



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

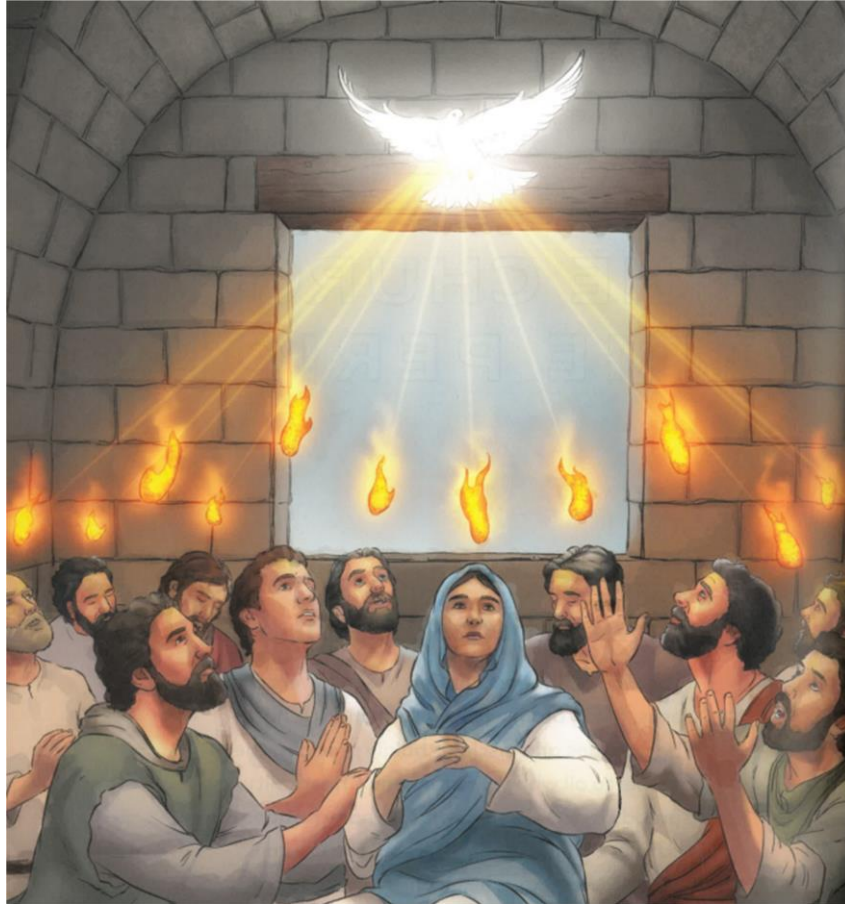
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Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill as well as the Lake Boga Families & Faith Group



20TH OCTOBER 2024: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME:

We warmly welcome all the children being presented by their families today to be part of our Confirmation Program. We have been praying for you all, and will keep praying for you in the weeks ahead leading up to the celebrations in November.

Today we will present you with the Creed, as a symbol of our faith in the Father and his great plans for us, in the Son and his great love for us, and the Holy Spirit who breathes life in us. It is also a reminder of the awesome story of God's love for all of creation, for all of humanity, and of his love for you! We pray that you can recognise yourself as part of this great story, and grow to take your part in it too!

We will also present you with the Our Father, that very special prayer that Jesus himself taught us. We give this to you a reminder that you are one of his beloved children, and are invited to open up your hearts and share life with him. Never be afraid to turn to the Father. Share your hopes and dreams with him, and your needs and worries too. He loves you so deeply, more deeply than you will ever realised. You can trust in him!

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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+**

Bill White (Ouyen)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Ellen Real, Lee Power, Christina Donnelly
Frank Capone, Mary Morton, Fr Frank Monaghan
Henry Kiley, Luke Brennan, Mercy Ukadie Nwaobia
Brian O'Loughlin, Patrick Pearce
John (Jack) McNamara, Michael O'Connor
Mary Dobeli, Grazia (Grace) Pati

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
Ken Duryea, Helen Duryea

**THIS WEEKEND 19TH/20TH OCTOBER
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL

Tuesday: **12:30pm MacKillop End of Year Mass**
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday: 5pm Confessions, 5:30pm Mass, Adoration
Friday: 11:30am Mass

**NEXT WEEKEND 26TH/27TH OCTOBER
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

NOTICES



Halloween Family Event

**Let's Reclaim Halloween for its Original
Purpose: Celebrating All the Saints and our
Hope in Heaven!**

Join us for a special family event on
Thursday 31st October (All Hallow's Eve)

Starting at **6:40pm** (after 6pm Mass),
In the Parish Function Centre, Swan Hill

We will have some dinner, games and a special
activity and prayer remembering our loved ones who
have gone before us.

**Kids are encouraged to dress up as their favourite
saint. There will be prizes for the best dressed!**

RSVP: Via Parish Office, Fr James or Francesca



We hope to see you there!

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CAN YOU HELP?

HELPERS NEEDED...

Thank you to those who have already reached out in response. But just in case you missed it last week, we are looking for some help in the following ministries-

1. **HELP WITH: BAPTISM WELCOME SESSION**

We invite all families who are presenting their child for baptism in Swan Hill to a Welcome Session, so that they can introduce us to their little one and we can talk about what baptism means for them as a family. We have a simple little program we run through, but the main thing is to have a friendly face to help welcome the families and make them feel at home. The idea is their children are becoming part of a family, the Church, and so they should get to meet some of that family. You don't need to necessarily formally present anything if you aren't confident, the welcome is the most important thing.

Currently we are running these sessions on the third Thursdays of the month, starting at 6pm and usually finishing around 6:45pm. Heading into next year though we could potentially organise a different evening or weekend timeslot. All you will need will be a Working With Children's Check Card (we can help with that if you don't have one) and to complete a short Child Safety induction. Please see Fr James if you are interested.

2. **HELP WITH: ADULTS ENTERING THE CHURCH**

We are blessed to have had a number of enquiries recently from adults wishing to enter the Church. I am hoping to find a few special companions who can join me in helping to welcome the enquirers and accompany them on their journey. Again, similar to the Welcome Session, the main point is to be a welcoming and friendly presence, but there will also be plenty of occasions where you might draw on your experience of faith. Please see me if you are interested.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

Why does Jesus ask James and John if they can 'drink the cup' that he must drink?

Why were the other disciples upset with James and John?

Have you ever experienced a leader who would 'lord it over' others?

What qualities make a good leader?

In what areas of your life can you exercise servant leadership?

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

BY MARY COLOE PBVM

Today's Gospel follows the third time that Jesus has taught his disciples about what awaits him in Jerusalem. And three times the disciples fail to grasp what Jesus means about his own future, and what this means for discipleship. Set in between two cures of blind men, this entire section shows up the blindness of the disciples. In this example, their blindness is caused by ambition – in wanting to hold authority, which they think means having power. Last week's Gospel showed the blindness of the young man, but his blindness was caused by greed and his desire for wealth.

An author is one who creates something new; usually we use the term only for one who writes a book, but an 'author' can have a broader meaning than this. Anyone who creates something new could be termed an 'author'. In other words, to have authority is to have a creative task. Authority, when exercised well, is life giving and life enhancing. Conversely, if authority is abused it crushes life.

Jesus demonstrates his understanding of authority in his readiness to create life for others even at the expense of his own life. Jesus is ready to give his life that others may have life and this is the model of Christian authority he asks of us. In the coming week may we be aware of the ways we live out these words when we expend ourselves that others may live. We might also consider the various ways we exercise authority and check, is this authority life enhancing or life restricting?

In the letter to the Hebrews, the author draws upon a major image within Judaism to address this group of Jewish Christians. The High Priest is the one who represents and intercedes for the people before God. The author assures this community that the one making representation for them before God, really knows them. Jesus, in his humanity, has known weakness and temptation and so can hold before God the suffering and desires of this community. They are not alone. The identification between Jesus and the believer lies at the heart of this exhortation to the Hebrews. It parallels the identification Jesus makes in his challenge to James and John: 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink?' © Mary Coloe



FIRST READING Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

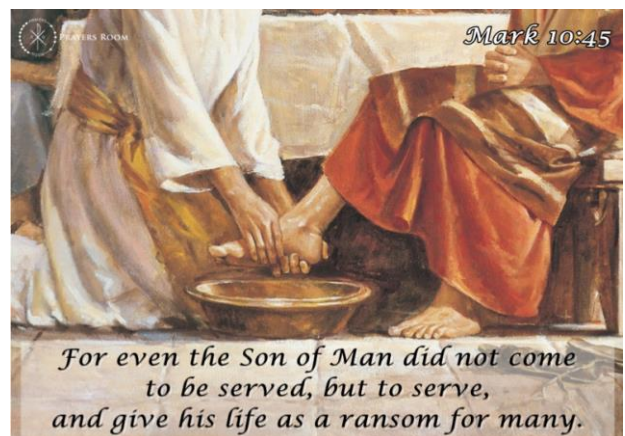
GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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



READINGS NEXT WEEK:

30th Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52