



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 23 February 2020



Do Not Judge
And You Will
Not Be Judged

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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

Annuziata Russo

Anniversaries of Death

Raffaele Caccavello, Pat Purtill,

Vin Conway, Francis Foott, Ron Free,

Vincenzo Iannuci, Flavia Dutto, Loz Nolan,

Ted Corrie, Frederick Lloyd, Clare O'Bryan,

Wilhelm Wierderman, Mary Giddings,

John Quirk, Simon Hayes, Gary Patching

Weekday Masses

Monday: Funeral 10.30am

Tuesday: Mass 5.30pm Swan Hill

Ash Wednesday:

8.30am St Mary McKillop Staff

9.15am St Marys PS

10am Swan Hill

5.30pm Quambatook

Thursday: 10.15 Mass Sea Lake

Friday: 11am Exposition

Mass 12noon

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, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke

Dates to Remember In February/March .

26th Feb: Ash Wednesday

1st March: Cuppa after Mass

5th March: Grandparents night St Mary's

Primary School. 5.30pm

9th March: Over 60's 1.30pm

14th March: Rosary in the Park 10.00am

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$950.20

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1025.00

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 Josefa Naval Girbes

Tues: St Caesarius of Nazianzen

Wed: ASH WEDNESDAY

Thurs: St Gabriel Possenti

Fri: Sts Romanus & Lupicinus

Sat: Bl Antonia of Florence

**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

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT!

It's not about what you give up, **it's who you become.** Best Lent Ever is all about how the saints are ready to help you create holy moments and become the-best-version-of-yourself. Every day during Lent you'll receive an email with a short video designed to inspire you and focus you for the day. It's free and easy to sign up. Go to DynamicCatholic.com and enter your name and email address. Give it a go and experience for yourself a 40 day journey of amazing possibilities.

How can we love our enemies? Tick the best answers in the boxes below.

 <p>If someone slaps you on the cheek, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Slap them back <input type="checkbox"/> B: Forgive them, or... <input type="checkbox"/> C: Call the police</p>	 <p>If someone teases you and calls you names, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Throw a tantrum <input type="checkbox"/> B: Find nice things to say about them, or... <input type="checkbox"/> C: Ask God to punish them</p>	 <p>If someone wants to share your favorite toy, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Tell them to go away <input type="checkbox"/> B: Let them play with it, but only for 5 minutes, or... <input type="checkbox"/> C: Let them have it for as long as they like</p>	 <p>If someone is mean to you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Ask God to bless them <input type="checkbox"/> B: Tell everyone how bad that person is, or... <input type="checkbox"/> C: Get even with them</p>
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Food for Thought:

Before reading today's reflection, how would you have explained 'turn the other cheek'?

How has your understanding of this teaching changed?

Why is the historical context of scripture significant to our understanding and interpretation today?

What situations in your own experience require a stand to turn the other cheek?

What aspects of the gospel passage do you find most comforting/reassuring?

EASTER CEREMONIES

Ash Wednesday: Vigil Tuesday 25th Feb 5.30pm Swan Hill
Wednesday: 8.30am MacKillop Staff; 9.15am St Mary's PS Swan Hill School Liturgy; 10.00am Swan Hill Mass; 5.30pm Quambatook, Thursday 27th 10.15am Sea Lake.
Holy Thursday: Sea Lake 10.15am Swan Hill 6.30pm
Good Friday 3.00pm Swan Hill, Sea Lake, Quambatook, 5.00pm Culgoa
Easter Vigil Saturday 6.30pm Swan Hill, Sunday 8.30am Quambatook, 10.30am Swan Hill, 5.00pm Nandaly

Complete the Text Maze:

"Forgive others and God will forgive you."

START

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"CAN YOU FIND THE SIX HIDDEN WORDS FROM THIS WEEKS GOSPEL READING?"

FINISH

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR SATURDAY NIGHTS

We still require the following for Saturday night:

Proclaimer of the Word; Delivering readings of the day, leading the responsorial psalm and prayers of the faithful.

Generally, 2 people share this role

Eucharistic Minister; Assisting with the distribution of Communion to the congregation. **AND**

Counting Roster: 2 people per **Sunday** morning to count and collate the collections from both masses.

Training will be provided.

At the moment most Ministries rotate every 6 weeks. 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.



Plenary Council 2020 Update - Listening and Dialogue diocesan reports published A report of the responses from the Ballarat Diocese to the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council has been published. Click here to access this report <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/fix-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=1745&categoryId=101>

National Theme for Discernment – February:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

Listening and Discernment, are welcome up until Ash Wednesday, February 26th. This is a communal discernment not individual. If there is sufficient interest, Holy Family Parish will hold Listen and Discernment Experience next week. Up to 2 hours in length. Clipboards are available at the back of the church for you to write your name if you're interested in participating and could you please also indicate the key theme you're most interested in. Thank you.

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.

This Weeks Roster

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 9.30am Sea Lake	Sat 6.30pm Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	T McRae H Hogan	K Quin G Gook	TBA	P Schlitz	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare. B McCartney. C Page. M Foley	F Fogarty. C Alderuccio, K Smith, J Ingram +2	TBA	L Graham	
Presentation of Gifts	Kennedy Family	Bowd Family		n/a	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	TBA	TBA	
Music Ministry	A Woolstencroft	B Murray & A Wright			
Counting Team	P McDonald	K McCosh			
Cleaning Team			J Newell & N Summerhayes	Judy	

Next Week's Roster 1st March

	Sat 6.30pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill	Sun 8.30am Sea Lake	Sun 9.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	Emma Hoare John Hoare	Jordan Wong E Milazzo	TBA		No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	C Billing, C Hoare, M Derham, T McRae	D Dacey, D Kelly, B Ford, M Kiley, T Brady + 1	TBA		
Presentation of Gifts	H Lewis H Magee	G Harrower & T Brady	n/a		
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		
Music Ministry	J Taverna	K Smith & B Grace			
Counting Team	B Ford	P Rosaia			
Cleaning Team			J Newell & N Summerhayes	Judy	

First Reading Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus:

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**Second Reading** 1 Cor 3:16-23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Living the Gospel – Love your enemy

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Finding the joy in our sacramental relationship.

The joy of courting couples is obvious for all to see. Over the years, excitement can lessen, our independent attitudes strengthen; competition and jealousy creep in. Today Jesus calls us to "...turn the other cheek...". In confidence share, in trust listen, in faith forgive, so that our spouse will grow in self-worth and the sparkle of joy will reignite.