

# ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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



14th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year B  
5th 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

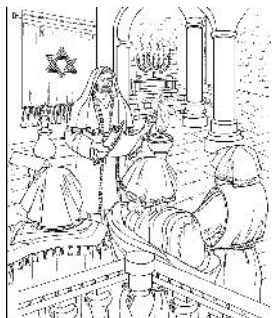
## Mass Next Weekend:

Vigil	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Swan Hill
Sunday	8.30 am	Nyah West
	10.30 am	Swan Hill

Hill

'The best cure for loneliness is developing an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.'

Author unknown



**Anniversaries: We remember:** Florence Cahill, Kevin Hogan, Iris Pye, Kathleen McKay, John Jack Taylor, Frank Zucco, Louisa Aiello, Pasquale Colombo, Kevin McLoughlan, Klay Stevens.

**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 *Ez 2:2-5*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The Word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 122. R. v.2*

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.  
To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

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## SECOND READING *2 Cor 12:7-10*

From the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite

content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Lk 4:18*

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL *Mk 6:1-6*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord

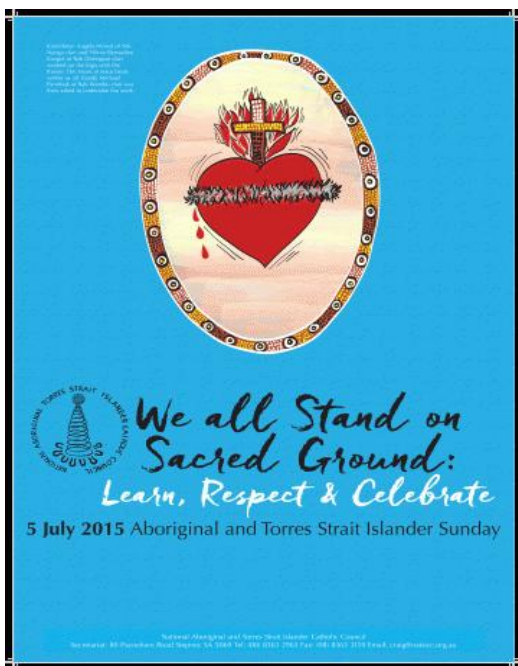
## READINGS NEXT WEEK 12th July

Amos 7:12-15 ; Eph 1:3-14 ; Mark 6:7-13

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.

## CUPPA AFTER MASS TODAY

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** In the Gospel, Jesus is not accepted in His own land. People he grew up with rejected Him. We all know what it's like to be rejected. In the past, some people would say to people, walk a mile in my shoes. Imagine walking in the shoes of your parents, or your grandparents, or your cousins or your next door neighbour. Our shoes, if they could talk, would tell lots of stories of where we have been, the people we have met, how fast we have travelled, what the road or footpath or the ground we travelled on was like. Today we think about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. What type of journey have they walked? How have they walked on this land? Do we know what its like to walk in someone else's shoes? What kind of footprint do we leave behind? Is it one of respect, love, kindness or is it deep and destructive, heavy with hate?



1. These readings can hit home to us in two very different ways. In some circumstances, we might be the ones who are closed to the insights of others, insights that could open our lives to new and exciting possibilities. Why are we jealous of the gifts God may have given to others and not to us? Rejecting them is really our loss!

'In other circumstances, we might be the ones who feel unappreciated, overlooked or actually rejected because of some ability we genuinely possess or some service we wish to offer. At such times, we might act as did Paul, begging God to remedy the situation. But such prayers are seldom answered as we would like, and so we too must rely on the divine promise: "My grace is sufficient for you." If we accept that grace, we will discover the truth of that promise—God's grace is indeed sufficient.'

2. 'We see Jesus Christ, true God and true man, grappling with the limitations of his own humanity and that of others. He preaches in his home town, but does not succeed in convincing those whom he probably knew from when he was a boy. We are told: 'And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them.' This may mean that Jesus, shocked and disappointed, felt that a miracle

would not be worthwhile because of their degree of unbelief, but did not wish the sick to suffer because of what was lacking in others.

'For Christians, to be mindful that we are limited creatures is not to put ourselves down, but is meant to be a source of comfort. In a world where profit and loss, efficiency and productivity, dominate, there is something truly wonderful in knowing that our relationship with God does not work like this.'

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**STATE OF THE NATION**

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket)		<b>\$ 763.90</b>
<i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>		
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket)	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 1,392.00</b>
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 00.00</b>
	<b>Direct Debit</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>
	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 84.70</b>
		<b>\$ 1,606.70</b>
<b>Annual Appeal for the Holy Father:</b>		<b>\$ 644.10</b>

**THANK YOU!**

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**ST MARY'S MINISTRIES 12th July 2015**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**6.30pm.** Bill Moar, Kaye Farrell

**10.30am.** Ken Smith, Lorraine Hogan.

**Ministers of Communion:**

**6.30pm.** Josh Klabbers, Mary Kennedy, Kerry Hoare, Kath Hogan.

**10.30am.** Sam Colombo, Jim Meehan, Robert Jager, Connie Alderuccio, Frank Fogarty.

**Music: 6.30 pm.** Joe Taverna

**10.30am.** The Choir & Alison Wright.

**Presentation of Gifts:**

**6.30pm** Catherine Howison & Family

**10.30am** Maureen Morris, Barb Patterson

**Counters:** Jocelyn Ingram, Yvonne Richardson.

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**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.

**Divine Mercy Devotions** this Monday at 1.45 pm.

**CWL** meet this Tuesday 7th July

**The Josephite Associates** will meet at Alcheringa this Thursday 9th July at 2.00 pm, to sew up the knitted squares with the residents. All welcome.

**Rosary in the Park** this Saturday at 10.00 am. BYO chair.

**Baptism Preparation** evening, next Monday 13th July at 7.00 pm.

**More than a Cuppa** (over 60's group) meet next Monday 13th July at 1.30 pm.

**Womens Breakfast**, Saturday 11th July, 9.00am, at the Anglican Church Function Centre.

Speaker: Member of the Community Policing Squad

**Topic:** Domestic Violence  
 RSVP by: Thursday 9th July,  
 Anglican Church Office on

