

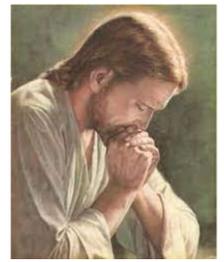


Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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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



13TH NOVEMBER 2022: THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL ON ACCOUNT OF MY NAME, BUT NOT A HAIR OF YOUR HEAD WILL BE LOST.
YOUR ENDURANCE WILL WIN YOU YOUR LIVES.*

So here we are again, coming towards the end of another liturgical year, and as always the readings point towards the completion of all things at the end of time. God has his loving plan, and he will bring it to fulfilment, but in the meantime we might have to endure a bit of strife. We aren't short of that at the moment are we? A lot of work has gone into trying to contain property damage from the flooding. Many are anxiously waiting to see what the next few days and weeks will bring. More broadly, the damage already done by excess water to crops has been very significant. For some of our farmers, what was shaping up to be a great year, a bumper harvest, is fast shaping up to be one of the worst. With everything going on, it might be a challenge to keep believing that we are still under God's protection.



Perhaps this reflection might help. Remember the story of the Israelites fleeing Pharaoh to escape slavery in Egypt? And how Moses separated the waters so the people could pass through? Well, just imagine how that was experienced by the average person in the crowd. If you were there, what would you see? Quite likely just the backs of the people in front of you and the wet ground beneath your feet. The crowd behind would keep pushing you forward. Perhaps you might hear some cries, 'the chariots just are behind us.' Eventually the commotion

dies down and you find yourself with a bit more space. The ground is drier. You are climbing higher. There is a strange stillness in the air until someone shouts 'We are saved!'

We don't necessarily always see what God is doing for us. We might be right in the middle of our own Exodus without even realising it. Have faith that we are in his care, and hope that he will carry us through.

FOR YOU WHO FEAR MY NAME, THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL SHINE OUT WITH HEALING IN ITS RAYS.

COME HOLY SPIRIT: WELCOME TO OUR CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM CANDIDATES

We welcome 6 more children for Confirmation this weekend as well as 2 for Baptism. We've very much been looking forward to these celebrations and thank the families for the work they have done in preparation for this day. We pray for each of the children presented today. We pray that your hearts will always be open to the Father's love for you. May his Holy Spirit strengthen those special gifts that you receive today and help bring growth to His fruits in your lives. As special sharers in Jesus' Mission, may you always be ready to share his love with all the world! And know that you are always held in God's special care.

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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

Domenic (Donny) Demaria
Immacolata Mollo (Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Roma Mannix, Gerard Meehan, Dennis Cox
George Power, Joseph Boulton, Daisie Byrne
William Kelly, Lindsay Gidding, Peter Craig, John
Hayes, John Sheldon, Ivy Sewell, Brian O'Bryan
Marion Derbas, Phil Milano, Cliff Hinton,
Bernie Maher, Michael Nolan, Lil O'Meara,
Kathleen Storer, Robert Isgro, John Auden,
Elizabeth Kiley

SICK LIST

Gavan O'Brien, Elizabeth Williamson,
Paul Donohue, Jayden Williams, Margaret Foott,
Jarrod Crimmins, Michael Bourke, Sarah Kenny,
Jack Donohue, Jude Lewis, Susan, Yvonne Annan,
Bridget Phyland, Carmel Ryan, Bill Free

THIS WEEKEND (12/13TH NOVEMBER)

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

WEEKDAYS

**At this stage NO MASS Tuesday & Wednesday
Fr James due in Ballarat for meetings**

Thursday: Confessions 5pm
Mass 5.30pm; Adoration until 7pm
Friday: 11am Adoration
12 noon Mass

NEXT WEEKEND (19/20TH NOVEMBER)

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8:30am Lalbert
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill
Sunday 5pm Sea Lake

NOTICES

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CARDS

A few years ago Fr Matt and the Parish helped a number of parishioners to obtain a Working with Children Check Card. Many of these are close to expiry and will need to be renewed. To do so is very easy. For those who applied through the parish office we are able to help renew this for you. Please call into the office on a Tuesday or Friday between 10:30am- 2pm or Wednesdays after Mass with your current card and mobile phone. It should only take 5 minutes.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Last year this was adopted by the parish community with over whelming support. We will be running this venture again this year. We have 80 boxes for distribution available in 2 weeks' time.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS; "INCARNATE"

Advent is a special time to open up our hearts to Christ into our lives. A special way of welcoming him is through meditating on his Word in the Scriptures. These daily reflections are designed to help you do just that. If you are you interested, there are a limited number (10) of this booklet available for \$5 each.

Some of you will also be looking forward to latest Columban Calendars and the new 'God's Word' booklets for 2023. These have arrived and will be available in the next few weeks.

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ACCOMMODATION WANTED.

A young lady who is set to begin work at MacKillop College is seeking accommodation for next year. She is happy to share-house. Please contact the office if you can help.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$ 834

2nd Collection (Parish- Planned Giving): \$1060

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

CHRIST THE KING

First Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3

Second Reading: Col 1:12-20

Gospel: Lk 23:35-43

PRAYER FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Lord I pray your hand of safety and guidance upon all the victims of the regions under flood conditions. Bless these people Lord and keep them safe. Do not let the flood waters steal their lives. Drive back the floods to protect their homes and their precious animals. Lord, please be with everyone waiting to be rescued, keep them safe, and bring help to them soon. God, bless each and every person affected by the floodwaters and surround them with Your love, protection, and angels. Let them know there are millions of us out here praying for them and their loved ones. Amen

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

What are three 'predictions' that Jesus makes in this passage?

Why would the disciples have been shocked to hear that the Temple would be destroyed?

Why does the gospel writer have Jesus 'predict' things that have occurred by the time of writing?

What appears to be the purpose and message of this passage?

In what ways is this passage relevant in our own time?

Why does Jesus need to warn the disciples not to be deceived by false prophets?

In what ways is a literal interpretation of this passage problematic?

Why might this passage be included in the Sunday lectionary?



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

THE DAY OF FIRE

The end of another church year is near. We can tell because the readings are winding down to the end of the world. It's a cheerful note to end on, if you're a true believer. What could be better than the fulfilment of all of God's promises?

On the other hand, the end-times means the destruction of creation as we know it and a certain amount of real persecution and suffering. There's betrayal and hatred and the chance to plead your case in a court of lies – none of which we look forward to. On the third hand (if we're permitted a third hand), all of those conditions exist right now. We can pretend they're not there and turn a blind eye. But end-time suffering is happening in real time.

Goodness and justice are always on trial. Creation is ever endangered and suffering is no stranger. The old world is on the verge of slipping away. The new creation aches to be born. The end of the world is more familiar than we imagine, and the reign of God closer than we dream.

What part of you pledges allegiance to the old world? What part aches to be reborn?

Give your testimony in favour of the new creation of God's love. Put your time, money, presence, and signature behind a campaign of justice. Let the new creation be born.

The sun of righteousness will dawn on those who honour my name, healing radiating from its wings.

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FIRST READING Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi
The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evildoers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder, the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

SECOND READING 2 Thes 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen, but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

