



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



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2022

'SEE THAT YOU ARE DRESSED FOR ACTION AND HAVE YOUR LAMPS LIT.'



The Gospel message is simple; stand ready! Embrace each day with enthusiasm and live in joyful anticipation of our Lord's return. Jesus leaves us the image of the faithful steward, and it is a very helpful one. The steward watches over the household while the master is away. It is a big responsibility, but their actual duty is quite simple. They just need to keep doing the little things faithfully. Feed the chooks, sweep the floors, keep the fire burning and the lamps trimmed... And it is the same for us as followers of Jesus. There is no great mystery about what he is asking us to do. Just keep doing the little things faithfully each and every day. In doing this we stand ready for his return and have nothing to fear.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We've had a very busy few weeks here in the parish, so now is a good opportunity to pause and give thanks to all who give of their time and talents so generously.

Thank you so much to all those who helped prepare for and cater for the big celebrations we have enjoyed these last couple of weekends. To the Festa Committee and their helpers: thank you so much and well done on persevering. It was a great celebration. Thank you too to all those who helped welcome Fr Matt Restall back, especially those who set up and decorated the hall, those who cooked and those who stepped in to help clean up. It was wonderful to see so many involved from across the parish family. We are truly blessed to have such a rich community made of up many cultures drawn together in Christ. Fr Matt's visit made for a perfect excuse to share in some of that richness (and we are looking forward to the next celebration!).

Thank you too to all those who helped make our Confirmations and First Communions such special occasions. A lot of work went into preparing for these celebrations, and it definitely showed.

More broadly again, so many things just happen in our parish without any fanfare; please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those who help decorate our churches and keep them clean. Visitors often note how wonderfully presented our churches are. I know that doesn't happen by magic! Thanks as well to all those who help set up for Mass and clear up afterwards. Thank you to our musicians and all those who help lead us in song. Thank you to our altar servers, our welcomers, our readers, extraordinary ministers and really anyone who helps step in to help out with the Mass and to all those who help in offering hospitality week-in week-out. Thank you especially to those who pick up friends and family to bring them to Mass and to those who reach out to our house bound parishioners; by visiting them, calling them, delivering bulletins or taking them Holy Communion. And if I have overlooked anyone... thank you!

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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

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Martino Carbone, Tony Carlo, John Bell, Emily Downes, Jack McMahon, Geoff Henson, Anna Mancinelli, Tim McInerney, Honora Bunworth, Edward Fitzgerald, Florence Wright, Martin Irwin, Albert Cooley, Matthew McInerney, Peter Walsh, Alexander Walsh, Helena Ryan, James Irwin, Lawrence Cloonan, Robert Barry

SICK LIST

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

THIS WEEKEND (6TH/7TH AUGUST)

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

WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL

Monday 10:30am St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

Tuesday: Mass 5.30pm
Wednesday: 10.00am
Thursday: Confessions 5pm
Mass 5.30pm, Adoration until 7pm
Friday: Adoration 11am
Mass 12 noon
Saturday: Confessions 9am-10am

NEXT WEEKEND (13TH/14TH AUGUST)

Friday: 5pm Culgoa
Saturday 6pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8.30am Quambatook
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill
Sunday 5pm Nandaly

LOOKING AHEAD: FEAST ASSUMPTION MONDAY 15TH
Swan Hill 10:30am & 5:30pm

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$ 959
2nd Collection (Parish- Planned Giving): \$ 770

NOTICES



FEAST ST MARY MACKILLOP

This Monday 8th is the Feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross. We wish MacKillop College all the best for their special Feast Day, and also offer thanks for the service of so many faithful Josephite Sisters throughout our Parish History. A parish Mass for the feast will be offered in Swan Hill on **Monday at 10:30am** with special prayers offered for all our Josephite Companions.

**JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS NEWS:
"WRAPS WITH LOVE"**

This year "Wraps with love" have sent a total of 13,124 wraps out to those in need- an outstanding effort! This includes 4020 within Australia (for those affected by the floods), 60 to Afghanistan, 2057 to Armenia, 17 to Ethiopia, 280 to Fiji, 900 to Lebanon, 18 to Papua New Guinea, 2167 to Syria, 520 to Tonga, 3085 to World Vision and 2021 to further countries through an agency. They are now in the process of sending 300 wraps to Ukraine with medical supplies.



**CUPPA AFTER 10:30AM MASS
TODAY : SUNDAY 7th August**



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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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NOTICES CONTINUED...

ROSARY IN THE PARK (BUT IN THE CHURCH)



Next Saturday 13th August at 10am
in St Mary's Church Swan Hill

KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

You cannot become what you do not know!

Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him.

This FREE Daily Devotional series is presented by Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, and starts on Mon 15 August. Receive these short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional videos into your inbox to help you explore and understand who Jesus really is!

Sign up today: BruceDownes.org/knowingJesus/

FERTILITY LITERACY IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps"

on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST

Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps.

See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration.

website: <https://www.billings.life/en/>

Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IH1>

'SCHOOL OF ROCK' THE MUSICAL

performed by MacKillop College on 18/19th August at 7pm and 21st August at 2pm. Get tickets from the school office or phone 50329771. Adults \$20, students \$10.



2022 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:

RESPECT: CONFRONTING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE



The latest statement focuses on the very important subject of recognising and confronting domestic violence. If you would like a copy of the statement just let us know and we can print one off for you,

or visit <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Our Diocese will host a forum on Sat Oct 1st. The program will run for about 2 hours and include presentations from Vic Police and CatholicCare. It will be open to anyone via Zoom, but the hope is also to gather in 'hubs'. Our parish has been invited to host one such hub in Swan Hill. If you can help form a core group to help promote and set up for the day, could you please let Fr James know this weekend. That way we can let the organisers know whether or not we will be able to host.

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Gospel Lk 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Mary Coloe PBVM's Scripture Reflection is available as print off. Sorry, we ran out of space this week!

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

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Readings Next Week:

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4

Gospel: Lk 12:49-53