



# Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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*Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, 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> JULY 2024: 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### ***BEFORE THE WORLD WAS MADE, HE CHOSE US, CHOSE US IN CHRIST...***

Just let those words sink in for a minute... *"before the world was made, He chose us"...*

In an awesome mystery that we cannot possibly fully grasp, God the Father has chosen each of us from all eternity. Before anything was made, he chose us. The Father loved each of us into existence, and has planned from the very beginning that we would share in his life and his love, held close to his presence and gaining freedom from sin through his Son. That is his awesome plan for us. Let's never sell ourselves short of it. We might sometimes ask ourselves, 'Why me?'. What does God see in me? Why would he choose me? We might feel this especially when he sends us out as his special messengers or agents, feeling like we are inadequate or not up to the task. And yet he *has* chosen us, with all our imperfections and struggles. He *has* chosen us, and his strength will supply for our weakness. He *has* chosen us, and his holiness will grow in us and bring us to perfection in him. He chose us, and God can't be wrong!

### ***FR JAMES GOING AWAY, FR DENIS RYAN TO VISIT***

After this weekend, I will be going way for a break until the end of July. I will be back in time for 1:30pm Mass at Logan Lodge on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August and the Bishop's visit on the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. In my absence, Fr Denis Ryan will come to Swan Hill for the weekends of the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>.

I am sure you will make him welcome! God bless and see you in August!

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#### **Parish Office:**

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#### **Child Protection Officers:**

Tony and Joelle Whiting

#### **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**

Tony Miliano (1 Month), Iris Pye, Kevin Hogan  
Charlie Taverna, Peter Hoare, Bernard Foott  
Ted Meney, Owen Stanley, Michael "Mick" Casey  
Bill Hayes, Annunziata "Nancy" Maiuto  
Girolamo & Giovanna Tuntar  
Moira Higgins, Dot Corridan, Kevin McLoughlan

**SICK LIST**

Pat Croft, Yvonne Richardson, Paul Donohue,  
Jayden Williams, Margaret Foott,  
Jarrod Crimmins, Michael Bourke, Jack Donohue,  
Jude Lewis, Susan, Yvonne Annan,  
Bridget Phyland, Carmel Ryan, Peter Amezdroz

**THIS WEEKEND 13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill  
Sunday 8.30am Quambatook  
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

**WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL**

***No Masses this Week with Fr James Away***

**NEXT WEEKEND 19<sup>TH</sup>/20<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(FR DENIS RYAN TO SUPPLY)**

Sat 6pm Swan Hill  
Sunday 8.30am Culgoa  
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

**NOTICES**



**WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY!**

A very special welcome to Jackson Rogers who will be baptised this Sunday, and thanks to his parents Daniel and Renae for presenting him. God's blessings for today and always, and welcome to the family!



**WINTER APPEAL**

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is being held this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024. As we enter this winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

If you can make a contribution to the SVDP Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or calling 13 18 12. An envelope will be available to parishioners- fill out and return to your SVDP member. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.



**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection last Sunday. Silly me though forgot about it on Saturday night! So if you missed the opportunity to contribute last week, either pop your contribution on the collection in an envelope marked 'For the Pope', or hand it to me after Mass and I will add it to rest.

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## FESTA DELLA MADONNA: AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> 2024 *SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW...*

The celebration of the Festa della Madonna del Carmine (Our Lady of Mount Carmel) has a long history in Swan Hill and has been a very special celebration for the Italian Catholic community and indeed the whole Parish. At its height it included a procession along the street with a full band, several dinners and special Mission talks.

A dedicated and generous Festa Committee faithfully kept it alive as a special service to the parish, especially for the older Italian parishioners to whom it meant so much. In more recent years it has evolved into a simpler celebration, while still retaining its heart as a loving tribute to Our Lady and a celebration of the special contribution the Italian community has made to our parish. After many years of hard work, the Committee made the call after last year's celebration that it would be the last Festa they would organise. I would like to sincerely thank the Festa Committee for their tremendous generosity and hard work.

Not quite ready to disappear completely though, and out of great respect and affection for what has been, the Festa will now evolve into a slightly new form with some new helpers, while still retaining its heart as a loving tribute to Our Lady.

We will celebrate the Festa on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August** to coincide with Bishop Pauls visit of the same weekend. After the 10:30am Mass everyone is welcome to join over in the Parish Function Centre for a shared meal and celebration. If you are able, please bring some antipasto or a sweet to be shared. Mains will be provided by the organising team so that we can make sure we provide for the various dietary requirements. If you are able to contribute at all, or have any questions, please contact Jordan Wong on 04 34 588 623.

And once again, I would like to thank the outgoing Festa Committee for their faithful dedication over many years. Grazie!

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

Why did Jesus call the disciples together before sending them out?

What was significant about Jesus' instructions for what the disciples should and should not take?

Why were the disciples instructed to rely on the hospitality of those they met?

What does missionary activity (spreading the Good News) 'look like' today?

How can you continue the mission Jesus entrusted to the twelve?



## REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

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**FIRST READING** Amos 7:12-15  
*A reading from the prophet Amos*  
*Go, prophesy to my people.*

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1:3-14  
*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*  
*Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.  
*The Word of the Lord: ALL: Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our hearts  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mark 6:7-13

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*  
*He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.*  
Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

*The Gospel of the Lord:*

*All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary time**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34