



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

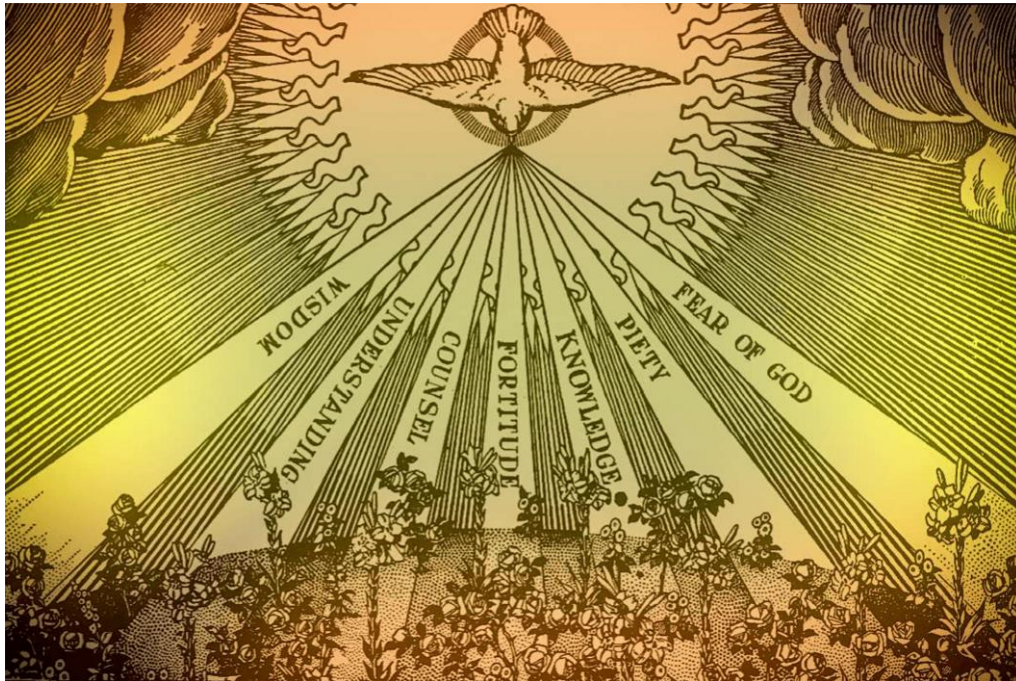
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Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill as well as the Lake Boga Families & Faith Group



17TH NOVEMBER 2024: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are so excited to be welcoming 18 children for Confirmation this weekend, with another 6 to follow in the next couple of weeks. Please know we have been praying for you over the last few months! May this be a very special day for you. May you know God's great love in your heart. May you feel it deeply and never, ever doubt it. May it shape you and move you, so that you might say your 'yes' to God and serve him by sharing his Love with all the world!

We also welcome all our families and special friends who have come in support of the children today. Thank you for helping them get ready for this big day.

Today is also a special reminder for the power of God's Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives. He has filled us with his gifts. May those gifts be renewed and strengthened in us today, so that we too may continue to do our part in bringing his Love to all the people in our life.

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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+**

Lois Hinton

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Ivy Sewell, Brian O'Bryan, Marion Derbas
Phil Milano, Cliff Hinton, Bernie Maher
Michael Nolan, Kathleen Storer, Robert Isgro
John Auden, Elizabeth Kiley, Loretta Barry
Cecil Learmonth, Edward McLoughlin, Henry Power
Carol Drummond, John Flannery, Edna O'Halloran
Michael Power, Cyril Storer, Catherine Scalora
Marlene Kelly, Emilio Tuntar, Jennifer O'Loughlin

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 16/17TH NOVEMBER
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sat 6pm Swan Hill Confirmations

Sunday 8.30am Culgoa

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill Confirmations

WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL

Tuesday: **1.30pm Requiem Mass Lois Hinton**

Wednesday: 10am

Thurs: 5pm Confession, 5.30pm Mass, Adoration

Friday 11.30am

**NEXT WEEKEND 23RD/24TH NOVEMBER
CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Sat 6pm Swan Hill

Sunday 8.30am Quambatook

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

NOTICES



WITH THANKS AND DEEP GRATITUDE

We had a beautiful visit from the Missionaries of God's Love sisters last week. I would like to extend my deep gratitude and heart-felt thanks to all who made the visit what it was- for all who helped organise and prepare for it, for those who helped to welcome the sisters, for those who participated in the various events, and in a very special way for all those who prayed for the success of the visit, even if those prayers had to be offered up from home. I am sure those prayers were all the more powerful, as they were selflessly and generously offered for the good of others. Please know those prayers bore fruit, and will continue to bear fruit in the days ahead.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

I know, it is scary right, but Christmas is not too far away! Just so you can set your diaries and organise your families, our Christmas Mass times will be...

Christmas Eve (Tues 24th)

4:30pm Sea Lake

7pm Swan Hill (*With Nativity Play*)

9:30pm Swan Hill

Christmas Day (Wed 25th)

Quambatook 8:30am

Swan Hill 10:30am

Please start passing the message around!

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**SAVE THE DATE:
CWL REFLECTION DAY DEC 5
SR MARY GLOWREY IN THE MALLEE**

Our Parish is looking forward to a very special day on Thursday 5th December. The Catholic Women's League are helping to organise a reflection day in Swan Hill, with a special focus on Servant of God Dr Sr Mary Glowrey. Many of you know Sr Mary's story, and many are even related to her, which makes it very special that we can host this day. And if you haven't heard of Sr Mary Glowrey, what better chance! The day is open to anyone. Put the date in your diaries and look out for more details to come.



**A SPECIAL INVITATION:
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

The day has almost arrived!

**Deacon Cay Xuan Trinh
will be Ordained to the Priesthood
on Saturday 23rd of November at 10:30am
in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.**

Please pray for Deacon Cay as he approaches this day. This is in open invitation, so perhaps some of you may even be able to drive down yourself.

His Mass of Thanksgiving will then follow on Sunday 24th at 5pm, again at St Patrick's Cathedral.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

Why did Jesus paint this picture of the future for his disciples just as they came to Jerusalem?

What is the message for us when Jesus says no one will know the time of the coming of the Son of Man?

Why might the gospel writer have included this section of Jesus speaking about the future?

Do you think most people are optimistic or fearful about the future?

What are three things that you look forward to accomplishing in the future?

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY @ Loyola Press

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God:

you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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



READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Christ the King of the Universe

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37