



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

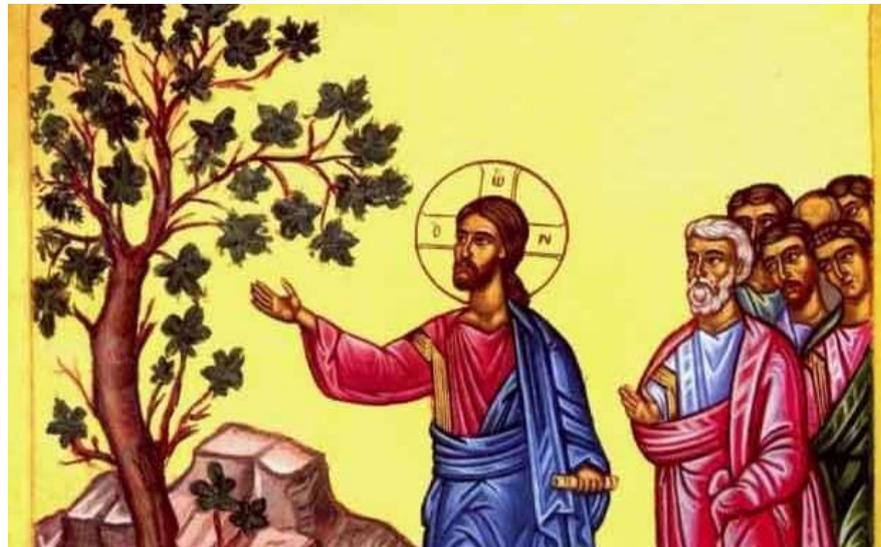
Incorporating the Communities of

St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, St Michael's Lalbert, St Joseph's Lake Boga, St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill
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HOPE IN TIMES OF TRIBULATION

I've heard Melbourne CBD is still deadly quite after months of lockdowns. I wonder though if street preachers have returned to the Bourke St Mall. If you've ever gone shopping there I'm sure you know the ones I am talking about. They are often set up outside the old Post Office with big cardboard signs declaring that 'the end of the world is near' and that 'only Jesus can save us'. I must admit I've never spoken to those prophets. They seem just a little crazy. Like most people I just keep my head down and walk by with a little embarrassment. Am I wrong though to simply dismiss what they are saying? For sure, we might raise some questions around the effectiveness of those cardboard signs as a means of evangelisation. When it comes to the actual crux of their message though; are those street preachers actually wrong?

Just think of our average news cycle. How often do we read headlines that are full of doom and gloom? Whether around environmental disaster, public health crises, political turmoil or cultural collapse, you can hardly go a day without some story of impending catastrophe. Such anxieties are hardly new to our times. They come and go like waves. But while these waves might knock us about, as people of faith we have no reason for despair. When we are feeling overwhelmed by such fears, the words of Jesus speak directly to us. Like the prophets before him, Jesus warns us that tribulations will come. We face ups and downs as individuals. Should it surprise us that societies also rise and fall? This world and all that is in it is transitory. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Only God himself is eternal. He is the rock that no storm can shake. If we have God as our foundation, the storms will simply crash around us too. And even more than that, we have the confident assurance that he is always near us, "at the very gates." This is why we can hold on to hope even in times of tribulation.

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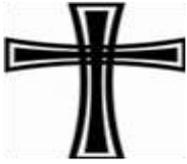
Mary Kennedy

Child Protection Officers:

Damian and Karen Kelly

Child Safe Church

Here in the Parish of Holy Family North East Mallee we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office.



Please keep in your prayers

Recent Deaths

Rosina Nasisi
Carmel Hernon

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Peter Craig, John Hayes, John Sheldon, Ivy Sewell,
Brian O'Bryan, Marion Derbas, Phil Milano, Cliff
Hinton, Bernie Maher, John Auden, Elizabeth Kiley,
Kath Storer, Robert Isgro, Michael Nolan, Lil O'Meara.

SICK LIST

Margaret Foott, Jarrod Crimmins, Jack Donohue,
Jude Lewis, Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael
Bourke, Bridget Phyland, Carmel Ryan, Tully Williams,
Bill Croft.

SACRAMENTS THIS WEEK

THIS WEEKEND (13TH/14TH NOVEMBER)

*At the Masses marked with an *DV, adults will need
to show you are double vaccinated. Please see
posters and separate letter for further explanation.*

Friday 5pm Culgoa
Saturday 5pm Swan Hill*DV
Saturday 6:30pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8:30am Quambatook
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill*DV
Sunday 5pm Nandaly*DV

WEEKDAYS

Fr James away this week so no weekday Masses

NEXT WEEKEND (21ST/22ND NOVEMBER)

*At the Masses marked with an *DV, adults will need to
show you are double vaccinated.*

Saturday 5pm Swan Hill*DV
Saturday 6:30pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8:30am Lalbert
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill*DV
Sunday 5pm Sea Lake*DV

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$ 454.00
2nd Collection (Parish): \$ 2206.50

NOTICES

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS

From this weekend we will begin to celebrate the Confirmations and First Communions that we had postponed. These will continue across most weekend Masses in Swan Hill, Nandaly and Sea Lake between now and Christmas.

KNITTED SQUARES/RUGS

If any ladies have these completed could they please drop at Helen Dean's home or at Mass. A consignment will be sent in late November.

STAMPS

There is a box for used stamps in the foyer. These support Peruvian Missions. The Josephite Companions thank you for your generosity.

REMEMBRANCE BOOK

We will update our remembrance book with the names of those who have died in our parish in the last 12 months. If you have any other names of close friends and family who have died over the last year, please contact the Parish Office.

NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

COLUMBAN Calendars for 2022- \$12
Majellan Christmas Cards -\$8 pack of 10
God's Word \$15 for those who ordered them

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.

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Angelic Swords of Light

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they? They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.



We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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**HAVE YOU HEARD OF A REVERSE ADVENT
CALENDAR?**

Let's do something different for Advent. I have arranged for our parish to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar project.



What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

Unlike a regular Advent Calendar where the focus is on receiving a treat every day, the Reverse Advent Calendar takes the focus off receiving and places the focus on giving to others.

A Reverse Advent Calendar begins as an empty box. For 20 days in the lead up to Christmas you place one item (non-perishable food, toiletries, Christmas treat) into the box. After 20 days your filled Reverse Advent Calendar is dropped off to the Parish Office where it will be distributed from the Good Kitchen to people in our immediate community who are experiencing food insecurity. Boxes and suggestions for items to go in the box will be available from the Parish office next week. If you would like more information please contact Glenda at the Parish Office on Tuesdays or Fridays

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Why did Jesus paint this picture of the future for his disciples just as they came to Jerusalem?

What is the message for us when Jesus says no one will know the time of the coming of the Son of Man?

Why might the gospel writer have included this section of Jesus speaking about the future?

Do you think most people are optimistic or fearful about the future?

What are three things that you look forward to accomplishing in the future?

Do historical events around the time of its writing help explain why Mark's gospel was the first written?

How can a Christian community maintain hope and counteract despair about the future?

How do you demonstrate hopefulness in your life?

First Reading Dn 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings Next Week

First Reading: Dn 7:13-14

Second Reading: Rv 1:5-8

Gospel: Jn 18:33-37

