Kaylene Hanns, Joan Charles, Peter Kennedy, John Bell, Francesco & Concetta Marotta, Bridie & Con Hogan, Fred LeDeux , Geoff Stephenson

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wed: 10am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 11am Exposition

12noon Mass

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

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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, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke

CUPPA AFTER MASS TODAY

Dates to Remember In February .

8th Feb: Saturday Rosary in the Park. 10am.

10th Feb: Monday Over 60's 1.30pm

And Baptism Preparation Program. 7.00pm

26th Feb: Ash Wednesday

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$356.70

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1001.40

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 Blaise

Tues: St Jane Valois

Wed: St Agatha

Thurs: St Paul Miki & Companions

Fri: Bl Giles Mary

Sat: St Jerome Emilani

**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



Ash Wednesday 26th 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.

Leaders for Lent Reflection Groups

If you are interested in leading a reflection group within your community, please contact the office.

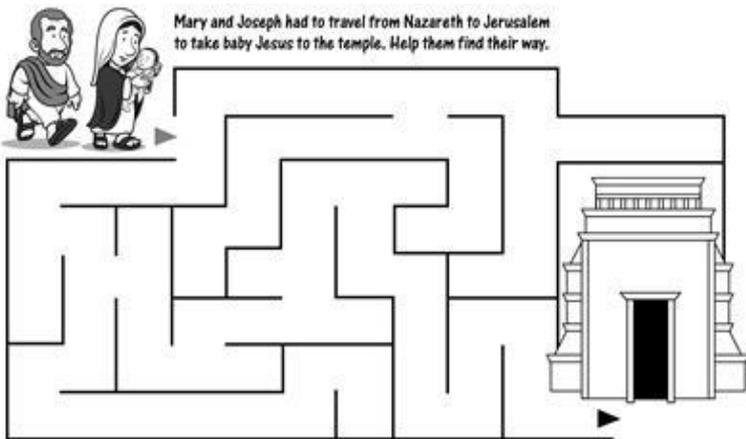


We welcome through Baptism into our parish family and the faith community:

Hattie Merrett

child of Andrew & Jessica

Baptism Preparation –will be on Monday 10th February at 7.00pm. If you are having your child baptised in March or April now is the time to attend.



Food for Thought:

Why might the Church mark this presentation in the Temple event as a special feast day?

In what ways do people 'offer their lives to God' today?

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In what ways can you be like Simeon and Anna and proclaim the importance of Jesus?

How does this episode reflect the hopes and dreams that all new parents hold for their child?

What are some of the things families do after they have a baby?



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.

St Joseph's Church Nullawil Final Mass

All are welcome to attend the Final Mass at St Joseph's Church Nullawil on Sunday, April 4, 2020 at 12.30pm. A light luncheon will follow. For further information please contact Kaylene James, ph. 0428 935270.

Support those affected by the bushfires

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided information and resources to support those affected by the bushfires and this is available from the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or www.catholic.org.au/bushfires. The diocesan website also has media releases from Catholic Mission and Caritas regarding ways they are supporting those in bushfire affected areas. St Vincent de Paul is collecting donations for the "Vinnies Bushfire Appeal" at www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw. Please be assured that all donations from Victoria will be directed to Victorians.

Ireland Group Tour, "Eat Pray Love"

Joyce Clery and Emma Coburn (Ararat Parishioners) are co-hosting a tour of Ireland from 1-13, September 2020.

For more information go to
www.eatpraylovetravel.com.au

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	Catherine Smith Chris Mitchell	Y Richardson D Kelly	TBA	N Ryan	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	J Klabbers, M Haeusler, H Lewis, B McCartney	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio, K Smith, J Ingram + 2	TBA	V Bourke	
Presentation of Gifts	S & J Noonan	H Meehan, M Kennon		n/a	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	TBA	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Murray & B Grace			
Counting Team	K & G Smith	P Coady			
Cleaning Team			J Newell & N Summerhayes	Donna	

Next Week's Roster 9th February

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
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Minsters of Communion	M Derham, T McRae K Hoare, C Billing	D Dacey, D Kelly, B Ford M Kiley, T Brady, A Gilmour	TBA	T Nolan	
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Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	Fr Matt	
Music Ministry	A Woolstencroft	B Grace & K Smith			
Counting Team	V & K Dullard	N Dullard			
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First Reading Mal 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi:

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10**(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

O gates lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**Second Reading** Heb 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation, he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Is 58:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

Gospel Lk 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Avoiding issues to 'keep the peace'?

When Mary and Joseph went to the Temple, Simeon blessed them, saying their child would be rejected. When we take our child for baptism, we are given a candle, a reminder 'to keep the flame of faith alive'. This can be difficult, but let us not avoid the issues 'to keep the peace', but grow in listening and trust together.