



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, St Michael's Lalbert, St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill as well as the Lake Boga Families & Faith Group



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022



'GO AND DO THE SAME YOURSELF.'

There is really not much more we need to add to today's Gospel. It is the parable of the Good Samaritan. We have heard and treasured it many times before. But perhaps it is good just to remind ourselves of two points that help our understanding.

Firstly, why do the priest and Levite refuse to help? There was maybe some cold-heartedness there, and perhaps some fear as well, but the reason (or excuse) they steered clear of the broken and bloodied man was because they were worried about becoming ritually unclean. To become unclean would bar them from service at the Temple and would risk their being cut off from the community, at least until they had been ritually purified. They weren't ready to take that risk, and so crossed to the other side of the road.

Secondly, what is the big deal about the help coming from a Samaritan? As explained elsewhere in the Gospels, the Samaritans and Jews didn't get along, so that even though they were close neighbours, they rarely associated with each other. The good Samaritan was able to set aside all animosity though and saw only a brother in need of care. He made himself a neighbour to the broken man. He bridged the gap. Christ, in a very real way, is the Good Samaritan. He is ready to risk all out of love, without any concern for himself. He is ready to bridge the gap, he breaks down all division and fear and makes himself our neighbour.

And he commissions us to do likewise, to love just as he has loved. 'Go and do the same yourself.'

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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

Lila Moar

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

William D Kelly, Valma Main, Joan Blore,
John Joseph Bell, Louisa Aiello, Rosa Mobilio,
Iris Pye, Kevin Hogan, Charlie Taverna.

SICK LIST

Paul Donohue, Jayden Williams, Margaret Foott,
Jarrod Crimmins, Jack Donohue, Jude Lewis,
Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke,
Bridget Phyland, Carmel Ryan, Susan

THIS WEEKEND (9TH/10TH JULY)

Please note: No Friday Culgoa Mass this week

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill

Sunday 8.30am Quambatook

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

Sunday **NO Mass Nandaly this week.**

WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL

Tuesday: Mass 5.30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am (Mass moved earlier due to children's retreat during the day)

Thursday: Confessions 5pm,
Mass 5.30pm, Adoration until 7pm

Friday: Adoration 11am

Mass 12 noon

Saturday: Confessions 9am-10am

NEXT WEEKEND (16TH/17TH JULY)

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill (*First Communions*)

Sunday 8.30am Lalbert

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill (*First Communions*)

Sunday 5pm Sea Lake

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (Presbytery):

2nd Collection (Parish- Planned Giving):

NOTICES

ST MARY'S HOSPITALITY GROUP

For many years now, the Hospitality Group has played a special role in supporting families in their time of grief by catering for funerals.

After a long period of service in coordinating this ministry, Elva Carty has decided it is time for her to step down. We thank Elva for her work and generous service.

Looking ahead, we will hold a **meeting after 10:30am Mass this Sunday 10th July** to discuss the future of this ministry. If you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer you are very welcome!

ITALIAN FESTA SUNDAY 24TH JULY

FESTA DELLA MADONNA DEL MONTE CARMELO

Mass at 10.30am,

Followed by

Pasta lunch 12.30pm **at**

ST MARY'S FUNCTION CENTRE

Cannoli's, biscuits, drinks and raffles.

All welcome!

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS

Please pray for the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion on the 16/17th July and 23rd/24th July.

ROSTERS for ministries are available at the back of the church. Some families will have received their roster via email. We are in **NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS** in all ministries, so if you can assist at Mass once a month please contact the office.

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.

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DEACON MATTHEW RESTALL

You may remember our seminarian Matthew Restall from his couple of stints here in our Parish. We are very much looking forward to Deacon Matthew Restall being ordained a priest in Ballarat on Friday 22nd July, together with his year mate and friend Deacon William Lowry. Please continue to pray for them both.

Some of us will be able to get down for the celebration itself (anyone is welcome to attend), but we are also lucky as a Parish that the newly minted Fr Matt will return for the last weekend of July to celebrate Mass with us in Swan Hill and Quambatook. We also have some special celebrations in the works! There will be a card going around over the next few weeks if you would like to sign it. If you would like to contribute to a gift for him you can also do that through the office. We will present these publicly when he returns.

For those not able to attend the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>



HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

How is the parable an answer to the lawyer's question, 'who is my neighbour?'

Why is it problematic to talk about the priest and Levite as being 'good' or 'bad'?

Rather than 'help your enemies', what is the real message of this parable?

How have you reacted when someone acted outside of your expectations of them?

Who would you find it most difficult to be compassionate towards?

Why was it important that Jesus used a Samaritan as the hero of the parable?

In what ways has this parable been misunderstood or misinterpreted?

Where is the question of 'Who is my neighbour?' being ignored in the world today?

Where are you challenged to show compassion?

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

THE NEIGHBOURLINESS OF GLOBAL CITIZENS

The lawyer asked a self-serving question: 'Who is my neighbour?' He could then set the limits, the boundaries of those close enough to merit his concern. Jesus replies with a story to show that the better question is: 'To whom should I be neighbourly?'

The answer is: To any person who is wounded in any way – physically, psychologically, socially, economically. And we have to do so overcoming the labelling, even bigotry, which can conveniently put a person outside the range of our concern. When we act like the Samaritan, we deserve the title 'Catholic' which means universal.

Pope Francis says that Christ is constantly inviting us, as he invited Thomas, to touch His wounds which are to be found in the wounded of our own time.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that we live in an age of technology which can enable us to be truly Catholic global citizens practising Mercy Without Borders. 'Do this and you will live.'

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SEA SUNDAY APPEAL – JULY 10, 2022

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

Readings Next Week:

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28

Gospel: Lk 10:38-42

First Reading Dt 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37.

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there.

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him everything

in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

