



## 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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## CHRIST THE KING 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021



### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR?

Thank you for the over whelming response to the Reverse Advent Calendar. We have families, businesses and classrooms participating, so much so that I have received another pack of 20 boxes for anyone who has missed out.

Another way you can help is by donating a gift that can be given to children in need. These can be left at the Parish office any time between now and the 17<sup>th</sup> December. We have a number of families who are struggling to give their children something at Christmas time.

### 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 are available from the Parish office.

If you would like more information please contact Glenda at the Parish Office on Tuesdays or Fridays

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#### **Parish Priest**

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#### **Parish Admin Officers:**

Glenda Klabbers

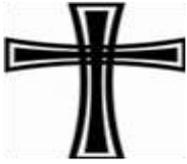
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#### **Child Protection Officers:**

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**

Nick Lowe

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

Edward McLoughlin, Cecil Learmonth,  
Carol Drummond, John Flannery, Marlene Kelly,  
Edna O'Halloran, Michael Power, Cyril Storer,  
Catherine Scalora, Michael Leonard, Mary Rogers,  
Leon McDougall, Frank Curran, Trevor Wierdermann,  
Amy Leggett, Mary Bryant, Trevor Wright,  
James Stahl,

**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 (21<sup>ST</sup>/22<sup>ND</sup> 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.*

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

**WEEKDAYS**

Tuesday 5.30pm  
Wednesday 10am  
Thurs Confession 5pm and Mass 5.30pm  
Fri 12pm

**NEXT WEEKEND (27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER)**

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show you are double vaccinated.*

Saturday 5pm Swan Hill\*DV  
Saturday 6:30pm Swan Hill  
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill\*DV

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Presbytery): \$ 686  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish): \$ 1097

**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.

**Our Parish Schools**

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**REFLECTION** by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart  
**God's Word**

A major theme of the Scriptures readings is 'Christ the King'.

The first reading from Daniel foreshadows the return of the Risen Christ as a king sent by God to rule the people. Unlike earthly royalty, who lose their thrones to warring foes or death, Christ's kingship is everlasting. God's Kingdom is described here and in the responsorial psalm as encompassing all on earth and in heaven.

The psalmist sees the Lord in the attire and tribute fitting for a king. However, this king does not wear robes of fine material, but is clothed in strength, trust, and holiness.

The Book of Revelation reveals to us more about the relationship between Jesus and his Father. Jesus is called first a faithful witness – one who witnesses his Father to the world and remains faithful to him. As king over all, Jesus frees captives to serve God as Father. Jesus came first to serve others. But his Second Coming will be in majesty, as on a cloud. Although many kings lose their throne to death, Jesus began his rule through a death that led to our salvation.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus is interrogated by Pilate. Jesus tells him that he is indeed a king but not like the kings and kingdoms of this world. He is not the type of king the people expected or the type authorities of that day would accept. Jesus comes to testify to the truth, meaning that he belongs to God and God's Kingdom, and that all who believe in him also belong to God and God's Kingdom.

We accept Jesus as King and enter the Kingdom of God when we hear and follow the truth of his Word.

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**CUPPA AFTER MASS**

There will be a Christmas Cuppa after our  
10:30 Mass on 5th December.  
All welcome

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Why do you think Pilate questioned Jesus the way he did?

To what 'truth' did Jesus come into the world to bear witness?

How are we called to continue to bear witness to this truth?

Have you ever felt challenged about what you believe?

Do you find 'Christ the King' a helpful or significant image of Jesus?

Do you think the notion of 'Christ the King' has been misused at times in history?

Why might the Church choose to end the liturgical year with this particular feast?

What does it mean for us that Jesus is 'king' of a kingdom filled with the sick, poor and outcast?

**Praying with Pope Francis**

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**Pope's intention for November:**

Universal intention - people who suffer from depression: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**Advent 2021 with Bruce Downes,  
The Catholic Guy**

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey.

Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information:  
<https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/>

Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

**First Reading** Dn 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

**(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

**(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

**Second Reading** Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Jn 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*You say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Readings Next Week**

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

**New Covid regulations for attending Mass.**

If everyone present is fully vaccinated, you can attend religious ceremonies at places of worship with no capacity limits or density limits. (Vaccination requirements will apply from the age of 12 and 2 months, unless a medical exemption applies.) You will still be required to check in using the QR system and show proof of vaccination.

If vaccination status isn't being checked, then Mass numbers are restricted to one person per 4 square metres up to a maximum of 50 people per facility. You will still be required to check in using the QR system