

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B
4th October 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 **7.00 pm (A.E.D.T)** Swan Hill **NB: Note time change**
Sunday 10.30 am Swan Hill

Mass This Week

Tuesday: 5.30 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday: 10.00 am
Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00 Noon

Mass Intentions

Tuesday: David Lewis Anniversary
Wednesday: Stephen Walsh Anniversary
Thursday: Margaret McLoughlin Anniversary
Friday: Rosario Columbro Anniversary

Anniversaries: We remember Peter Fosdick, John Barbuto, Shaun Mangiamelli, Patricia Livingston, Emily Sutton, Edith Jordan, Frank Capone, Marcelle Mason, Sheila Mullins, Immacolata & Roy Marsilino

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 *Gen 2:18-24*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 127. R. v.5*

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

SECOND READING *Heb 2:9-11*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord

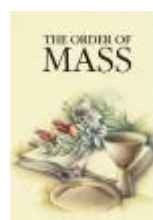
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf. 1 Jn 4:12*

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 11th October

Wisdom 7:7-11 ; Hebrews 4:12-13 ; Mark 10:17-30

CUPPA AFTER MASS TODAY



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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: How did the Christian community come to recognise that easy divorce was not in accordance with the original plan of God? Mark tells us that Jesus cited Genesis to provide the basis of a new understanding of human community. This is an important point as it is an example of one of the many times Jesus showed both his disciples and his critics that it was dangerous to build a case based on one passage from Scripture. By referring to Genesis he pointed them gently in a new direction.

If marriage is the formation of "one body," then the body created by God, cannot be destroyed by humans. As Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom as a new way of being before God therefore disciples would strive to carry out the dream of God in its fullest expression.

What we have here is the grey area between ideal and real. We also have to consider the belief that the time between the coming of Jesus and the fulfilment would be short.

Today Christians have to wrestle with these questions. In the area of marriage how do we balance the ideal with life experience? Is marriage a sacrament or a civil contract?

The origins of the sacramental nature of marriage lie in the imagery of Scripture where the marriage union was used as a symbol of the unity between God and humanity.

The church believes that, the union of man and woman, a relationship committed to total sharing with each other, which seeks to promote each other's growth in holiness and that of their children, shows the presence of the kingdom among us.

From a reflection on the Gospel by Patricia Stevenson rsj

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 1,033.50
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 2,302.50
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 70.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 170.25
		\$ 2,542.75
Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal: (to date)		\$ 1,727.50
Seminary Building Fund Appeal: (to date)		\$ 55.00

THANK YOU!

ST MARY'S MINISTRIES 11th October 2015

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil. Trish Wait, Rene Devereux
10.30am. Brian Safe, Maria Aiello.

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil. Margaret Hoare, Bev McCartney, Helen Lewis, Cathy Page.

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

Music: Vigil. Felicity & Greg Lane

10.30am. Bernice Murray & Brenda Grace

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil. Helen Lewis, Margaret Magee

10.30am Frank & Mary Fogarty

Counters Patsy McDonald. Kerrie McCosh



We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: William O'OBryan son of Daniel and Ainsley. May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community.

Divine Mercy Devotions this Monday 5th October , 1.45pm - 3.00pm

CWL meeting this Tuesday at 1.30 pm.

Tooleybuc Pasta Day next Sunday 11th October from 12.00 noon at Football Club Rooms



ROSARY IN THE PARK Please Join the Public Square Rosary. As we all know, Australia is in need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God's merciful blessing upon Australia through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

Please join us in praying for our nation on **Saturday 10th October at 10.00 am** at the rotunda in Riverside Park. BYO chair.

For more information contact Marilyn on 0468348484

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.

MEETING WITH JULIAN OF NORWICH

Reflecting on God's Love for Us

Led by Sheila Upjohn

Venue: St Mary's Parish Center

Time: 1.00 - 4.30 PM

Date: Sunday November 8th, 2015

Cost: \$10

Contact: Fr Marcello 5032 4144



JULIAN OF NORWICH wrote her book THE REVELATIONS OF DIVINE LOVE in one small room in a back street in Norwich more than 600 years ago. Sheila Upjohn, like Julian a Norwich woman, grew up in the city where Julian lived and wrote her book. She is the author of In Search of Julian of Norwich and All Shall Be Well - a fresh and lively translation of Julian's Revelations of Divine Love, abridged and arranged for daily reading. Her translation of Julian is used in the best selling Enfolded in Love and In Love Enclosed.