

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: Wednesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
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ALL SAINTS DAY

Year B

1st November 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: **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass This Week

Monday: 5.45 pm Cemetery (B.Y.O Chair) { **All Souls** }

Tuesday: 5.30 pm

Wednesday 10.00 am

Thursday: 10.00 am

Friday: 12.00 Noon

Intentions:

Monday: Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Tuesday: Anniversary Fr. Patrick Adegbite

Friday: Anniversary Michele Costa

Anniversaries: We remember Michele Costa, Zoe Teague, Ike Lawry, Brian Boulton, Hugh Foot, Gwen Murdoch, Roma Mannix, Gerald Hoare, Thomas Francis Maher, Catherine Turner, Rex & Aileen Shepherd, James & Margaret O'Brien, Tom & Danny Schifferle,

Prayers for the Sick: Moira Higgins, Loma 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 book of the Apocalypse*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall

stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF

Matthew
22:39

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: This year's celebration of All Saints Day comes just one week after the Synod on the Family closes in Rome. We await the outcome of the Synod, recognising that there may not emerge the clarity of direction we have come to expect from Synods of Bishops. Pope Francis speaks of a synod as an experience of "journeying together, laity, pastors and the Bishop of Rome." While he recognises that this may be "an easy concept to put into words", it is "not so easy to put into practice." He reminds us that "a synodal Church is a Church of listening...in which everyone has something to learn: the faithful, the College of Bishops, [and the] Bishop of Rome; each listening to the others; and all listening to the Holy Spirit". Readiness to listen demands humility and today's gospel reading begins with blessings on the humble ("the poor in spirit" and "the meek"). We can thank Pope Francis for calling our Church leaders to a greater humility as they struggle to listen to the Spirit of God at work in family life.

We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to those who suffer injustice at the hands of the not-so-humble. It seems a good time for us to listen anew to these words. God's favour rests on the humble, on the gentle, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice seekers, on the mercy-filled, on the pure in heart, on peacemakers, and on those who suffer in the cause of right. We find here a description of so many of the faith-filled families who grace our assemblies with their presence and even of those who find themselves alienated from the institutional Church.

The repetition of "blessed are" echoes Israel's sacred songs and prophecies. God's favour or blessing comes in diverse forms: the basileia or empire of the heavens; comfort in the face of grief; the earth for a heritage (a problematic concept); the experience of "being mercied"; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven". ["Heaven" was a way of talking about God or God's empire of justice and compassion in contrast with the heartless empire of Rome and its modern equivalents].

Maybe the greatest blessing of this feast is on those who mourn the plight of our planet, the uneven access to Earth's precious resources and the resort to arms in the face of conflict. The families at the heart of our Church might hope to be blessed in ways that set them free to transform both our Church and our planetary home.
Sr Veronica Lawson.

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READINGS NEXT WEEK 8th November
 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

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Through Baptism we welcome into our faith community Axel Safe, son of Kristian and Erin.

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STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 944.80
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,246.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 70.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 130.70
		\$ 1,446.70
Seminary Building Fund Appeal: (to date)		\$ 165.00

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 8th November 2015

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil. Margaret Hoare, Mary Nolan
10.30am. Yvonne Richardson, Helen Dean

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil. Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae, Dick & Rene Devereux
10.30am. Yvonne Richardson, Rona Bookham, Dorothy Bishop, Raelene O'Halloran, Margaret Foott,
Music: Vigil. Felicity & Greg Lane
10.30am Brian Wood

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil. Kerry Hoare & Family
10.30am Scott & Carolyn Zambelli
Counters Dorothy Bishop & Helen Dean

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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.

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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*.

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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

Divine Mercy Devotions Monday 2nd November 1.45pm - 3.00pm .

More than a Cuppa meet next week Monday 9th November at 1.30pm in the Parish Function Centre.

Baptism Preparation Program, last date for 2015, next Monday 9th November at 7.00pm in Parish Function Centre. This program is for all couples having children baptised in November, December or January. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 50324144

Josephite Calendars \$7 available from Helen Dean