



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, 15 March 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

Nina Taverna, Lavena Johnston,
Dorothy Burgess, Libby Dunstone, Jim Elliot,
Rose Lawry, Peter O'Connor,
Francis Ledwich, Catherine Leggitt,
Margaret Nolan, John White, Mary Meehan,
Evelyn O'Brien, Maurice McNamara,
Simone Tuohey

Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: Mass 5.30pm Swan Hill

Wednesday: 10am Swan Hill

Thursday: 10.15

Friday: 11.00am 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)
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

Jarrod 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

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

\$985.50

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

\$1105.00

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 Torello

Tues: St Patrick

Wed: St Cyril of Jerusalem

Thurs: St Joseph Husband of Mary

Fri: St Cuthbert

Sat: St Serapion

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



Stations of the Cross

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

This week:

Project Compassion asks us to pray for First Australian people this week.

Tuesday wear something green and pray for the people of Ireland.

Pray for those preparing for Baptism at Easter.

What did St Joseph do for a living?

Fast from Gossip.

Don't sit around all day -do some extra walking, running or skipping.

Food for Thought:

Why is it significant that it was a Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well?

In what ways does an historical understanding of the Samaritans assist our understanding of this passage?

What is it about her encounter with Jesus that prompts the woman to speak about Jesus in the town?

How are we able to come 'face to face' with Jesus today as did the woman at the well?

New Parish Priest

On Tuesday evening I was asked by Bishop Paul to move from Holy Family to become the new Parish Priest of Sunraysia Parish. To look after the parishes of Sacred Heart Mildura, Our Lady's Merbein and St Joseph's Redcliffs,

I will be leaving the week after Easter to take up this new position. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all and for the wonderful support and encouragement that you have given me over the past three and a half years that we have been together.

I do not know yet who will be replacing me, the bishop will notify us soon.

Let's pray for each other over this transitional time and look forward to the arrival of a new parish priest and also to new adventures in the love of Christ.

Thanks

Fr Matt

The parishes of Robinvale and Ouyen will have Fr Anthony look after them also from the week after Easter.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Find our 'living water'

Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of His first miracle at Cana where He changed water into wine. Today, He promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again...a spring inside...welling up to eternal life". When His grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others.



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

Austin Phyland child of Aaron and Clare and

Bowen Smith child of Jason and Amanda

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

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 2nd and 4th Sundays. The Masses will continue on the 1st Sunday at 8.30am and 3rd Sunday at 5pm.

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 5.00pm Sea Lake	Sun 8.30am Quambatook	Lalbert
Minister of the Word	M Hoare A Woolstencroft	K Smith F Tuntar		T Nolan M Stephenson	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare, C Page,	F Fogarty, C Alderuccio, J Ingram		M Stephenson	
Presentation of Gifts	Vietnamese Community	H Tuntar L Slattery		John Scarce	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	Fr Matt	
Music Ministry	J Taverna	J Farrell			
Counting Team	J Ingram	Y Richardson			
Cleaning Team			Maureen Allan	Glenda	

Next Week's Roster 22nd March

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Minister of the Word	MacKillop College	St Marys Year 1		L Graham	No Services at the moment
Minsters of Communion	MacKillop College	Deanne Dacey, Brenda Ford, Emma Doherty		L Graham	
Presentation of Gifts	MacKillop College	St Marys School		TBA	
Leader	Fr Matt	Fr Matt		TBA	
Music Ministry	MacKillop College	St Marys School			
Counting Team	K & G Smith	P Coady			
Cleaning Team			Sarah Brady, Trudy Symes	Glenda	

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?' *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
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Gospel

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'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*