

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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19th July 2015

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The Parish of Swan Hill comprises the Church Communities of: St Marys Swan Hill, St Joseph's Nyah West, St Joseph's Lake Boga

Mass Next Weekend:

Vigil	6.30 pm	Swan Hill
Sunday	8.30am	Lake Boga
	10.30 am	Swan Hill

Mass This Week

Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00 pm LWC

WELCOME to FR John Monahan and Fr Victor to our Parish this weekend.

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Guiseppe Maiuto

Anniversaries: We remember: Jack Meehan, Ian Smyth, Serafina Gallico, Margaret Williamson, Adrian Benneto, Frank Zivillica, Sam Marsolino, Ben Lolicato, Jack Phyland, John Foott, Troy Meehan, Frank Mangiamelli, Kathleen Livingston, Charlie Taverna, Bernard Foott, Patrick Hogan, Catherine O'Loughlin.

Prayers for the Sick: Lorna Kennedy, Neil Newling, Erin Coburn, Brooke Kennedy, Brian Mulcahy, Ronald Duryea, Margaret Sinclair

If you would like a sick person prayed for, please ask for their permission. After one month names will be deleted from the list

FIRST READING *Jer 23:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22. R. v.2*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the

days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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SECOND READING *Eph 2:13-18*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mk 6:30-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length. *The Gospel of the Lord*

GOSPEL REFLECTION: In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and re-creation. With so much pain and suffering in our world, the demands of the mission can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us.

The apostles have been busy—preaching, healing and driving out the “demons” as instructed. They now report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. “Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while” is the invitation that Jesus extends to them. The reference to desert evokes the wilderness of Sinai through which the people of Israel travelled for forty years. For the contemporary reader, it evokes the diversity of life in the desert on the one hand, and the desertification of so much of the earth's surface as a result of tree-clearing and mindless destruction of forests on the other.

The “rest” that Jesus proposes is short-lived: the crowds pursue him. His response to these crowds is a physical one: he is “moved with compassion”. The Greek verb suggests a “gut” reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people who are “like sheep without a shepherd”, and is ready to do something about it. As the story continues, we find Jesus inviting his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of the people in the desert. “You give them something to eat” is his instruction to those who would turn the people away.

Like the Israelites of old, the afflicted Earth community in any age needs good leaders or “shepherds” who will “practice justice and righteousness in the land”, as the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us. The Hebrew word for justice refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness is about right relationship at every level. Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness mean.

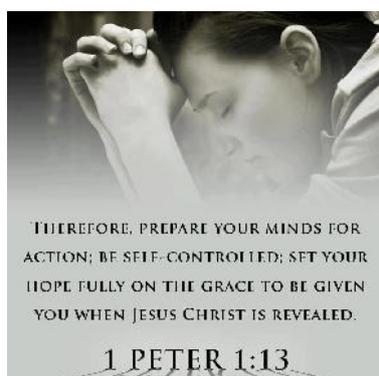
As the gospel story unfolds, we find that Jesus' disciples are well-meaning though slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with the compassionate heart of the good shepherd, and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice and right relationship in a world of unconscionable disparities and unprecedented displacement. *Sr Veronica Lawson*

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READINGS NEXT WEEK 26th July

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“Prepare your minds for action: be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace given to you when Jesus Christ is revealed.” – 1 Peter 1:13



STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 556.10
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,050.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 00.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 000.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 161.55
		\$ 1,167.65

THANK YOU!

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ST MARY'S MINISTRIES 26th July 2015

Ministers of the Word:

6.30pm. Trish Wait. Rene Devereux

10.30am. Kate Quin & Ginny Gook

Ministers of Communion:

6.30pm. Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae, Dick & Rene Devereux.

10.30am. Ken Smith, Jocelyn Ingram, Damien Kelly, Dorothy Bishop, Brenda Ford.

Music: **6.30 pm.** Felicity & Greg Lane

10.30am. St Mary's School

Presentation of Gifts:

6.30pm Daniel & Mary Kennedy

10.30am St Mary's School

Counters: Vin Dullard. Kieran Brennan

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Josephite Associates will hold a knitting day on Monday 17th August from 10.00 am in the Parish Centre. Raffles, lunch provided. All welcome

Italian Festa Come to the Italian Social Club for a BBQ lunch and cultural and social activities including traditional food and entertainment from 12.00 noon today . All parishioners welcome.

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*: Theon Care for Our Common Home is a call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.

He points to numerous ways world organisations, nations and communities must move forward and the way individuals -- believers and people of good will -- should see, think, feel and act.

Each week, we offer one of the Pope's suggestions, with the paragraph numbers to indicate their place in the Encyclical.

“Have forthright and honest debates and policies; issues cannot be dealt with once and for all, but will need to be reframed and enriched again and again by everyone with plenty of different proposals because there is no one way to solve problems.” - Pars 16, 60 & 185

Copies of the new **Order of the Mass** booklet are now available for \$5.00 from the office on Thursday's or Friday's between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm.