

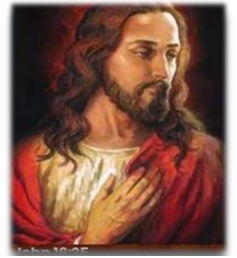


# Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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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*



## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

**WE WELCOME FR PETER HUDSON THIS WEEKEND TO OUR PARISH AND THANK HIM FOR  
CELEBRATING MASS WITH OUR COMMUNITIES.**

### SEA SUNDAY – JULY 9, 2023

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>



Prayer for Sea Seafarers from Pope John Paul II  
Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,  
guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas  
that they may reach the haven of peace and light  
prepared in Him who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon the oceans of the world  
and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary,  
the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,  
that in heart and mind, work and deed,  
in days of turmoil and in days of calm,  
we will always look to Christ and say,  
"Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"

Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!

Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.

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#### **Parish Priest**

Fr James Kerr

#### **Parish Office:**

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**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

William D Kelly, Valma Main  
John Joseph Bell, Joan Blore  
Louisa Aiello, Rosa Mobilio, John Dunstan,  
Iris Pye, Kevin Hogan  
Charlie Taverna, Peter Hoare

**SICK LIST**

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

**THIS WEEKEND (8<sup>TH</sup>/9<sup>TH</sup> JULY)**

**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

Friday 5pm Culgoa  
Saturday 6:00pm Swan Hill  
Sunday 8.30am Quambatook  
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill  
Sunday 5pm Nandaly

**WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL**

***No Masses this week- Fr James away***

**NEXT WEEKEND (15/16<sup>TH</sup> JULY)**

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 6:00pm Swan Hill  
Sunday 8.30am Lalbert  
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Is 55:10-11  
Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23  
Gospel: Mt 13:1-23

**NOTICES**



**FESTA DELLA MADONNA DEL MONTE CARMELO**

The Annual Festa will be celebrated again this year on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July with Mass at 10:30am followed by a Pasta Lunch and Raffle in the Parish Function Centre.

All are welcome!

**CATHERINE O'CONNOR MEMORIAL MASS**

A Memorial Mass for Catherine O'Connor (Kelly), who died at Willangie, July 27, 1923, will be offered at the Woomelang Cemetery on Saturday July 22 2023 followed by lunch at the Woomelang Memorial Hall.

Descendants, other O'Connor and Kelly relatives, friends of the families and any who wish to commemorate her life are welcome.

Please contact: aldous.julie.a@gmail.com

**NEWS FROM THE JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS.**

***Wraps with Love***, this year we have sent wraps to the following countries.

Ukraine 219; East Timor 77; Afghanistan 16.  
South Africa 20; Sri Lanka 26.  
Syria 3,640; Armenia 1,780; Tonga 2000.  
Solomon Islands 1,100; Fiji 1,199; Africa 1,530.  
15,639 have been delivered locally in Australia, in total 27,246.

Many thanks to all who contribute towards this worthy cause.

**Our Parish Schools**

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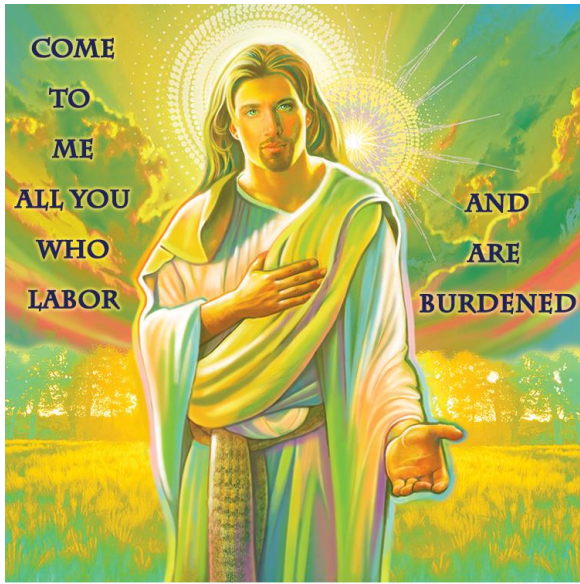
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### HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

For what is Jesus giving thanks to the Father?

What advantage do 'mere children' have over the 'learned and the clever'?

How does this explanation of 'yoke' change your understanding of the passage?

How might people have reacted to Jesus saying, 'My yoke is easy and my burden light'?

In what ways do you try to shoulder the yoke of Jesus?

In what ways do the two halves of today's reading complement each other?

Why might God have hidden things from 'the learned and the clever'?

How might we find rest for our souls if we take up the yoke of Jesus?

What message do you take from today's gospel and reflection?



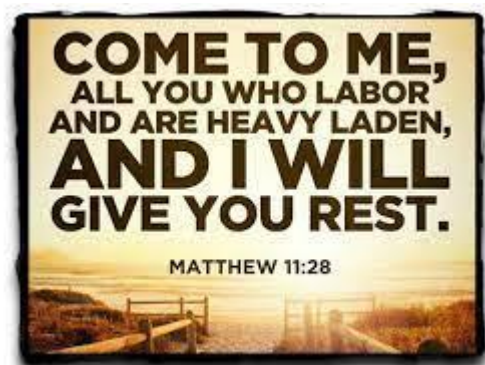
### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.



**FIRST READING** Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah  
*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day and praise your name  
for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

**SECOND READING** Rom 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the  
body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the  
spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home  
in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of  
Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit

of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,  
then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life  
to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in  
you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to  
obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives.  
If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but  
if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the  
body you will live.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the  
kingdom. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned  
and the clever and revealing them to mere children.  
Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.  
Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father;  
and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as  
no one knows the Father except the Son and those to  
whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are  
overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my  
yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble  
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my  
yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

