



# Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Sunday, 8 March 2020



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### Office Hours

Tues, Thurs and Fri

10am -2pm

### **Parish Admin Officers:**

Glenda Klabbers

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

Nella & Giuseppe Bellofiore, Kevin Mikes, Bernard Spicer, Concetta Isgro, Francesco Fazzalori, Sr Kathleen Hogan, Frank Dillon, John Anderson, Harry Morris, Mary Nolen, Mary Safe, Giuseppe Leonardi, Antonio Fazzalori, Daniel Wright, Roy Marsolino, Mary Foley, Leonard Patching, Rhodesia McNamara, Mary Ellen Irwin. Ian Giddings, Margaret Mudge, Sr Annunciata Schlitz, Eileen Kelly. Ron Noble

### Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: Mass 5.30pm Swan Hill

Wednesday: 10am Swan Hill

2pm Alchringa

Thursday: 10.15

Friday: Exposition

Mass 12noon

5pm Culgoa

### 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)

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

Ph: 03 5070 1272

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

Principal: Kate Quin

2 Murlong St Swan Hill

Ph. 03 5033 2541

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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

### EASTER CEREMONIES

**Holy Thursday:** Sea Lake 10.15am Swan Hill 6.30pm

**Good Friday** 3.00pm Swan Hill, Sea Lake, and Quambatook. 5.00pm Culgoa.

**Easter Vigil** Saturday 6.30pm Swan Hill,

**Sunday** 8.30am Quambatook, 10.30am Swan Hill, 5.00pm Nandaly.

### Finances

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

\$905.20

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

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1025.50

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 Frances of Rome

Tues: St Dominic Savio

Wed: St Gemma Galgani

Thurs: Bl Aniela Salawa

Fri: St Seraphina (Fina)

Sat: St Matilda

**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



**Lenten Websites**

**40acts – take the 40-day generosity challenge for Lent** .<https://40acts.org.au> ' 40 days, 40 reflections, 40 challenges, to make a difference. Join forces with a global, generous community of over one hundred thousand people who have completed the 40acts challenge during Lent

**Best Lent Ever** It's free and easy to sign up. Go to [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) and enter your name and email address. Give it a go and experience for yourself a 40 day journey of amazing possibilities.

**Lent resources** are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**Stations of the Cross**

Friday evenings at 7pm St Marys Swan Hill, all welcome.

By using the words below, can you work out what the voice from the cloud said to the apostles?

**SON AM LISTEN TO SAYS  
BELOVED HIM IS PLEASED**

THIS \_\_\_ MY  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
AND I \_\_\_\_\_  
WITH \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_ WHAT HE \_\_\_\_\_.



God wants us to listen to Jesus. Write down three things that Jesus is telling you.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS**

**Transformed by our love**

Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed!

**Take action on climate change**

The link below provides information about the current climate change bill and all it involves. The link also provides an opportunity for you to sign a petition in support of the bill. It takes only seconds to show your support of this important

response <https://www.climateactnow.com.au>



We welcome through Baptism into our parish family and the faith community:  
**Tate Boulton** child of Michael and Hannah,  
**Amelia Infantino** child of Martino and Renay and  
**Antonino Tripodi** child of Kyle and Kate.

## CORONA VIRUS

In the interests and wellbeing of all parishioners in our Diocese the following directive has been issued.

- The practice of receiving Holy Communion under both kind (Host and Chalice) will cease. The Host can be distributed to all but Communion of the Precious Blood will be for the celebrant only. Communion will be received in the hand and not on the tongue.
- At the Sign of Peace, parishioners with coughs and sneezes, the vulnerable and those parishioners who may feel uncomfortable about shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, may wish to exchange the Peace of Christ with a smile or a bow, and should be encouraged to do so.
- All ministers of Holy Communion (both ordinary and extraordinary) are to use hand sanitisers before the distribution of Holy Communion commences and are not to physically touch anyone in the act of blessing.

These directives are informed by the latest advice from the Australian Government Department of Health which states that everyone should practise good hygiene to protect against coronavirus infection, including “avoiding close contact with others, such as touching”. These directives will remain in place until the need for them ceases.

## *St Joseph's Church Nullawil Final Mass*

All are welcome to attend the Final Mass at St Joseph's Church Nullawil on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 12.30pm. A light luncheon will follow. For further information please contact Kaylene James, ph. 0428 935270.

## St Marys Sea Lake

Please note that for the near future St Mary's Sea Lake community have decided not to have lay leads on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. The Masses will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 8.30am and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 5pm.

## *Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment –*

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a **joyful, hope-filled and servant community**? 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.

### 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<br>Swan Hill             | Sun 10.30am<br>Swan Hill      | Sun<br>Sea Lake | Sun 8.30am<br>Quambatook | Lalbert                   |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Minister of the Word   | Marilyn Foley<br>Rob Waterhouse     | Deanne Dacey<br>Tarsha Brady  |                 | P Schlitz                | No Services at the moment |
| Ministers of Communion | Josh Klabbers<br>Alan Woolstencroft | S Colombo, R Jager, E Milazzo |                 | L Graham                 |                           |
| Presentation of Gifts  | V Grant<br>N Barry                  | G Harrower<br>T Brady         |                 | n/a                      |                           |
| Leader                 | Fr Matt                             | Fr Matt                       | Fr Matt         | TBA                      |                           |
| Music Ministry         | J Taverna                           | B Wood                        |                 |                          |                           |
| Counting Team          | C Billing                           | J Taverna                     |                 |                          |                           |
| Cleaning Team          |                                     |                               | Maureen Allan   | Judy                     |                           |

### Next Week's Roster 15<sup>th</sup> March

|                        | Sat 6.30pm<br>Swan Hill    | Sun 10.30am<br>Swan Hill             | Sun 5pm<br>Sea Lake | Sun 9.30am<br>Quambatook | Lalbert                   |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Minister of the Word   | M Hoare<br>A Woolstencroft | K Smith<br>F Tuntar                  |                     |                          | No Services at the moment |
| Ministers of Communion | M Hoare, C Page,           | F Fogarty, C Alderuccio,<br>J Ingram |                     |                          |                           |
| Presentation of Gifts  | Vietnamese<br>Community    | H Tuntar<br>L Slattery               |                     |                          |                           |
| Leader                 | Fr Matt                    | Fr Matt                              |                     |                          |                           |
| Music Ministry         | J Taverna                  | J Farrell                            |                     |                          |                           |
| Counting Team          | J Ingram                   | Y Richardson                         |                     |                          |                           |
| Cleaning Team          |                            |                                      | Maureen Allan       | Judy                     |                           |

**First Reading** Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis:

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**Second Reading** 2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Next Week's Readings:**

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

Gospel: Jn 4:5-42

**Dates to Remember In March .**

**9<sup>th</sup> March:** Over 60's 1.30pm

**14<sup>th</sup> March:** Rosary in the Park 10.00am

**Gospel** Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Living the Gospel – 'Listen to him!'**

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One, and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation

**Food for Thought:**

Why might Jesus have only taken three of his disciples up the mountain with him?

Why were the disciples frightened by what they saw?

Can you recall other biblical events in which mountaintops feature at special moments?

Why was it important for Jesus and the disciples to go back down the mountain?

Have you ever had the experience of not wanting to 'go back down the mountain'?

What message did the Transfiguration hold for the three disciples who witnessed it?

What message does the event hold for us today?

Why is this reading chosen for use in the season of Lent?