

# ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

**Priest:** Fr. Marcello Colasante PP  
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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



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year B  
27th 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 Nyah West 10.30 am Swan Hill

### Mass This Week

Tuesday: 5.30 pm  
Wednesday: 5.30 pm  
Thursday: 1.30 pm Funeral Emily Fletcher  
Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00 Noon

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday: Leo Phyland (anniversary)  
Wednesday: Caterina Charleson (one month remembrance)  
Friday: Salvatore Castelli (RIP)

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God** Roger Hogan, Emily Fletcher

**Anniversaries: We remember** Stephen Walsh, Lila Smith, Frances Mineo, Bill O'Loughlin, Lucy Amitrano, Dom Violi, Rene Crowe, Antonio & Carmela Pati, Mary Boulton, Margaret McLoughlan, Dominico Colombro, David Lewis.

**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 from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14. R. v.9

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

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### SECOND READING from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold

and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

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**READINGS NEXT WEEK** 4th October  
Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrew 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

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### Corpus Christi College Building Appeal

This weekend, the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Dioceses of Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of building 8 additional rooms urgently needed for Corpus Christ College, Carlton.

All over Australia seminaries are flourishing and Corpus Christi College is no exception. After years of decline, the tide has turned and we must build more rooms for the growing number of students. With gratitude to God and to you all, we ask for your continued prayers and support in the time of great need. Envelopes available. *They are our priests of the future. Thank you for your support and generosity*

*Let God's Spirit guide you in your choice. St Mary MacKillop*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Sometimes we act and speak as though we have the monopoly on access to the power of God. We do not, and in today's gospel Jesus seems to be telling his disciples that God works through people of good will, irrespective of whether they are on the edge ("not one of us") or at the centre of the kingdom of God movement. Much the same message is found in the first reading (Numbers 11:25-29) which has Joshua, assistant to Moses, trying to exclude two men from prophesying on somewhat tenuous grounds. Moses does not take Joshua's advice. On the contrary, he prays that the Spirit of God might "rest on" and, by implication, work through all God's people. Both the gospel passage and the reading from Numbers affirm the role of the community leadership and religious tradition in selection for public ministry. Both readings seem to be warning against attempts to control or domesticate the Spirit of God.

The second part of the gospel reading (9:42-48) brings a dramatic change of mood as it takes up the issue of scandalising the "little ones". The reference to "little ones" marks a return to the scene in the latter part of last week's gospel reading where Jesus takes a little child in his arms and instructs his disciples. The horror of harming the little ones is dramatised in a series of sayings that challenge the most vivid imagination. These sayings are hardly intended to be taken literally. Cutting off offending limbs only deals with the symptoms. It may, however, offer some solace to those little ones who have suffered "scandal" or worse to know that there is no stronger condemnation in the gospels that are reserved for those who bring harm to children and to vulnerable others. We are impelled to do everything in our power to heal the hurts of the past and to create conditions that ensure the protection and safety of our children.

Today is Social Justice Sunday in Australian Catholic Communities. In the choice of title for their Social Justice Statement, the bishops remind us that Australia aspires to be "a place of welcome and inclusion". The cover image of a veiled woman holding her child evokes the plight of displaced women and children in so many parts of our world. It evokes the desperation of women and children in detention on Nauru who now face the prospect of being sent for medical treatment to Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea, a country whose resources are already stretched to the limit. We need to learn again what it means to be a good neighbour in our region and in our world. This document deserves our attention for many reasons, but particularly for the sake of the children who seek our protection.

**STATE OF THE NATION**

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>		<b>\$ 707.80</b>
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 3,741.00</b>
	<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
	<b>Direct Debit</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 92.10</b>
		<b>\$ 3,913.10</b>
<b>Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal:</b> (to date )		<b>\$ 1,352.50</b>

**THANK YOU!**

**ST MARY'S MINISTRIES 4th October 2015**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil.** Kerry Hoare, John Hoare  
**10.30am.** Frank Fogarty, Raelene O'Halloran

**Ministers of Communion:**

**Vigil.** Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae, Dick & Rene Devereux

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

**Music: Vigil.** Joe Taverna  
**10.30am.** Brian Wood

**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil.** Daniel & Mary Kennedy

**10.30am** Jim & Rona Bookham

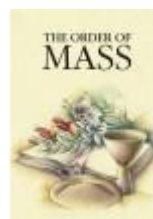
**Counters** Vin & Kerry Dullard. Kieran Brennan

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:** Joseph Hasso Kennedy son of Daniel and Mary at Lake Boga . May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community.

**National Police Remembrance Day Service:** this Tuesday **11.00am** at St Mary's Church. All Welcome

**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.

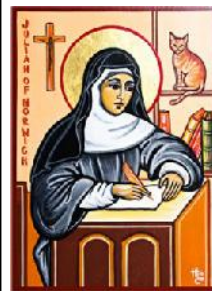
**If you are not contributing to the "State of the Nation" via the Stewardship Program and would like to do so kindly contact the Parish Office.**



**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.

**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.

**An Afternoon with Julian of Norwich:**



Sheila Upjohn is making herself available to us for an afternoon of Reflecting on God's Love for You.

When: **Sunday 8th November 2015**

Time: **1.30 — 4.30**

Cost: **A Donation**

If you would like to attend an early expression of interest to the Parish Office would assist in planning for the afternoon. Many Thanks Fr. Marcello

**CUPPA AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY**