



# 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

"The harvest is rich but the labourers are few."

Luke 10:2

## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2022

### *"THEY CAME BACK REJOICING"*

One of the lessons you learn growing up in a family is this; joy and sharing go together. You can't really enjoy your favourite toy or special treat if you try and hold onto the whole thing for yourself. Even if you don't feel guilty about it, you will soon get sick of the nagging and fighting. And then comes the crying and tears! By keeping the thing to yourself, you have effectively lost it. However, it is a different story if you share. In sharing it out with those around you, you are able to experience true joy in your gift.



Should it be any different then with the gift of faith? If sharing little things can lead to such joy, how much more joy can we find by sharing the gift of life itself? Because that is what sharing our faith truly means; we share our thanks for the very gift of life, and in thanks we joyfully offer our own life in service to God and others. If you try and hold onto this joy for yourself, you will lose it. But in sharing, you will multiply it. And that is how the Kingdom of God continues to grow day by day.

The seventy-two are sent out in pairs to go and share the good news, to proclaim that 'the Kingdom of God is near'. We aren't told how they felt heading out. Nervous? Apprehensive? Even a little resentful? Whatever of that, we know exactly how they returned: full of joy and thanks!

Each time we gather for the Eucharist, we are just like those seventy-two disciples. We come in from our labours. We bring all our efforts to share the good news. We offer our thanks to the Father, together with the gifts of bread and wine. As they are carried forward and lifted up, we see our whole lives lifted up in thanksgiving. And in sharing of ourselves in this way, we are then able to experience the joy that never tires and that no-one can take away from us; the joy of Communion together with our Lord.

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#### **Parish Priest**

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

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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**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

Tim Grant, Marcelle Thomson, Lui Agosta, Celie Flannagan, Tony Frazzica, Doreen O'Halloran, Luigi Mase, Klay Stevens, Bill Maher, Tom Barry,

**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 (2<sup>ND</sup>/3<sup>RD</sup> JULY)**

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill  
Sunday 8.30am Sea Lake  
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

**WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL**

*No Weekday Masses or Confessions this Week  
Fr James is away for a conference in Sydney*

**NEXT WEEKEND (9<sup>TH</sup> / 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY)**

*Please note: No Friday Culgoa Mass this week*  
Saturday 6pm Swan Hill  
Sunday 8.30am Quambatook  
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill  
Sunday 5pm Nandaly

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$1180  
2nd Collection (Parish- Planned Giving): \$806

**NOTICES**



**CUPPA AFTER  
10:30AM MASS  
TODAY  
SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY**

**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE**

This will be taken as a leaving collection today, as an expression of our unity as a universal Church and of our solidarity with the Pope and his ongoing ministry, including his charitable works.

**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 next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
FESTA DELLA MADONNA DEL MONTE CARMELO**

Mass at 10.30am,  
Pasta lunch 12.30pm  
Cannoli, biscuits, raffles.  
All welcome!

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**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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**ROSARY: SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**



All welcome to join in praying the Rosary next Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am, St Mary's Church Swan Hill.

**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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT?**

What does Jesus mean by telling the 72 that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves?

What sorts of people would have been included in the 72 that were sent out?

What are some ways in which people today carry on the ministry to which Jesus sent the 72?

How is the image of being 'sent' different from being 'called'?

What is it that you are being 'sent' to do?

What does it mean today to say that 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few'?

Why might the theme of sending out disciples have been so important to this gospel writer?

What does it mean to offer and receive hospitality today?

When have you ever had to 'shake the dust from your feet' and move on?

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY MARY COLOE PBVM**

The Gospel of last Sunday is the turning point in Luke's narrative. In 9:51, Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, and as Jesus begins his journey, we see also the disciples being sent on their journeys. In this way Luke is teaching that the journey of Jesus is continued and mirrored in the later journeys of the Christian churches. While the Gospel passage reads as a mission within the lifetime of Jesus, the passage reflects also the missionary situation of disciples at the time of Luke's Gospel, fifty years after Jesus' death. The advice is clear and very practical. Travel lightly, accept hospitality where it is offered, and be gracious in eating what you are given. Disciples are to trust that they will find the resources for their mission.

Jesus also adds a warning that disciples will not always be well received. By the time of the Gospel, Christians had begun to experience persecution from Rome and some have been martyred for their faith. Mention of Sodom recalls the incident in Genesis when God's messengers were refused hospitality and this possibility lies before the disciples, as it will also come to Jesus when he visits Jerusalem. The pattern of Jesus' ministry, which includes rejection, will be the pattern also for the ministry of the disciples.

News of the disciples' success is given a cosmic significance in the image of Satan falling from heaven. As the power of God's reign spreads, the power of Satan's reign decreases until finally heaven itself can be home for disciples. This is what is meant by the image of the disciples having their names registered on the roll of heaven – much as we have our names registered on electoral rolls showing where we live.

As disciples of Jesus today, may we bring a message of peace to the homes we enter, and take heart that even in the face of rejection, God's reign is near.

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**First Reading** Is 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her!

Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:

Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spite the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

**Second Reading** Gal 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

*The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.*

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your peace will rest upon him.*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Readings Next Week:****15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Dt 30:10-14

Second Reading: Col 1:15-20

Gospel: Lk 10:25-37