

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

Priest: Fr. Marcello Colasante PP

Parish Secretary: Glenda Klabbers

Presbytery: Nola O'Bree

Parish Council Chair: Michelle Haeusler

St Mary's School Principal: Greg Lane

St Mary MacKillop Principal: Michelle Haeusler

Parish Office: Thursday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



13th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B
28th June 2015

Presbytery: 62 Splatt Street Swan Hill 3585

Phone: 50324144 **Fax:** 50324989

Email: swanhill@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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	8.30 am	Nyah West
	10.30 am	Swan Hill



Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Anne Walsh, Tom Middlemiss

Anniversaries: We remember: .Donald Howarth, Luigi Mase, Jim Brennan, Patricia Davey, Thea Bryan, Albert Heslop, Mary Wour, Angela Capone, Jacquie Carroll, Bill Kelly, Rosa Mobilio, John Hogan, Patrick Lonergan, Maurice Kelly, Bernard & John Willocks, Guiseppe & Aurelia Marsili.

Prayers for the Sick: Neil Newling, Brooke Kennedy, Brian Mulcahy, Erin Coburn, 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 unless otherwise advised.

FIRST READING *Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v.2*

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING *2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15*

From the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was

rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Tm 1:10*

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 5th July

Ez 2:2-5 ; 2 Cor 12:7-10 ; Mk 6:1-6

Fr Marcello will be away on annual holidays from 29th June till the 24th July.

Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world this week end. Through this collection we have the opportunity of supporting the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world. An opportunity to contribute to this Appeal will be given after Communion at Mass this weekend.

"...a peace which is not the result of integral development will be doomed; it will always spawn new conflicts and various forms of violence." *Pope Francis*

GOSPEL REFLECTION: In Mark's gospel, we often find a story within a story. Some scholars refer to this technique as the making of a Markan sandwich, others as a framing device. In Mark 5:21-43, the frame consists of the two-part story of the desperately ill twelve year old daughter of Jairus, a synagogue official. Jairus falls at the feet of Jesus in an attitude of reverence and pleads with him to come and lay hands on her. Jesus is clearly known as a healer, one who can "save" life. The passage closes with the young woman's seeming death and restoration to life. In between, we have the story of an older woman, also seriously ill, possibly with a gynaecological problem: she has been haemorrhaging for twelve years.

The stories are linked in many ways, first by the repetition of the number twelve-a symbolic number in a Jewish context. Both the young Jewish woman and the older Jewish woman are in need of the saving power of God mediated through Jesus the healer. Later in the Markan story [7:24-30) a Gentile mother and daughter will beg for and receive that same saving power of God. Jairus' daughter does not speak for herself. Like all young women of that culture, ill or not, she is dependent on the voice of her father. The older woman comes tentatively "from behind". She speaks, but only to herself, as she touches Jesus' cloak and, through this touch, experiences healing in her body. Does the healing power of God suffuse even the fabric of Jesus' cloak? The woman is finally shamed into telling all. Like Jairus, she falls at the feet of Jesus.

Jairus refers to his little girl on the brink of adulthood as "my daughter". Jesus addresses the older woman as "my daughter". Both women, the younger and the older, are daughters of Israel. Both are restored to health, one on account of her parents' faith (the unnamed mother and the named father), the other because of her own faith. Jesus the healer has embraced and responded to the pain of a woman alone on the one hand and of a family (mother, father, and daughter) on the other.

Towards the end of the gospel (14:3-9), this Jesus who has brought healing to little children, to older women and younger women, to older men and younger men, to Jews and to Gentiles, will himself become the recipient of the healing ministry of an insightful woman who draws on Earth elements and pours out healing ointment. He will recognise this action as a beautiful thing that she has done "in him" For now, the stories recount "the beautiful thing" he does in the lives of suffering humanity, irrespective of age or gender or status or ethnicity. *Sr Veronica Lawson*

Mens Breakfast, Saturday 4th July, 8.00am, at the Anglican Church Function Centre. Speaker: Leading Senior Constable Andrew Downes.

Topic: Drugs in our community especially ICE.

RSVP by: Thursday 2nd July Anglican Church Office on 50322506 between 9.30am and 12noon weekdays. No Charge,



STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	\$ 836.20
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	
Envelopes	\$ 2,108.00
Credit Card	\$ 00.00
Direct Debit	\$ 80.00
Loose Plate	\$ 147.90
	\$ 2,335.90

THANK YOU!

ST MARY'S MINISTRIES 5th July 2015

Ministers of the Word:

6.30pm. Jo Taverna. Jaiyden Taverna

10.30am. Dorothy Bishop. Damien Kelly

Ministers of Communion:

6.30pm. Claire Billing, Chris Hoare, Gladys Bryant, Lyn Stutley

10.30am. Judy Safe, Maria Aiello, Kath Hogan, Josie Renda, Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson.

Music: 6.30 pm. Joe Taverna

10.30am. Brian Wood

Presentation of Gifts:

6.30pm Josh & Glenda Klabbers

10.30am Bernice Murray & Bill Croft

Counters: Elva Carty, Geraldine Murdoch

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: Mokitha Mendis son of Nalaka and Roshani. May they grow in faith in their loving family and our Catholic Community.

Italian Festa 18th & 19th July. Mass on Sunday 19th July followed by the procession with the statue of Our Lady and then to the Italian Social Club for a BBQ lunch and cultural and social activities including traditional food and entertainment. All parishioners welcome.

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.

A copy of the letter from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR regarding last month's hearing of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is on the notice board at the back of the church. If you would like a copy they can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office on Thursday or Friday between 10.30am and 1.30 pm.

Pope Francis' Encyclical on humanity and relationship with their environment has been released. For further information and follow up action prepared by Catholic Earthcare Australia (CEA) please refer to <http://catholicearthcare.org.au/ecological-encyclical/>

CUPPA AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY