



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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13TH APRIL 2025

THE PASSION OF THE LORD (PALM SUNDAY)



So here we are, at the start of another Holy Week. Lent has flown by yet again! Maybe you've been blessed with a very fruitful Lent, a time of growth and renewal. Or perhaps you are like me; all the grand plans you had for Lent never even got off the ground and you are feeling like a bit of a failure! Well, take heart. It's not too late, we still have a week to go- and the best Week of all! We can still make something of this time. And even if we don't, it was never really about all the things we could do anyway. It was never about proving ourselves. Rather, Lent is a time to deepen our awareness of just how much we need Christ. So, if Christ moves in and through us to bring new blessings and growth, fantastic! Our hope in him is multiplied. We've had a good Lent. On the other hand, if we tried and failed and were left humbled, great! We have been reminded of *why* we need to hope in him. We've had a good Lent! As long as all our efforts, fruitful or otherwise, are handed over to Christ, there is no such thing as a bad Lent.

You will see inside our timetable for all the ceremonies during the week ahead. While the only days we are obliged to attend are the Sundays, I encourage you to make the most of the three days of the Holy Triduum, and to do your best to make it for Holy Thursday and Good Friday if you are able to.

For any who are travelling, our blessings and best wishes. We will see you on the other side of Easter!

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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+**

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Vincent Lavey, Elizabeth Williamson,
Mary Anne Foott, Ian McKay, Michael Clohesy,
Moira Ryan, Kathleen Meehan, Kathleen Ledwich,
Mary McMurtie, Kath Hogan, Michael Upton,
Brian Carty, Gerrard Magee, Irene Learmonth,
Kealan Snowden, Tim Power

SICK LIST

Pope Francis, Pat Hoare, Pat Croft, Maureen Allen
Yvonne Richardson, Paul Donohue, Jayden Williams,
Margaret Foott, Jarrod Crimmins, Michael Bourke,
Jack Donohue, Jude Lewis, Bridget Phyland,
Carmel Ryan, Peter Amezdroz, Ken Duryea
Helen Duryea

**THIS WEEKEND 13TH APRIL
PASSION STUDY (PALM SUNDAY)**

Saturday 6:00pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8.30am Quambatook
Sunday 10.30am Swan Hill

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

See next column for full schedule



NOTICES

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK IN SWAN HILL

Tuesday Mass 10am, *with Anointing of the Sick*
Confessions 5-6pm

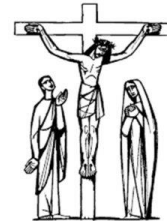
Wednesday Mass 10am



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Swan Hill 6pm

Followed by the Watch



GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross Swan Hill 10am

Followed by Confessions until 11:30am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Swan Hill 3pm

Followed by Confessions until 5pm

Tenebrae Swan Hill 8pm (Praying with the Psalms)



HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER VIGIL

Confessions 10am

Easter Vigil Mass 6pm



EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Culgoa 8:30am (With Baptisms)

Mass Swan Hill 10:30am

Mass Nandaly 5pm

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ROSTERS FOR EASTER

If you are able to help with the different ministries/roles for Holy Week and Easter in Swan Hill, the rosters are available in the Church to fill in. An extra job too- if anyone can help with the Easter fire let me know!



NOW SHOWING AT SHOWBIZ: KING OF KINGS

Exciting news! Showbiz Swan Hill is screening a brand new movie on the life of Jesus. In *King of Kings*, an imaginative boy's father retells the story of Jesus Christ's life, from His birth in Bethlehem to His miracles, sacrifices, and resurrection. As the story unfolds, the boy embarks on a vivid journey through faith and redemption, discovering the power of love and forgiveness. The movie is now screening daily at 10am until next Wednesday. If you are looking for a holiday activity for the kids or grandkids, this may be the perfect option!

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2025

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18. Over the last five years the people of the Holy Land have had so much turmoil in their lives. We pray that the ceasefire in Palestine, Gaza and Israel will be honoured by all the leaders. Already the Christian church leaders are encouraging people to come back on pilgrimage. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows care for the Holy Places (which also gives work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless and more. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land through the generosity of the Australian Church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds.

DIVINE MERCY- APRIL 27TH

The Second (or Low) Sunday of Easter is also the Feast of Divine Mercy, a special celebration of our Lord's unending and inexhaustible Mercy. To mark this great feast, we will once again hold a Holy Hour in Swan Hill on Sunday 27th, starting at 2pm and finishing with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Confessions will be available during the time of Adoration.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Many thanks to those who have been submitting their envelopes each week, and for those who have already returned their boxes. If you haven't already done so, you can simply place your box or envelope on the collection plate. Alternatively, you can also make a donation online at any time- <https://www.caritas.org.au/>

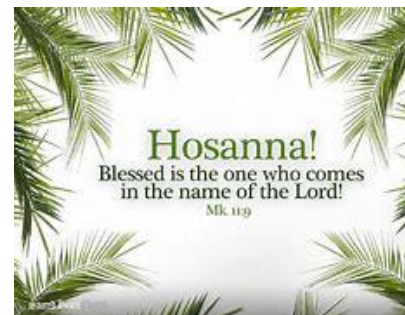
LITTLE ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR LENT

Sing a song of worship together as a family. (Psalm 100:2 – "Worship the Lord with gladness.")

Do something kind for someone in secret today. (Matt 6:3 – "When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.")

Invite someone new to sit with you at lunch or church or play with you at recess. (Romans 15:7 – "Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you.") Pray together as a family and thank God for all the ways you've shared kindness this Lent! (Col 3:17 – "Whatever you do, do it all in the name of Jesus.")

Final Prayer: Lord, thank You for showing us how to love others. Help us to keep sharing kindness beyond Lent. Amen.



HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

How do you think the disciples felt after Jesus was arrested, tried and crucified so quickly?

Although this is a long passage, what is the advantage of reading the Passion in its entirety? Why might Luke's gospel emphasise the innocence of Jesus and the injustice of his treatment?

Why is it important for Christian people to recall this apparent low point in Jesus' life?

FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2*

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Philippians 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling

to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**PLEASE REFER TO THE PASSION LEAFLET FOR THE
GOSPEL READING.**



READINGS NEXT WEEK: EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35