

# ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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**Parish Office: Wednesday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm  
**Friday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



**30th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**  
**25th 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** Swan Hill

Sunday: **8.30 am** Nyah West **10.30 am** Swan Hill

## Mass This Week

Tuesday: 5.30 pm

Wednesday: 10.00 am

Thursday: 10.00 am

Friday: 12.00 Noon

## Intentions:

Tuesday: Maria Tuntar & James Odiah Anniversary

Wednesday: Elizabeth Piperno Anniversary

Thursday: Tim O'Sullivan Anniversary

Friday: John Betts Anniversary

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: **Michael Garahy**

**Anniversaries: We remember** Mary Dobelli, Mary Dawes, Reg Dacey, John Betts, Rosa Mazzarella, Lucy Jolliffe, Mary Clancy, Antonio & Antonia Costa, John Wilkinson, Denis & Kevin Conheady, George Kesavan Noir, Michael O'Connor

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

**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 prophet Jeremiah*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125. R. v.3

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

## SECOND READING *from the letter to the Hebrews*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he

has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever. The Word of the Lord

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR  
AS YOURSELF** Matthew  
22:39

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Today's gospel reading brings to closure a long section of Mark's gospel that focuses on the journey of Jesus and his disciples from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Jericho. Jericho is the final staging point in the journey to Jerusalem where the final act of the Markan drama will be played out. This section of the gospel (8:27-10:52) is prefaced by the story of a blind man who comes to sight in stages and ends with the story of another blind man, Bartimaeus, who comes from blindness to sight as well as from insight to greater insight, and joins Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. On the intervening journey, Jesus endeavours to lead the Twelve out of their metaphorical blindness into an understanding of what it means to follow a suffering messiah. They remain for some time in their blindness as subsequent events will demonstrate.

The narrator creates an impression of urgency at this point in Mark's gospel. "They" come to Jericho and then leave. The intervention of Bartimaeus, who tries to attract the attention of Jesus by calling out from the roadside, threatens to delay the journey. When he cries out for the mercy, many "rebuke" him. These are strong words. They are used of people in the crowd who neither share the depth of Bartimaeus' faith nor grasp the nature of Jesus' mission of gathering in "the remnant of Israel, among them the blind and the lame" (Jeremiah 31:8). Those who try to silence Bartimaeus are a bit like the family of Jesus who, in the early part of the story, try to protect him from himself.

When it is clear that the perception of the "many" is not shared by Jesus, we have an almost comical scene in which they do a complete about-face. It seems they want to please the authority figure no matter what. Bartimaeus offers a stark contrast to these people. He knows that Jesus has the power to bring the mercy of God into his life and the lives of those who wait by the roadside with faith in their hearts. He receives the assurance from Jesus that his faith has made him well.

We can probably find some reflection of ourselves in all the characters in today's story. At times we are aware of our blindness and wait desperately by the roadside for the right person or circumstances to come along and give us the heart to rise up and live the journey of faith. At times, we are like the many who think we know what is best for others and who try to silence the voices of those who interfere with our plans. At other times, we respond to the cries for mercy and stretch out our hands to gather in those whose disabilities might otherwise exclude them. *Sr Veronica Lawson.*

**READINGS NEXT WEEK** 1st November  
Rv 7:2-4. 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

**Through Baptism** we welcome into our faith community Grace Hocking daughter of John And Karen.

**STATE OF THE NATION**

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>		<b>\$ 898.80</b>
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 1,060.00</b>
	<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
	<b>Direct Debit</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 71.25</b>
		<b>\$ 1,211.25</b>
<b>Seminary Building Fund Appeal:</b> ( to date )		<b>\$ 150.00</b>

**MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 1st November 2015**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil.** Glenda Klabbers Marilyn Foley

**10.30am.** Yvonne Richardson. Helen Dean.

**Ministers of Communion:**

**Vigil.** Ursula Phyland, Michelle Haeusler, Marilyn Foley

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

**Music: Vigil.** Joe Taverna

**10.30am** Brian Safe & Alison Wright

**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil.** Shane & Julie Noonan

**10.30am** Margaret Learmonth, Helen Tuntar

**Counters** Brenda Ford, Pina Rosaia

**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 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*.

**Liturgy of Lament to 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

**CUPPA AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY**