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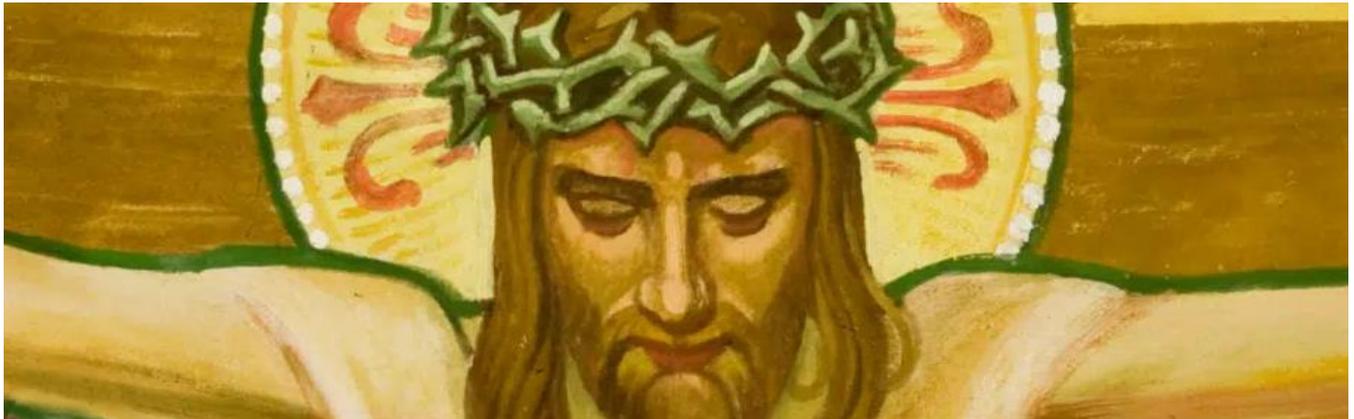
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Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, St Michael's Lalbert, St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill as well as the Lake Boga Families & Faith Group



20TH NOVEMBER 2022

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



A KINGDOM OF TRUTH AND LIFE, A KINGDOM OF HOLINESS AND GRACE, A KINGDOM OF JUSTICE, LOVE AND PEACE

History has seen tyrants come and go. They use fear and coercion to force people into submission under their rule. Often, they even claim they are doing this for the greater good. In their arrogance, they are blind to the mistakes they make and the hurt they cause. Truth and justice are set aside, and in their absence true peace is impossible as well. For a time they continue to cling to power, but eventually they pass like all others before them. Christ is not that sort of King.

Christ comes to serve, not to be served. He comes to lay down his own life for our sake, not to rob the lives of others in order to advance his cause. His is a Kingdom of Love. He does not coerce, or impose, or seek to force us into submission, but instead invites us to freely respond to his call. His Kingdom is one of Freedom, for if Love is to be truly Love it must be Free. His is a Kingdom of Truth and Justice, for if Love is to be Love it must be rooted in Truth and Justice. Furthermore, this Truth and Justice is not something distant from us and simply imposed from above, but rather it is something shared with and accessible to all. The Father's plan is made known to us; we are called to take our part in it. He empowers us to reign alongside him. And so his Kingdom is also one of Holiness and Grace, in which we share in the very Life of God. And there, held securely in the loving Communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can experience true Peace. No-one can ever take that peace away from us. Other kingdoms will come and go. Christ's will stand forever.

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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

Gavan O'Brien
Jean Lockhart
Myra Clohesy

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Loretta Barry, Cecil Learmonth, Edward McLoughlin, Carol Drummond, John Flannery, Edna O'Halloran Michael Power, Cyril Storer, Catherine Scalora, Marlene Kelly, Leon McDougall, Michael Leonard, Mary Rogers, Frank Curran, Trevor Wiedermann, Amy Leggett, Mary Bryant, James Stahl, Trevor Wright, Nicholas Lowe

SICK LIST

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

THIS WEEKEND (19/20TH NOVEMBER)

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8.30am Lalbert
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill
Sunday 5pm Sea Lake

WEEKDAYS

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

NEXT WEEKEND (26/27TH NOVEMBER)

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Saturday 6pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8:30am Quambatook
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

NOTICES



A GOOD KITCHEN-BBQ

A Good Kitchen is providing a sausage sizzle this Sunday the 20th November after the 10.30am Mass. They would like to thank the parish community for all their help with the Good Kitchen. It is also an opportunity to talk to some of the volunteers and hear about the good work done by A Good Kitchen. They are always ready to welcome new volunteers, so if you are interested make sure you introduce yourself.



MAKE A SCENE AT CHRISTMAS

We are fortunate to have the 'Make a Scene at Christmas' workshop visit St Mary's Swan Hill this week to share the magic of Christmas with us. They will be bringing over 100 different Nativity Scenes from all around the world.

The Parish is invited to view these amazing scenes on Wednesday afternoon between 3:30pm and 4:30pm in the Staff Workroom, adjacent to the Staffroom at St Mary's Primary School, Murlong St. All are welcome to come and have a look. Perhaps if you have some little kids or grandkids, you could bring them along as well.

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

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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

Boxes will be available from the office Tuesday and Friday and after Masses NEXT weekend.

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. 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 from next week.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$982

2nd Collection (Parish- Planned Giving): \$1720

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

How do the different reactions to Jesus reveal different understandings of kingship?

In what way is the second criminal's question to Jesus a statement of faith?

Why does this gospel ascribe words to the criminals that the other gospels don't record?

Why were the poor and outcast able to see a truth about Jesus that others could not?

Why might the lectionary include only this short aspect of the crucifixion?

Which word or phrase from the gospel most catches your attention? Why?

Where can we see reflections of the attitudes of the first and second criminals today?

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

HISTORICAL CONTEXT – CHRIST THE KING

The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The establishment of the feast took place in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – SHEPHERDS & CRIMINALS

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

GOSPEL FOCUS – A KINGDOM OF INCLUSION

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

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

FIRST READING 2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross-watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:**1st Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Is 2:1-5

Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14

Gospel: Mt 24:37-44