

# 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: Wednesday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm  
**Friday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



**28th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year B**

**11th 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 Sunday: **10.30 am** Swan Hill

## Mass This Week

Tuesday: 5.30 pm

Wednesday 10.00 am

2.00 pm Alcheringa Anointing of the Sick

Thursday: 10.00 am

Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 Noon

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday: Immacolata & Roy Marsolino Anniversary

Wednesday: Vincenzo Carpinteri Anniversary

Thursday: Ukadia Nwaobia Anniversary

Friday: Josie Bull Anniversary

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: **Clara Conlan, Ramadan Dhelbai**

**Anniversaries: We remember** Antonietta Giampoala, Josie Bull, Ron Nolan, Joy Noble, Lee Power, Des Holmes, Ellen Real, Lila Proctor, Frank Capone, Mary Morton, Eveline, Bernard & William Wilkinson,

**Prayers for the Sick:** Moira Higgins, Loma Kennedy, Erin Coburn, Brooke Kennedy, Brian Mulcahy, Ronald Duryea, Margaret Sinclair., Dorothy Burgess.

**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 Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered. The Word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

## SECOND READING from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely; it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves. The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

## READINGS NEXT WEEK 18th October

Is 53:10-11 ; Heb 4:14-16 ; Mk 10:35-45



**Palms Australia**

**Overseas volunteer opportunities:** Communities in East Timor, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa and elsewhere seek teachers, health and community development workers, administrators, agricultural workers and others. You can assist to mentor local workers in your field of expertise. This will provide opportunities for individuals and improve the operations of organisations in vital sectors of local communities and so assist poverty reduction.

For 55 years Palms Australia has assisted such communities to recruit, prepare and support Australian Catholics who volunteer to share their lives and skills. We have increasing numbers of requests from communities who believe this approach, more than anything else, assists their self-reliance and sustainable development.

**2016 positions close soon! Please contact palms@palms.org.au or call 02 95189551**

**Liturgy of Lament and Hope** will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Sunday, November 1st at 2.00 pm. This is being arranged in the context of Royal Commission hearings relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved.

**CWL Lecture Dr Sr Mary Glowrey** Saturday November 7 in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall 3 Lyons Street Sth Ballarat beginning with Mass at 10.00 am in the Cathedral. Ballarat Cathedral CWL have donated an image of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ which will be unveiled and blessed in the newly renovated O'Collins Hall

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Not too many of us commit murder or adultery. Not too many kidnap or take hostages or give false testimony in a court of law. Most are ready to honour and care for their parents in their old age. In other words, most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth. The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must do in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This prepares the way for what follows.

First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that his wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives.

The concluding verses are puzzling. In declaring that those who have left everything and followed him are to have an abundance of this world's goods as well as eternal life, is Jesus modifying his earlier position? Is he reverting to a tradition that saw wealth as God's reward for righteous living? Is he suggesting that those who share their goods find they have more than enough? It is hard to know. The twist in the tale is that they will do it hard: "not without persecution".

It is likely that Mark is describing his own experience within a persecuted community of believers some forty years after the death of Jesus. The happy ones were doubtless those who took the risk of sharing their goods with those in need. Our lucky country has still to learn that lesson. Welcoming the stranger and sharing our wealth with the dispossessed may demand of us a simpler way of life. Who knows what blessings it will bring if we dare to take up the challenge?

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

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**STATE OF THE NATION**

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket)		<b>\$ 810.95</b>
<i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>		
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket)	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 3,127.00</b>
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
	<b>Direct Debit</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>
	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 91.60</b>
		<b>\$ 3,498.60</b>
<b>Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal:</b> (to date )		<b>\$ 1,852.50</b>
<b>Seminary Building Fund Appeal:</b> ( to date )		<b>\$ 95.00</b>

**THANK YOU!**

**ST MARY'S MINISTRIES 18th October 2015**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil.** Margaret Hoare, Mary Nolan

**10.30am.** Helen Dean, Barb Patterson

**Ministers of Communion:**

**Vigil.** Claire Billing, Chris Hoare, Gladys Bryant, Lyn Stutley

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

**Music: Vigil.** Joe Taverna

**10.30am.** The Choir

**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil.** Jim & Elaine Elliot.

**10.30am** Joseph Chand

**Counters** Ralph Hoare, Felicity Power

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**THANK YOU** to all who attended or gave a donation to our Afternoon Tea for Motor Neurone Disease (MND). A very successful day was held with the result a cheque for \$2,200.00 being sent to MND Headquarters towards the Equipment Lending Service, which assists patients who have Motor Neurone Disease and need equipment including wheel chairs, bed hoists etc to enable them to remain in their own homes for longer. **Margaret Scala & Aileen Meehan**

**PASTA DAY** in support of Our Lady Help of Christians Tooleybuc **today from 12.00 noon** at Tooleybuc Football Club Rooms

**More than a Cuppa** this Monday at 1.30pm

**Josephite Knitting Day**, Monday October 19th at 10.00 am in the Parish Centre. Please come and join the Josephite Associates at their last knitting day for the year. Lunch provided, raffles.

**MEETING WITH JULIAN OF NORWICH**

**Reflecting on God's Love for Us** Led by Sheila Upjohn

**Venue:** St Mary's Parish Function Centre

**Time:** 1.00 - 4.30 PM

**Date:** Sunday November 8th, 2015

**Cost:** \$10.00 **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*.

**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.