

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B
12th 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 10.30 am Swan Hill

Mass This Week

Tuesday: 1.30 pm Funeral Mass Joan Blore
Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00 pm LWC

WELCOME FR KEVIN ARUNDELL TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Joan Blore, Michelle Hogan

Anniversaries: We remember: Peter Hoare, Angelo Berlingeri, Alyce Mikes, Zoe Wait, Win Farrell, Michael Hogan, Leigh Phyland, Ellie Glowrey, Nita Hinton, Salvatore Giampaola, Catherine, Charles & Mary Turner, Kathy Scott, Kevin McLoughlan, Salvatore & Guiseppina Lolicato,

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 unless otherwise advised.

FIRST READING *Am 7:12-15*

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

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SECOND READING *Eph 1:3-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through

love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Eph 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 19th July

Jer 23:1-6 : Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: To be a disciple of Jesus is to experience a call. It is also to be sent on a mission in partnership with others, a mission invariably expressed in terms of preaching, teaching, healing, and/or driving out of demons or unclean spirits. In other words, it is to be authorised to do what Jesus did and to proclaim what he proclaimed. When we hear of Jesus casting out demons and telling his disciples to do likewise, we tend to think that whatever they did is something that belongs to another time and has little to do with our contemporary society.

In the cosmology of the time, there was a realm between the divine and the human that was inhabited by good and evil spirits (angels and demons). The divide between these realms was conceptualised as porous so that humans could be protected by the angels or "possessed" by the demons. While the cosmology of the twenty-first century has no "place" for such beings, the contemporary imagination allows space for a metaphorical engagement with the angelic and demonic. When we speak of "demons" now, we are talking about something recognisable in human experience, even if somewhat removed from the "demons" that beset the poor in the Roman imperial provinces of the first century.

Today's parents spend much of their time casting out the "demons" that beset their children, as do our friends when they sit and listen to the pain in our hearts and help us to let go of the "demons" that so often inhabit our psyches. Many health professionals are paid to heal the hurts as well as the cuts and burns. They drive out the demons of fear and hate and prejudice and of paralysing mental illness. Educators also, aware that learning occurs only when students are relatively free from fear and anxiety, know what it means to drive out the demons.

It is significant that Jesus instructs the disciples to travel light. They need the basics to live and to do their job, but if their mission is to be effective, they must be free from the anxiety that comes from excess. Psychologist and social critic John F. Shumaker suggests that societies with the most material goods tend to be the most anxious. "Mutual respect, community-mindedness, an eagerness to share, reverence for nature, thankfulness, and love of life", it seems, are the major ingredients for a stress- or "demon"-free personal and community life. There would be no need to shake the dust from our feet for want of hospitality if that were the way we all chose to live. What's more, there would be enough for all on our planet, the human and other-than-human, to live in dignity and peace. *Sr Veronica Lawson*



STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		\$ 892.50
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Envelopes	\$ 1,067.55
	Credit Card	\$ 00.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 000.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 110.10
		\$ 1,167.65
Annual Appeal for the Holy Father:		\$ 644.10

THANK YOU!

ST MARY'S MINISTRIES 19th July 2015

Ministers of the Word:

6.30pm. Jo & Jaidyn Taverna

10.30am. Frank Fogarty

Ministers of Communion:

6.30pm. Michelle Haeusler, Ursula Phyland, Marilyn Foley
Josh Klabbbers

10.30am. Yvonne Richardson, Rona Bookham, Raelene O'Halloran, Margaret Foott, Dorothy Bishop.

Music: 6.30 pm. Joe Taverna

10.30am. Italian Festa

Presentation of Gifts:

6.30pm Michelle Haeusler, Glenda Klabbbers

10.30am Robertson Family

Counters: Ken Smith, Peter Coady

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

More than a Cuppa (over 60'sgroup) meet this Monday 13th July at 1.30 pm.

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.

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, on 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 organizations, nations and communities must move forward and the way individuals -- believers and people of good will -- should see, think, feel and act.

One of the Pope's suggestions, with the paragraph numbers to indicate their place in the Encyclical.

"Do not give in to denial, indifference, resignation, blind confidence in technical solutions." *Pars 14, 59*

I can do ALL things through
CHRIST
who STRENGTHENS me.
PHILIPPIANS 4:13