

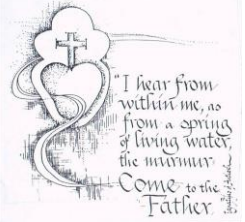


# Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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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*



**23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2024**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## ***AND THE WIND DROPPED, AND ALL WAS CALM AGAIN...***

We all struggle with our own set of fears or anxieties. All of us, at some stage or another, carry a heavy burden of worries that can drag us down and almost overwhelm us. We can feel that we are drowning under their weight. Worries about the world around us. Anxieties in our own lives and relationships. They are real.

And like the disciples we can wonder, where is Christ in all of this? Why doesn't he help us?

When we listen to today's Gospel, hold those worries up to Christ. Hand them over to his care. Be honest with him, even if that means voicing your frustration or feelings of abandonment. Open the door of your heart and let Christ in. And if you can do that, the Gospel can become not just a thing we listen to, but a heart to heart conversation with our Lord and King. We can then hear it afresh as something spoken directly to us. And that means we can hear those words 'Quiet now! Be calm!', spoken directly into the storms and tumults of our own hearts. We can hear Christ wrestling not just with a storm on a lake some 2000 years ago, but with the fears and anxieties that we face in our own lives today. We then open ourselves up to also feel the calm and peace only he can bring. He is with us through it all, even if it may seem he is asleep. Or is it really we who are asleep; for a moment unaware or blind to the help he is already giving us. By engaging with his Word and bringing our worries to prayer, our eyes are opened once again to his presence, and we can find the faith to step forward in hope and peace.

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### **Parish Priest**

Fr James Kerr

### **Parish Office:**

Glenda Klabbers & Mary Kennedy

### **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+**

Antonio "Tony" Miliano

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

Anne Walsh, Francis Loughran, Leo McLoughlan  
Martin Egan, Thomas Considine, Frank Powell  
Brian O'Bree, Des Rinaldi, Mary Kelly  
Sarah O'Halloran, John Hayes, Luke O'Bryan  
John Ugbejie

**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 22<sup>ND</sup>/23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE  
11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL**

Monday: **Funeral Tony Miliano**  
**Rosary 10:30am, Requiem Mass 11am**  
Tuesday **NO MASS**  
Wednesday: 10am Mass  
Thursday: Confessions 5pm, 5.30pm Mass, Adoration  
Friday: 11.30am Mass

**NEXT WEEKEND 29<sup>TH</sup>/30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**NOTICES**

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS  
A THANK YOU, AND A WELCOME**

Damian and Karen Kelly have generously served as our Parish Safeguarding Officers since approached by Fr Marcello during his tenure. Ensuring our parish is a safe space is a core responsibility, so I would like to thank them for their assistance.

Child safety is also a shared responsibility, and so the more involved in proactively thinking through the risks and acting on them the better. In this spirit, I thought it would be opportune to invite Tony and Joelle Whiting to now step into the role as our new Parish Safeguarding Officers.

Once again, I thank Karen and Damian as they finish up, and thank Tony and Joelle for stepping up into this important role.

Finally, just a reminder that the Diocesan Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct are available in the foyers of all our churches, as well as in the parish office.



**CLOTHING DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

St Vincent de Paul Society, Vinnies Shop located in Curlewis St, opposite the Big Cod, is seeking support from parishioners in donations of clean men's clothing and children's clothing. Donated clothes can be taken to the shop during business hours.

The Vinnies shop is also seeking volunteers. Any parishioner interested are requested to speak to shop manager Katina, Monday – Friday between business hours 9.30am-3pm

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**Venue:** MacKillop/Glowrey Hall, Cathedral Precinct

**Address:** 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat

**Date:** Tuesday 9th July 2024, 5:30pm to 6:30pm

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### **ST MARY'S HOSPITALITY GROUP MEETING**

Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June there will be a meeting after the 10.30 Mass in Swan Hill to discuss the future of the catering team.

If you are able to assist by volunteering for funeral catering your help would be greatly appreciated. So please come along and see if this is something you can be part of.

### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT?**

Why might the disciples – experienced fishermen – have panicked in the storm?

What significance lies in the fact that Jesus lay asleep during the storm and had to be woken?

Why might the gospel writer have chosen to tell this story in this way?

In what ways do you sometimes feel caught up in a storm?

In the midst of 'stormy times' how can God's calming presence make itself felt?

### **BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.



Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. One might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead, he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective. © *Loyola Press*

**FIRST READING** Job 38:1. 8-11

*A reading from the book of Job*

*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors  
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,  
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist  
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;  
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross  
and made it fast with a bolted gate?  
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:  
here your proud waves shall break.  
*The Word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep.

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their soul melted away in their distress.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need  
and he rescued them from their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper:  
all the waves of the sea were hushed.

They rejoiced because of the calm  
and he led them to the haven they desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his love,  
the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*  
*All things are made new.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.  
*The Word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mark 4:35-41

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*  
*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

*The Gospel of the Lord. ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.*

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**13th Sunday in Ordinary time**

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

**LIVING THE GOSPEL – DO YOU NOT CARE?**

The experience of the disciples as their boat was tossed about the sea by the powerful storm may sound like a familiar situation. At times in life we may feel that we have lost control of our situation and we are being blown from one 'disaster' to the next. At such times, we may find ourselves asking the question that the disciples asked of Jesus, 'Master, do you not care?' Jesus' reply to the disciples suggests that had they been calm and trusted in the slow work of God then they would have made it through the storm unharmed.

