

# ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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**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



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year B  
13th September 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: 5.00 pm  
Wednesday 10.00 am  
Thursday: 10.00 pm  
Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00 noon

## Mass Intentions

Friday: Martino Raco & St Vincent de Paul

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Martino Raco, May Wilkinson, John Nolen, Bill Fogarty, Mary O'Loughlin, John Glowrey, Lorenzo & Giovanna Colombo, Jack Cleary, Vince Bonano, George Kesavan Nair.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Moira Higgins, Loma Kennedy, 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 *Is 50:5-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?  
The Word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9*

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. Alleluia!

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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## SECOND READING *Jas 2:14-18*

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the

sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Gal 6:14*

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

## READINGS NEXT WEEK 20th September

Wis 2:12, 17-20 ; Jas 3:16-4:3 ; Mk 9:30-37

## BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

### Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$3735.6 to this collection, which raised nearly \$67,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$618.50 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

**A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.**

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US –  
THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**



**GOSPEL REFLECTION: We all need to consider the big question.** The second half of the Gospel begins with the great question. The account says that, "On the way..." Jesus posed the question. The following of Jesus can begin anywhere and for a variety of motives but some-time "along the way" the disciple must pause and consider the big question. Who do you say I am?"

Our answer to this question will help us to discern where we stand. Jesus followed Peter's enthusiastic answer with a teaching about suffering. Suffering, rejection and death all precede resurrection. To try and dodge the suffering inherent in the human situation is to toy with the temptation to manipulate God.

Life calls us to take up the Cross, not trip over it and curse it. In some spiritualities of the past there was a false understanding of this saying. People thought that manufacturing suffering, through harsh treatment of the body, was a way to identify with Jesus. Such fanatical behaviour is as wrongheaded as is the denial of suffering.

In other readings put before us today is one of the great poems of Isaiah on the theme of suffering. The servant of God is described in clear unambiguous terms. God gifts the disciple with a well-trained tongue. This is not an orator's tongue, capable of delivering prize-winning speeches, but a tongue with a specific gift. The gift is the ability to rouse the weary from despair, the ability to bring comfort and compassion to the suffering. We know this response to the pain of the other does not even require words but is an attitude of the heart.

The right heart comes from attention to the word of God. Morning after morning God gives us the ability to pay attention. This is another way of saying that God gives us the virtue of obedience, faithful listening.

*From a reflection on the Gospel by Patricia Stevenson rsj*

#### STATE OF THE NATION

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>		<b>\$ 781.60</b>
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 1,136.00</b>
	<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
	<b>Direct Debit</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 92.75</b>
		<b>\$ 1,308.75</b>

**THANK YOU!**

#### **ST MARY'S MINISTRIES 20th September 2015**

##### **Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil.** Jo & Jaidyn Taverna

**10.30am.** Dorothy Bishop. Damien Kelly

##### **Ministers of Communion:**

**Vigil.** Josh Klabbbers. Kerry Hoare. Kath Hogan. Mary Kennedy.

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

**Music: Vigil.** Joe Taverna

**10.30am.** John Farrell.

##### **Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil.** Bev McCartney. Claire Billing.

**10.30am** Maureen Morris. Barb Patterson

**Counters** Jocelyn Ingram, Yvonne Richardson

**More than a cuppa** meet this Monday 14th Sept at 1.30pm. All welcome.



**Baptism Preparation** evening **this** Monday **September 14th, 7.00pm.** Parish Function Centre.

**CWL** wish to thank everyone for their support of their Father's Day Stall, which raised \$474.00. Hamper was won by Paddy Ryan.

**CWL AGM** will be held on Tuesday 22nd September. Commencing with Mass at 12 noon.

**LOOKING FURTHER** These gatherings provide an opportunity for Parish Councils, Leadership Groups and Coordinating Teams to review their progress in relation to the goals set in Evangelisation and Improvement following the 2014 gatherings. **Swan Hill Tuesday 15th Sept 7.00pm-9.00pm** Attendance is not limited to leadership groups. Other parishioners including the staff of both St Mary's Primary School and St Mary MacKillop College as well as parents are welcome to come.

**LAUNCH OF THE NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE** Tuesday 15th Sept from **5.30 pm** to precede the Looking Further Forward Gathering. Hospitality will be supplied.

**Afternoon Tea for Motor Neurone Disease**, Friday 25th September, 2.00pm-4.00pm. Trading table and raffle, guest speaker will be Eric Kelly, Regional Advisor for Motor Neurone Disease.

**Stewardship News:** Annual Giving statements for the previous year ie: **07 Sep 2014 to 31 Aug 2015** are now available. Included with the statement are envelopes for contributions that made on a quarterly, half yearly or yearly basis. *If you would like to participate in contributing to the "State of the Nation" via the Stewardship Program and are not currently doing so kindly contact the Parish Office.*

**Jubilee Year of Mercy** Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee - Holy Year of Mercy to commence on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on December 13, 2015, 10.30am. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

**New Order of Mass** booklets available from Parish Office. \$5.00 This booklet contains the new Order of Mass with all Eucharistic Prayers as well as the solemn blessings.

**Anglican**, Christ Church, invites parishioners to their 150 years of Worship Celebrations on 14/15th November 2015. A 2 course dinner will be held in the Anglican Parish Function Centre on the 14th at 6.00pm, cost \$25.00, BYO drinks. Anniversary service at 10.00am on Sunday followed by BBQ lunch (\$5.00). Contact Marg Crilly 50325447

**National Police Remembrance Day** Service, 11.00am on Wednesday 29th September, at St Mary's