



**St Mary's Parish Swan Hill and Sea Lake**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

**Incorporating the Catholic Communities of**  
St Mary's Church, Swan Hill  
St Mary's Church, Sea Lake  
St Joseph's Church, Lake Boga  
St Joseph's Church, Nandaly  
Sacred Heart Church, Culgoa

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**Office Hours** Tues and Fri 10am -2pm  
**Parish Admin Officer:** Glenda Klabbers  
**Child Protection Officers:**  
Damian and Karen Kelly

**Recent Deaths**

Andrea Conidi  
Fr Paul Mercovich

**Weekday Masses**

Monday: No Mass  
Tuesday: 5.30pm Swan Hill  
Wednesday: 10am Swan Hill  
Thursday: 10am Sea Lake  
Friday: 12.00  
Exposition 11.00am

**Anniversaries of Death:**

Pierce Derham,  
Peter Fosdick, John Barbuto,  
Shaun Magniamelli,  
Patricia Livingston,  
Emily Sutton, Edith Jordon,  
Ada and Gordon Dwyer,  
Frank Capone,  
Marcello Mason,  
Sheila Mullins, Dick Balsarini,  
Immacolata & Roy Marsilino  
Margaret McLoughlan

**Weekend Mass Times**

**St Mary's Swan Hill**  
Sat 6.30pm Sun 10.30am  
**St Mary's Sea Lake**  
Sun 8.30am (1<sup>st</sup> Sun) 5pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)  
9am Assembly (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>) Ecc Ser. (5<sup>th</sup>)  
10am  
**St Joseph's Lake Boga** 8.30am (4<sup>th</sup> Sun)  
**St Joseph's Nandaly** 5pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)  
9am Assembly (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sun)  
**Sacred Heart Culgoa** 5pm (4<sup>th</sup> Friday)  
9.30am Assembly (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick List**

Please pray for the following people  
who has requested our prayers:  
Erin Coburn, Ronald Duryea,  
Jude Lewis, Jarrod Crimmins,  
Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy

**Day Light Savings**

Commences this weekend please  
note that with the new mass time  
table the Saturday night mass will  
remain at 6.30pm

**Meetings:**

Mon Divine Mercy 1pm  
Tues CWL 1.30pm

**St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake**

Principal: Kate Nunn  
47 Hannon Street, Sea Lake  
Ph: 03 5070 1272  
[Principal@smsealake.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Principal@smsealake.catholic.edu.au)

**Feast Days This Week**

Sun 1st St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
Mon 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels  
Wed 4th St. Francis of Assisi October  
Sat 7th Our Lady of the Rosary



**St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill**

Principal: Greg Lane  
2 Murlong St Swan Hill  
Ph. 03 5033 2541  
[principal@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au)

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday: Pierce Derham  
Wednesday:  
Friday:

**St Mary MacKillop College**

Principal: Michelle Haeusler  
53 McCrae Street, Swan Hill  
[Principal@mackillopsh.vic.edu.au](mailto:Principal@mackillopsh.vic.edu.au)

**Finances**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Support Clergy)  
\$844.50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish Support)  
Including C/Cards and D/Debt  
\$2186.00  
Thank you for your support

***"Building a healthier Church:  
Where to from here?"***

YTU is hosting an evening of  
conversation with Bishop Vincent  
Long, Maria Kirkwood and Francis  
Sullivan, "Building a healthier  
Church: Where to from here?" on  
Thursday, October 12, 2017 from  
7.30pm - 9.30pm at YTU Study  
Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill  
This event is free to attend.  
All welcome.

**Centenary of Fatima**

Mass in the Bendigo Cathedral,  
October 8th 11am Evening of  
Recollection and Devotion -  
Fr Gerard Ryan will lead this  
evening in St Patrick's Cathedral  
Ballarat on Friday October 13th,  
commencing with Reconciliation  
from 6.30 pm, 7.00 pm Fr Gerard  
introduces the evening, 7.30 pm  
Mass, 7.45 pm Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament concluding  
with Benediction. The Legion of  
Mary express their thanks to all  
who support the Novena  
preparing for the centenary of  
Mary's apparitions at  
Fatima, Portugal.

**Next Week's Readings**

First: Isa 5:1-7  
Second: Phil 4:6-9  
Gospel: Mt 21:33-43

**Roster for this weekend 1<sup>st</sup> October**

<b>Week 1 of Month</b>	<b>Sat 6pm Swan Hill</b>	<b>Sun 10.30am Swan Hill</b>
<b>Minister of the Word</b>	Marilyn Foley Rene Devereux	Dorothy Bishop Damien Kelly
<b>Minsters of Communion</b>	Claire Billing, Chris Hoare, Gladys Bryent, Lyn Stutley	Sam Colombo, Robert Jager, Margaret Foott, Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Josie Renda
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Howison Family	Zambelli Family
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Brian Wood	John Farrell
<b>Counting Team</b>	Ken Smith	Peter Coady

**Roster for next weekend 8<sup>th</sup> October**

<b>Week 2 of Month</b>	<b>Sat 6pm Swan Hill</b>	<b>Sun 10.30am Swan Hill</b>
<b>Minister of the Word</b>	Michelle Haeusler Glenda Klabbbers	Ken Smith
<b>Minsters of Communion</b>	Josh Klabbbers Mary Kennedy Kerry Hoare Kath Hogan	Frank Fogarty, Connie Alderuccio, Rona Bookham, Ken Smith, Jocelyn Ingram
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Daniel and Mary Kennedy	Bernice Murray & Bill Croft
<b>Music Ministry</b>	J Taverna	J Farrell
<b>Counting Team</b>	Vin & Kerry Dullard	Kieran Brennan

**Food for Thought**

Why do you think the first son might have said 'No' but later did as his father asked?  
 Why do you think the second son might have said 'Yes' but not followed through?  
 When have you said 'Yes' to someone but not really intended to follow through?  
 Why do people say 'Yes' when they really don't want to do something?

**Living the Gospel – Saying 'Yes!'**

In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.

**Caritas responds to the Famine in Africa**

The world faces the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war with more than 20 million people facing starvation and famine. Please support this humanitarian effort on Social Justice Sunday September 24th. Enquiries to Sue Searls, 0409 401 329 or email [sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Cuppa & Chat after Mass**

There will be an opportunity for a cuppa & a chat after 10.30am Mass today in the Parish Function Centre. Everyone is most welcome.

**Fr Paul Mercovich Funeral Information**

Fr Paul's funeral details are Vigil Service at St Joseph's Charlton on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm, and the Requiem Mass will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.30am in St Arnaud, then burial at 3pm at the Ararat Cemetery. Please keep the communities of Charlton and St Arnaud in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

**Swan Hill Show**

On the weekend of Fri 6<sup>th</sup> & Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, the show committee have asked for assistance from the local churches for people to work on the gates, looking for volunteers to help out. See form in the foyer for time slots if you able to assist. Of you can give a couple of hours would be greatly appreciated as an event which supports the local community.

***30th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Gary Jones***

The Parish of St Peter's Daylesford will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Fr Gary's Ordination at 10.30am Mass on Sunday, October 15, 2017 followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please RSVP to [daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au) to assist with catering.

***120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton***

On October 20 & 21 21, 2017 we will be celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton – this is also Charlton Show weekend. We invite any past pupils and staff to attend our celebrations. Please contact Anne, ph. 0408547973 for further details.

***Sharing the Word***

*Sharing the Word* is a free E-Library of Educational Resources for Catholic Ministry. *Sharing the Word* is an ongoing project of Catholic Mission Australia, and includes full texts of over 8000 open source ebooks, periodicals, podcasts and church documents. It is free and available at <http://sharingtheword.info/>

**FIRST READING** from the prophet Ezekiel *Ez 18:25-28*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’ The Word of the Lord

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6*

**Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

**Remember your mercies, O Lord.**



**SECOND READING** from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians *Phil 2:1-11*.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he 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

**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** reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew *Mt 21:28-32*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

The Gospel of the Lord



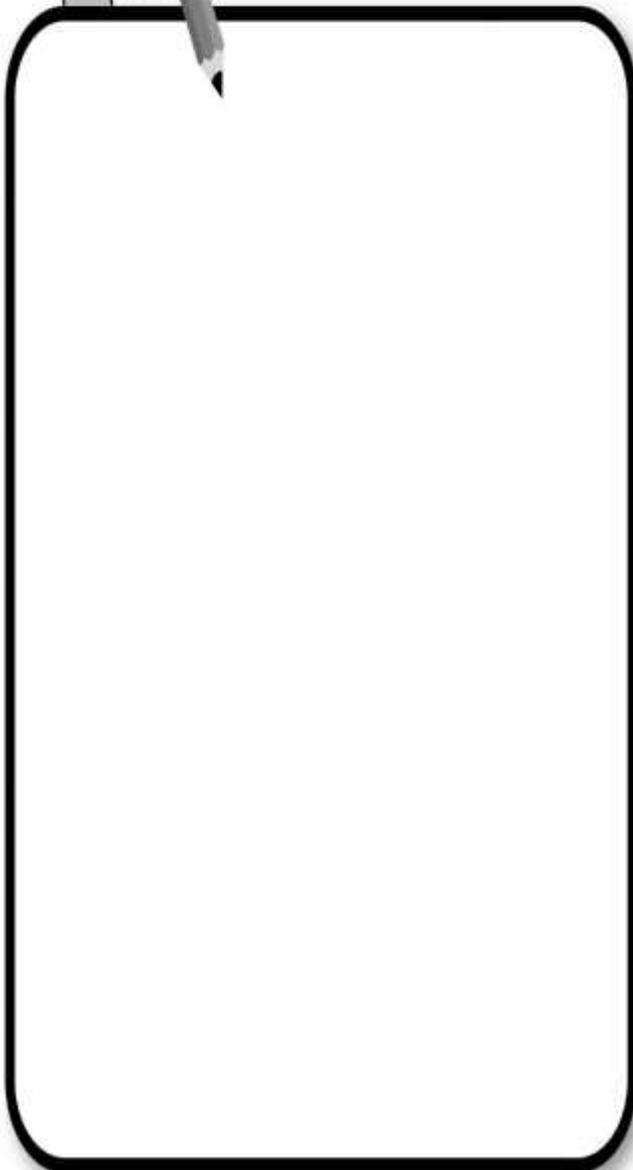
Find out what Jesus said to the pharisees using the words to fill in the blanks.

I tell you, \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ of God before you!  
 For when \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
 showed you how to do \_\_\_\_\_,  
 you did not \_\_\_\_\_ him.

**right** **kingdom**  
**Baptist** **believe**  
**sinners** **John** **enter**



Jesus says it is better to have a change of heart than pretend to do what is right. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that you know is the right thing to do.



## Make Good Choices

Jesus asks us to make good choices. Circle the good choices and cross out the poor choices.

When my bedroom needs tidying, I should...



- ... go outside and play
- ... put some of my things away
- ... play with my computer
- ... sort out my rubbish

When I accidentally bump into someone, I should...



- ... tell them it was their fault
- ... say "I'm sorry"
- ... ask them if they are okay
- ... run away quickly

When someone new joins our class, I should...



- ... invite them to come and play
- ... look at them, but not talk to them
- ... ignore them completely
- ... welcome them to our class