

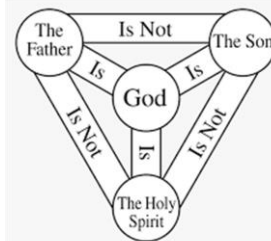


Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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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



MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2022

Jesus knew that he had been sent to announce the Good News of the Kingdom firstly to his own people, the People of Israel. This nation, through its experience of sharing life with God in Covenantal Relationship, had come to know one thing for sure; God is one. The God who had called them, the God who had cared for them with tender love and who had picked them up time and again when they had fallen, *this* God, *their* God, was not one among many other gods, but was the *One God* and Creator of all that was. There was no other. All life came from him. But while God was surely present to his people, he also remained hidden, as if veiled behind a curtain.

Jesus came to pull back that curtain. He spoke tenderly of God as our merciful Father, calling us to turn back to the One who had given us life and watched over us with loving care. But Jesus was also more than just a prophet. He spoke with an authority of his own and worked signs and miracles that showed that God's presence was in him. He made it clear that he shared a unique relationship with his Father, and it was this claim that finally led to the accusations of blasphemy that saw him crucified. And it would have been blasphemy, if it weren't true. But his resurrection showed his disciples that what Jesus claimed was indeed true; he was truly one and equal with the Father, he was also truly God. And the Spirit he promised and breathed forth, the Spirit who gave and continues to give life to the Church, was also surely God among us. God was One, but God was also Three; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is in a sense a Family, and we as God's children are wrapped up in the embrace of that Family, caught up in the love that flows between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

NEXT WEEK: FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION ROSTER

Next week we will be celebrating the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, or what is perhaps better known as Corpus Christi. This is an occasion for all the Church to deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and give thanks for the beautiful gift that it is for us. God is not far from us, but near to us. In Christ his Son he is really and truly present to us in the Eucharistic meal, and in radical humility he gives himself to us as food. This great mystery will of course be celebrated above all in the Parish Masses, but as a special opportunity for us to meditate on this awesome gift, we are also hoping to set up a roster to keep Vigil in Swan Hill with an extended period of Adoration. We will start after the Saturday 6pm Mass and continue into the night, then begin again in the morning in the lead up to the 10:30am Mass. The idea will be to put your name down for an hour, perhaps on your own or with family or a friend. After your period the next group can come in and pick up the Vigil from there. We will set up for the Adoration in the side chapel to the left of the main altar, so that you will be nice and warm!

As for what you do with that hour, that is completely up to you! The main thing is to be present to Christ in whatever way you can, just as he remains present to us. You can pray out loud or keep a silent vigil. You can sing hymns or prayerfully read the Scriptures. You could pray a structured pray like the Rosary or simply try and speak to Christ freely in your heart in whatever words you find. Your presence is the most important thing. God will do the rest! We will have plenty of reflections and other resources there for you to use if you would like, or you can bring some of your own favourite prayers or meditations. There will be a roster for you to put your name down available after Mass this weekend, or you can contact the office during the week.



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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

Alan "Butch" Gerard McGrath

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Margaret Lucy, Pasquale Trinci, Margaret Sury,
Mary Morris, Mollie McLean, Laurie Scala,
Bill Hinton, Nathan Mangiameli, Rosario Pizzo,
Anastacia Neiman, Ann Maher, Irene Cattran,
John McEwan, Maude Mary Rogers, Edna Ryan,
Bob Shirley, Patricia Wheeler, James Kiley,
Rosina Sheldon Collins, Mary "Maisie" Maher,

SICK LIST

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

THIS WEEKEND (11/12TH JUNE)

Friday 5pm Culgoa

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill

Sunday 8.30am Quambatook

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

No Sunday 5pm Nandaly- Cancelled this Month

WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wednesday: 10am

Thursday: Confessions 5pm, Mass 5.30pm,
Adoration after Mass

Friday: Adoration 11am Mass 12noon

Sat: Confessions 9am-10am

NEXT WEEKEND (18TH/19TH JUNE)

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill

Sunday 8.30am Quambatook

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

Sunday 5pm Sea Lake

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$

2nd Collection (Parish- Planned Giving): \$

NOTICES

WRAPS OF LOVE

The Josephite Associates have sent away another six boxes of wraps to the Wraps of Love organisation, to be distributed to the cold of the world. Many thanks for your ongoing support!

HOLY FAMILY PIETY STALL

We now have a pretty good stock of prayer and devotional items available for purchase from the Parish. They are available anytime the office is open. We are also open to special requests if there is something special you are after.

If we can find a few volunteers we could also look to set up a table after weekend Masses once or twice a month.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you from Fr James to all those who passed on their prayers and good wishes for his isolation and holidays (and for the abundance of food dropped off!).

A big thank you as well for all those who helped to welcome Fr Peter and Fr John, setting up in the Church and for those who opened and closed the Church for prayer each day.

As always, a special thanks to Glenda and Mary for the great work they do in the parish week in week out.

CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION ROSTER

Please see the Front Page for more details.

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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HAVE YOU THOUGHT

Why did Jesus say that things he still had to say to the disciples would be too much for them?

In what ways did the coming of the Spirit lead the disciples to 'the complete truth'?

Why is the concept of the Trinity difficult for some people to accept?

What symbol, image or understanding of the Trinity do you find helpful?

Why do some people accuse Christians of worshipping three Gods, not one?

In what ways do you find three different expressions of God to be helpful?

How would you describe your understanding of the Trinity?

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT – THE NICENE CREED

The definitive statement of Christian belief is contained within the Nicene Creed that is proclaimed by the community in the Mass. It was developed by the Council of Nicea, held in 325, in response to a variety of teachings (some declared to be heresy) that were circulating at the time and the creed was further revised in 381. The creed declares that Jesus is 'God from God, light from light, true God from true God ... of one being with the Father' and that the Holy Spirit 'proceeds from the Father and the Son'. All of these statements seek to define the oneness of the Trinitarian God.

SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHETS

One Creedal statement about the Holy Spirit is that 'He has spoken through the prophets'. This statement of Christian belief is to reaffirm that the Spirit has played a role throughout human history and did not 'come into being' at Pentecost. In fact, a translation of the opening lines of Genesis reads, 'and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters'. Although the Old Testament emphasises God the Creator, or the Father, the gospels emphasise the role of Jesus, the Son and the New Testament writings emphasise the work of the Spirit, all three expressions of God's loving presence are beyond the limits of time and place.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – TRINITY

Every time we make the sign of the cross we reaffirm our belief in a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although some people have difficulties with the gender-specific language of 'Father' and 'Son' and look for other ways to express this reality, all Christian people profess a belief in the one God who is experienced in three distinct ways. We are baptised 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' and we remind ourselves of this reality when we pray and when we bless ourselves or others.



First Reading Prv 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs
Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters.

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading Rom 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The Word of the Lord.

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 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings Next Week:**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ.**

First Reading: Gen 14:18-20

Second Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26

Gospel: Lk 9:11-17

