

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Secretary: Glenda Klabbers
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St Mary MacKillop Principal: Michelle Haeusler
Parish Office: Thursday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B
20th September 2015

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The Parish of Swan Hill comprises the faith 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 Lake Boga 10.30 am Swan Hill

Mass This Week

Tuesday: 12.00 Noon
Wednesday 9.00 am
Thursday: 1.30 pm Funeral Pierce Derham
Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00 Noon

Mass Intentions

Tuesday: Catholic Women's League & their intentions
Wednesday: Rocco & Giuseppe Pachi
Friday: Lysie Everett

Recently Deceased: We commend to God **Pierce Derham, Lysie Everett, Showrilu (Xavier) Nagothu** (Fr. Anthony's mother)

Anniversaries: We remember Chris Pupillo, Leo Deola, John Ellis, Leo Phyland, Sara Massara, Dick Balsarini, Dot Ryan, Mavis Nolan, Margaret Thomas, Mary Cleary, Vi & Tim Power, Rema O'Sullivan, Michael Considine.

Prayers for the Sick: Moira Higgins, Lorna 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 Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

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SECOND READING Jas 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will

bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 27th September

Numbers 11:25-29 ; James 5:1-6 ; Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$3735.60 to this collection, which raised nearly \$67,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised

\$1,177.50 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".

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Most of us have to admit to being like the disciples whom Jesus was trying to bring from blindness and ignorance to insight and understanding. Like them, we are often afraid to ask for explanations when we fear that we won't be able to deal with the responses we receive. We so often choose to live in denial. No matter how strongly Jesus insists that the way of the gospel will lead to his violent death, his closest followers persist in their refusal to accept the inevitability of suffering in the life of one who so openly challenges abuses of power.

More focussed on personal recognition and status, the "twelve" engage in a childish argument about who is the greatest among them. They are inside "the house" in Capernaum, the home of Jesus. They are understandably silent when Jesus questions them about the discussion they had "on the way". They still have much to learn and he needs their attention if they are to understand who he is and what it means to be his disciple. They need to learn that being first has nothing to do with seeking the limelight, with hierarchy, or status, or power or adulation. It has everything to do with learning to be last, with engaging in ministry without distinction or discrimination, with being "servant of all" as the gospel puts it. Like us, they may also have much to learn from "the way" itself, the path they tread through the land.

A very engaging scene follows this discussion. They are still "inside the house", an open house where all are welcome. Jesus places a little child in their midst. Who is this child? The child is unnamed. We might give this child a name so that she or he is a real person for us. Jesus seemingly gathers the twelve in a circle around him. Taking the child in his arms, he tries to show them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege, but in the welcome offered to those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs are frequently ignored. Jesus, the suffering messiah, actually identifies with a defenceless child, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me".

His identification with the defenceless is as intimate as his identification with God, "the one who sent me". As a church, we might well hear today's gospel story as a call to respond with compassion and justice to those who have suffered the indignity and injustice of abuse in their childhood. We might hear it as an invitation to listen to the cry of our sisters and brothers who continue to seek the dignity and justice that belong to all of God's people. *Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

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STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		\$ 970.95
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Envelopes	\$ 624.00
	Credit Card	\$ 1,505.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 511.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 144.40
		\$ 2,784.40
Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal: (to date)		\$ 1,177.50

THANK YOU!

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ST MARY'S MINISTRIES 27th September 2015

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil. Bill Moar & Kaye Farrell.

10.30am. Ken Smith & Lorraine Hogan

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil. Ursula Phyland, Josh Klabbers, Michelle Haeusler, Marilyn Foley.

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

Music: Vigil. Joe Taverna

10.30am. The Choir & Alison Wright

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil. Michelle Haeusler & Glenda Klabbers

10.30am Robertson Family

Counters Ken Smith & Peter Coady

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CWL AGM this Tuesday 22nd September. Commencing with Mass at **12 noon**, followed by lunch. The AGM will begin about 1.30pm and end with afternoon tea. Parish ladies are invited.

Afternoon Tea for MND (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. Enquiries to Aileen Meehan or Margaret Scala



Stewardship News: Annual Giving statements for the previous year ie: **07 Sep 2014 to 31 Aug 2015** are now available in the foyer. Included with the statement are envelopes for **quarterly, half yearly or yearly** contributors.

If you are not contributing to the "State of the Nation" via the Stewardship Program and would like to do 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 Tuesday **29th September,** at St Mary's