



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

Feast of the Holy Trinity

Sunday, 7 June 2020



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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

Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: No Mass

Anniversaries

Patricia Ladsen, Maria Sirolli, Dorothy Murphy, Nathan Mangiamelli, Fr Lyle Young, Margaret Jirik, Mavis O'Halloran, Margaret Templeton, Sarah O'Halloran, Noel Storer, Gwynnivere Frazer, Pasquale Trinci. Rosario Pizzo, Margaret Lucy, Margaret Sury, Marjorie Jager, Mary Morris, Mollie McLean, Anastacia Neiman, Irene Cattran



ROSARY IN THE PARK IS BACK

When: Next Saturday 13th

June 10.00am

Where: The Rotunda at Riverside Park.

Please bring your own chair.

Schools within the Parish

Primary

St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake

Principal: Kate Nunn

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Sick List

Jarrold Crimmins, Jack Donohue, Sean Carroll., Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis, Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke
Chris Hall

During these difficult times your continued donations to the presbytery and parish support are greatly appreciated.

If you wish to drop off your stewardship envelopes please leave under door at Parish office or drop off on a Tuesday or Friday.

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

Thank you for your generous contribution to the running of the parish and the support of our priests

Saints / Feast Days

This Week

Mon: St William of York

Tues: St Ephrem

Wed: Bl Anna Maria Taigi

Thurs: St Barnabas

Fri: St John Gonzalez de Castriello

Sat: St Anthony of Padua

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

The Parish Collections

We have had people enquire about how they can contribute to the normal collections.

The First Collection - This looks after Fr James and the running of the Presbytery, this collection is normally taken up first and in the past has been via cash, with the current situation you may wish to contribute to this by either dropping money into the office on a Tues or Fri or you can direct debit to the account. Account Name Holy Family Parish
BSB- 083874 Account 30-816-7018

The Second Collection- this is for the running of the parish, most people either use plan giving envelopes or direct debit, if you would like to contribute to this one the details are

Name: Holy Family Parish BSB 083874
Account 30-806-2531

If using direct deposit, please make sure you put your name in the reference box.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

What are the different symbols or images of Trinity that you can identify?

Why do you think the concept of Trinity developed so slowly over a few hundred years?

How would you explain the concept of 'Trinity' to a non-Christian?

How would the earliest Jewish-Christians have reacted to the idea of God as Trinity?

In what ways do your prayers to Father, Son or Spirit differ?

Plenary Council Discernment Papers released

Six Discernment and Writing Groups, one each for the six national themes for discernment that emerged from the Council's *Listening and Dialogue* phase, were tasked with writing papers to bring some major themes and issues into focus. The papers were released on Pentecost Sunday and are available to read at the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Complimentary Trinity Resource

The Trinity is one of the great mysteries of our faith. For many, making the Sign of the Cross is the first and simplest prayer we learn. However great scholars have written volumes in trying to unravel this mystery. Trinitarian scholar, Anne Hunt will not demystify the Trinity, but she will give insights into this central tenet of the Catholic faith and provide material for reflection, prayer and discussion. This free faith guide is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au – under News & Events - Coronavirus -- The Church's information and advice.

What can I do during this time of Covid19?

With some easing of restrictions please keep being safe and social distancing as we are not over it yet. Don't forget the elderly and vulnerable in your area. Keep checking in daily to make sure they are ok. If you can assist in any way eg shopping,collecting medication etc, this can alleviate some stress and arrange to leave it at their door when task is finished.

The Ballarat diocesan website has a list of links for Mass on line, resources for things like Sacred Space: 10 minute prayer and reflection, pray at home, pray as you go are just a few of the links as well as activities to do as a family so head over to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and discover what is on offer

Message from Fr James

It is exciting making a new start here in Holy Family. I look forward to getting to know you all and serving you over the years ahead. Given the current restrictions, some of you may perhaps feel you have missed the opportunity to farewell Fr Matt. No need to fear! We will get him back for a proper send-off once circumstances ease.

I am also excited that we as a nation have now reached the point where it is safe for us to celebrate the Eucharist publicly, albeit still with some restrictions. Please see the notice opposite explaining how we will celebrate the Mass while complying with the directives of our state's chief health officer. These arrangements will continue to evolve over the weeks ahead as circumstances change. My big thanks to Glenda and Mary for their help in coordinating a return to celebrating our Sunday Eucharist. And thanks to all of you for being so patient and understanding during this time.

We will still be relying on that same patience and understanding in the weeks ahead. Even with the return of Mass, the ongoing restriction on numbers mean that not every-one will be able to attend each weekend. However, everyone should have had an opportunity to attend by the end of the month, so the wait is almost over!

Gospel Reflection

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as the ultimate attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God. Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, perhaps today is also an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.



With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions

SUNDAY MASS IS RESUMING *BUT* WITH RESTRICTIONS:

From next weekend (13th/ 14th June) we will be celebrating Mass according to our usual roster (2nd Sunday of the month).

To help accommodate some extra numbers, Fr James will also temporarily offer an extra Mass in Swan Hill on Saturdays at 5.00pm

BUT

According to Victorian Governments directions only **20** worshippers can attend each service

SO

For Swan Hill, book your seat by **Phone ONLY** from TUESDAY onwards by contacting the Parish Office on 50324144 **after** 10.30am.

Our country churches have been contacted and will make their own arrangements for their scheduled Masses

For the time being there will be no music at the masses nor weekday masses.
Pews will be sprayed after each Mass.

First Reading Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus:

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. Blest your glorious holy name.

You are blest in the temple of your glory. You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

You are blest who gaze into the depths. You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading 2 Cor 13:11-13

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John: Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:16-17

Gospel: Jn 6:51-58

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term Trinity used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

Living the Gospel – Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

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