

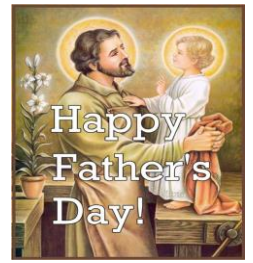


# Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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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*



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022



### ***MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FATHERS!***

Today we give special thanks for our fathers and hold them in our prayer. May God bless them in all they do! A good father is a true blessing not only for his children, but for the whole of society. For all the fathers who are striving to be the best man they can be; thank you! Thank you for your hard work and the sacrifices you make each and every day. Thank you for your courage and strength in supporting your families through the hard times as well as the good. Thank you for your wisdom and guidance, and even for the correction you offer us when we need it! Thank you for your encouragement, for sharing in our interests and joys, and for sharing your loves with us too. And perhaps above all, thank you for the love and respect you show to our mothers. Happy Fathers day!

### **CARRYING OUR CROSS AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS**

Jesus never promises that discipleship will be easy. To follow him means to take up our cross daily. One of the real privileges of my position is that I come to know so many of your stories. I see so many of you already doing this faithfully day by day. Whether it is persevering through ill health, or grief, or loneliness, or stress at work, or struggles in our relationships, or even just the grind of daily life; your crosses are very real. And yet here you are, still carrying on with hope and trust in the Father and still doing your best to live out Jesus' words. We can sometimes be the last to recognise holiness in ourselves; but what is holiness if it isn't this? God's Holy Spirit is surely at work within you! Strengthened by each other's examples, may we keep persevering in faith.

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#### **Parish Priest**

Fr James Kerr

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

Glenda Klabbers

Mary Kennedy

#### **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**

Rosa Tarascio  
Michele (Mick) Mangiameli  
Rosaria (Rose) Pastore  
Doreen Margaret Byrne

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

Doss Pearson, William Thomas Casey, Margaret Stewart, Lawrence McNamara, Allan Mathews, Rose Ann Hernon, Bernard Hubbard, John Conlan, Ida Nolen, Shirley Donahue, Susan Coburn, Stella Dalton, Mary Maher, George Egan, Frank Grant, Bernie Noble, Mary Mangiameli, Vi Power, Elizabeth Gertrude Byrne

**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 (3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER)**

**Parables Retreat- 2pm-6pm**  
*(including Holy Hour from 5pm)*

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

**WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL**

Tuesday: 5.30pm  
Wednesday: 10am  
Thursday: Confessions 5pm  
Mass 5.30pm; Adoration until 7pm  
Friday: Adoration 11am  
Mass 12 noon  
Sat: Confessions 9.00am-10am

**NEXT WEEKEND (10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER)**

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

**NOTICES**



**CUPPA AFTER MASS**

***This Sunday 3rd September: Father's Day Cuppa.***

Come along to this community gathering and meet fellow members of the parish whilst enjoying a cuppa.

**COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS**

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for our retired priests so that they may enjoy a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for 17 retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Your contribution helps us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are provided for this appeal, which can be placed in the baskets today or next weekend. A credit card facility is also available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

***CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US***

**ROSARY IN THE PARK (*BUT IN THE CHURCH*)**

Next Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 10am in St Mary's Church Swan Hill



**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM- SWAN HILL**

An invitation was sent out this week for families who wish to enrol their children in our Confirmation program. The Information Sessions will be held next weekend at both the Sat 6pm and Sun 10:30am Masses. Feel free to extend this invitation to any families you know of just in case they miss the invitation.

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS- SEA LAKE**

We are working towards celebrating children's Sacraments in Sea Lake next term. A number of families have already been contacted.

**Our Parish Schools**

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**NOTICES CONTINUED...**

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

The new planned giving year begins in September. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Whether by envelope, direct debit or credit card, regularly contributing to the Parish planned giving program helps give stability to the parish finances and basically remains as the main source of income. If you are not yet part of planned giving, but would like to be, we would love to hear from you. Just email or call the parish office or drop in on a Tuesday or Friday.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS**

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$ 1032

2nd Collection (Parish- Planned Giving): \$ 1815

**ACCOMMODATION HELP NEEDED**

One of our parishioners is looking for a rental property for himself and a friend. They have stable work in agriculture and steady income. Please see Fr James if you know of any options.

**A PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all fathers: the men you have chosen to protect, guide and love their children.

Provide for them as they provide for their children. Bless them with courage and perseverance so they may walk always in your ways and with a thankful heart to delight in the simple and significant moments of their lives.

Strengthen them in Word and sacrament to live, practice, and proclaim their faith in a world in such need of the joy and truth of your Gospel.

Renew in them your tender mercies so they may model the gentle compassion of your Son.

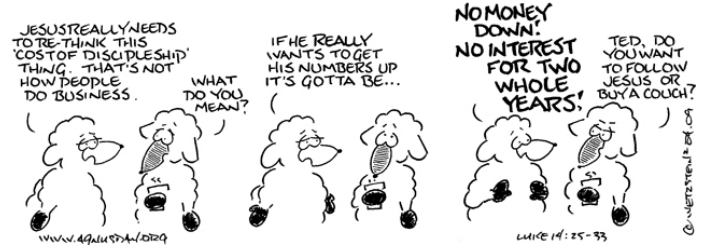
Fortify them with the love and care of families and friends. Entrust them to the protection of St. Joseph, the earthly father of our God.

We love our fathers, Lord.

We ask you to bless them this day and always.

Amen.

— Bishop Michael F. Burbidge



**HAVE YOU THOUGHT?**

What was your first reaction to hearing/reading this week's gospel?

How do you now understand the teaching about hating father, mother, etc?

What are some of the 'costs' of being a follower of Jesus today?

What 'benefits' counter the 'costs'?

Who do you know that tries to live a simpler life without lots of possessions?

What might Jesus have meant by 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me'?

What is the connection between the examples of counting the cost and the call to give up possessions?

What possession would you find hardest to give up? Why?

Under what circumstances do you think possessions cease to be important?

How can we reconcile the wealth of affluent societies with the poverty and need in other countries?

**FIRST READING** Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge**

**SECOND READING** Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon  
*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back

for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.  
*The Word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Readings Next Week:**

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Tm 1:12-17

Gospel: Lk 15:1-32