

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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CHRIST THE KING
Year B
22nd 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

Tuesday 1.30 pm Funeral (Liturgy) Marion Derbas
5.30 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday: 5.00 pm
Friday: 12.00 Noon

Intentions:

Tuesday: Lawrence Tagliabue, Antonio & Antionetta DiNicola
Wednesday: Mary Elliott, Michael & Mary O'Connor Anniversary
Thursday: Brian Templeton Anniversary
Friday: Frank Richardson Anniversary

Recently Deceased: We commend to God

Anniversaries: We remember Brian Templeton, Antonio Tarascio, Bob Lamaro, Hilda Stutley, Cyril Storer, Emilio Tuntar, Bernie Curran, Nella Mangiamelli, Dean Phyland, Barry Power, Neville Hogan, Mary Kelly, Des McDonald, Mary O'Connor, Anne & James Derham, John Bell, Michael Fogarty, John & Patrick Real,

Prayers for the Sick: Monica Nolen, Moira Higgins, 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

FIRST READING from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

SECOND READING from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9, 10

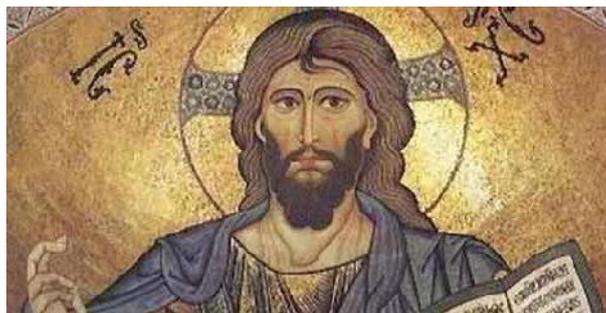
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia

GOSPEL from the Holy Gospel according to John.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' *The Gospel of the Lord*

READINGS NEXT WEEK 29th November

Jer 33:14-16 ; 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2 ; Lk 21:25-28. 34-36



For Even the Son of Man Came not to be served but to serve and give his life as ransom for many. *Matthew 20:28*

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kin-dom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century.

Rome was the dominant global force at that time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world. When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not pitting planet Earth or the cosmos against a purely spiritual world. He is referring rather to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers.

The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel, both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military, or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence and domination. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.
Sr Veronica Lawson.

Through Baptism we welcome into our faith community Ruby McDougall, daughter of Ben and Hayley, and Jameson Holt son of Ryan and Karla.

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) (Support of Priests & Bishop)	\$ 859.55
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) (Support of the Parish)	
Envelopes	\$ 2,453.20
Credit Card	\$ 0.00
Direct Debit	\$ 80.00
Loose Plate	\$ 128.55
	\$ 2,661.75

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 29th November 2015

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil. Teresa McRae, Helen Hogan

10.30am. Kate Quin, Ginny Gook

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil. Josh Klabbers, Mary Kennedy, Kerry Hoare, Kath Hogan

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

Music: Vigil. Felicity & Greg Lane

10.30am Ken Smith & Brenda Grace

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil. Michelle Haeusler, Glenda Klabbers

10.30am Bernice Murray & Bill Croft

Counters Helen Hogan & Helen McKerrow.

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.

Ultima News: Contracts were exchanged this week for the sale of the former St Joseph's Church Ultima with a price of \$68,000 being realised. In readiness for settlement an auction of all the contents will be held at 11.00 am on Friday 18th December

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*: *On the Care for Our Common Home* "Be consistent. Pro-life, environmental and social justice movements are all connected. Protecting vulnerable species must include the unborn, endangered animals and the exploited." (Pars 91, 120)

Saint of the Week – St Columban (Nov 23)

St Columban was the greatest of the Irish missionaries who worked on the European continent. As a young man who was greatly tormented by temptations of the flesh, he sought the advice of a religious woman who had lived a hermit's life for years. He saw in her answer a call to leave the world. He went first to a monk on an island in Lough Erne, then to the great monastic seat of learning at Bangor.

After many years of seclusion and prayer, he traveled to Gaul (modern-day France) with 12 companion missionaries. They won wide respect for the rigor of their discipline, their preaching, and their commitment to charity and religious life in a time characterised by clerical laxity and civil strife. St Columban established several monasteries in Europe which became centres of religion and culture.

Like all saints, he met opposition. Ultimately he had to appeal to the pope against complaints of Frankish bishops, for vindication of his orthodoxy and approval of Irish customs. He reproved the king for his licentious life, insisting that he marry. Since this threatened the power of the queen mother, St Columban was deported to Ireland. His ship ran aground in a storm, and he continued his work in Europe, ultimately arriving in Italy, where he found favour with the king of the Lombards. In his last years he established the famous monastery of Bobbio,