



# Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

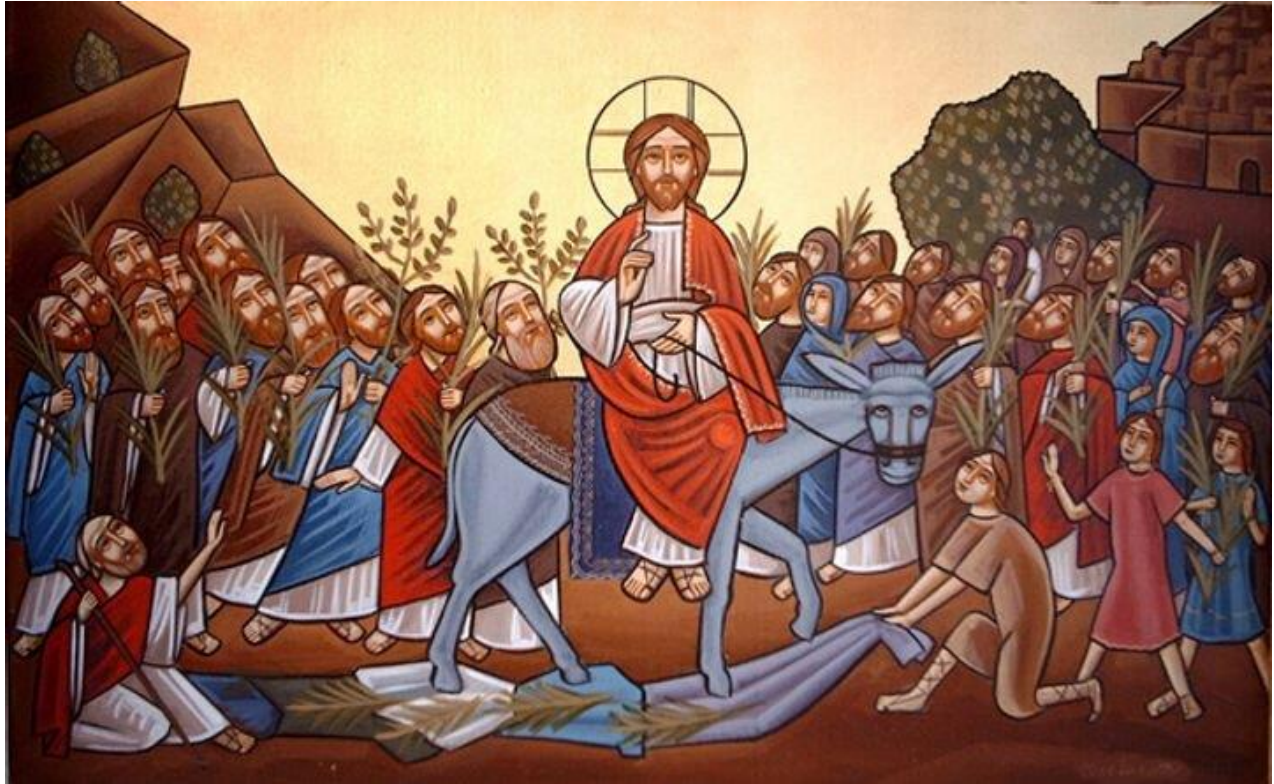
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*Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, St Michael's Lalbert, St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill as well as the Lake Boga Families & Faith Group*



## 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2023: PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY



### **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SACRAMENTS: HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

This week we enter the most Sacred period of the Church year. We have been preparing all Lent to enter into our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection with full hearts and minds, so that Christ's Victory over death and sin may become real once again in our lives today.

The Sacraments are of course invitations to do just that; to take our part in Jesus' dying and rising. They draw their life and power from that first Easter. Each Sacrament in its own way is a special participation in the Paschal Mystery. It is appropriate therefore that these days are special ones for celebrating the Sacraments.

There will many opportunities to do this, which are listed inside. In particular I draw your attention to the times for the **Sacred Triduum**, the opportunity for the Sacrament of **Anointing** on Tuesday and Wednesday, the extra **Confession** times in the special notice, and the invitation to celebrate **Divine Mercy** (With the Novena starting Good Friday and finishing with Holy Hour 2-3pm on the Sunday after Easter).

For those who will be travelling for the Easter Period, I wish you every joy and blessing for the days ahead.

Pray for us as we pray for you, and see you on the other side!

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#### **Parish Priest**

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#### **Parish Office:**

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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**

Mark Boulton

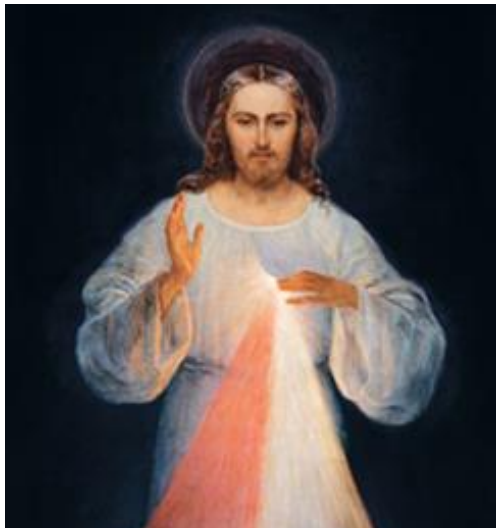
**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

Mathilda Lariche, Catherine Irwin, Mary Nolen,  
Mary Considine, Leo Clohesy, Fred Lawry,  
Leonard McLoughlan, Paul Pupillo, Betty Currie,  
John O'Bryan, Anne Clarke, Alma Higgins,  
Carmela Mazzarella, Marianna Ganci, Ellie Fallon,  
Patricia Wilkinson, James Hoare

**SICK LIST**

Elizabeth Williamson, Paul Donohue, Jayden  
Williams, Margaret Foott, Jarrod Crimmins,  
Michael Bourke, Jack Donohue,  
Jude Lewis, Susan, Yvonne Annan,  
Bridget Phyland, Carmel Ryan

**SPECIAL NOTICE**



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

All are welcome to join us for a special celebration of God's Divine Mercy, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 2-3pm in Swan Hill. We will have a Holy Hour, with Adoration, the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, with Confession also available.

If you would like to observe the Novena, this will start on Good Friday, and there will be an opportunity to join with others in praying it each day. Novena booklets available in the Church.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**THIS WEEKEND 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

***PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY***

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill

Sunday 8.30am Sea Lake

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

**HOLY WEEK IN SWAN HILL**

**Monday:** Mass 5.30pm

***followed by Confessions with Fr Paul Newton***

**Tuesday:** 10.30am Funeral Prayers - Mark Boulton  
5.30pm Mass (with Anointing), Confessions

**Wednesday:** 10am Mass (with Anointing)  
followed by Stations, Confessions

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Mass of the Last Supper 6pm Swan Hill**

*Followed by the Watch*

*(Prayer before Blessed Sacrament)*

**GOOD FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

*Stations 10am, followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
and Confessions until 11am*

**The Lord's Passion: 3pm Swan Hill**

***Also lay-leds, Nandaly & Quambatook 3pm***

*Note: Culgoa 5pm Mass moved to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April*

**HOLY SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

*Confessions 9am*

*Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3pm, Confessions*

**Easter Vigil 6pm Swan Hill**

**EASTER SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Mass 8.30am Quambatook**

**Mass 10:30am Swan Hill**

*Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3pm*

**Mass 5pm Nandaly**

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

There is no better time of year to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament! Fr Paul Newton will be coming from Balranald on Monday evening to be available for Confession after 5:30pm Mass. I will also offer Confessions after Tuesday Mass, Wednesday Stations, Friday morning after Stations, and Saturday 9am.

**Our Parish Schools**

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## OTHER NOTICES

### **CUPPA AFTER SWAN HILL MASS THIS SUNDAY**

All welcome!



### **MONTHLY ROSARY CHANGE OF VENUE**

Next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Joe & Teresa Taverna's,  
10am, 109 Werrill St, All Welcome.



### **PROJECT COMPASSION: SPECIAL COLLECTION**

To contribute to Project Compassion this year, you can give directly via their website [caritas.org.au](http://caritas.org.au) or place your contribution on the collection plate in an envelope marked 'Project Compassion'.

**We will also hold a special leaving collection after Masses in Swan Hill THIS weekend, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of April.**

### **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND**

1<sup>st</sup> (Presbytery): \$1010

2<sup>nd</sup> (Parish): \$1330

### **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR LENT**

- ❖ Struggling with someone? Draw a large heart and write all the ways you can love them.
- ❖ What difficult horrible jobs need doing? Maybe washing up the cups, emptying the bins, sorting out that paperwork?
- ❖ Take time out and pray or think about the places and people you work with.
- ❖ It's Good Friday. Say sorry first, even if you think it wasn't your fault.

### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT?**

Why do all four gospels deal with the Passion at such length?

What emotions might the disciples have felt as they saw the events of the Passion unfold?

In what ways is this Passion narrative both solemn and joyful? How do you respond to hearing or reading it?

Why might some people see the Cross as an odd symbol for Christianity?

How does the story of Christ's Passion play out in our own lives today?

### ***BEGINNING OF SCRIPTURE READINGS...***

#### **FIRST READING** Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

*The Word of the Lord. ALL Thanks be to God.*

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

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#### **SECOND READING** Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*The Word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.*

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

***GOSPEL ON BACK PAGE...***

## TODAY'S READINGS BEGIN OVER THE PAGE

### GOSPEL Mt 27:11-54

*Shorter Version (Longer Version will be read during Mass)*

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by

casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

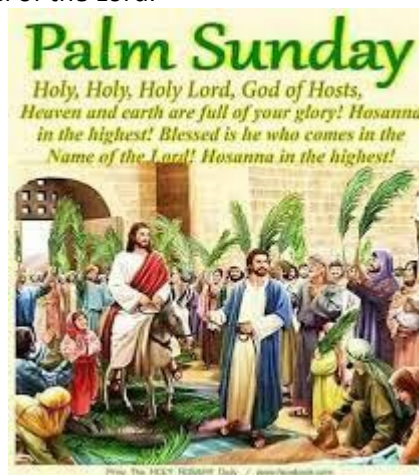
Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



5.30

### Readings Next Week: Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Mt 28:1-10