

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: Wednesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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17th January 2016

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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** Lake Boga **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass This Week:

Tuesday: 5.30 pm

Wednesday: 10.00 am

Thursday: 10.00 am

Friday: 12.00 Noon

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Basil McKay (Fr. Jim's father), May Croft

Anniversaries: We remember Alf Wilson, Pauline Martin, Eddie Dalton, Catherine Willson, David "Tige" Bonney, Vince Mobilio, Tom & Jo Murphy. Carmel Gregor

Prayers for the Sick: Monica Nolen, Moira Higgins, Erin Coburn, Brooke Kennedy, Brian Mulcahy, Ronald Duryea, Dorothy Burgess, Jarrod Crimmins, Margaret Sinclair, Theresa Sydes.

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 Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you. *The Word of the Lord*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v.3

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING from the 1st letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to

each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 24th January 2016

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 : 1 Cor 12:12-30 : Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



The great method of prayer is to have none. If in going to prayer one can form in oneself a pure capacity for receiving the spirit of God, that will suffice for all method.' *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$ 840.80
Christmas Offerings: to date <i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	\$ 2,145.35
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes \$ 951.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card \$ 595.00
	Direct Debit \$ 856.00
	Loose Plate \$ 117.65
	\$ 2,519.65
Diocesan Christmas Appeal: to date	\$ 1,820.60

Thank-You!

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MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 24th January 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Jo Taverna, Jaidyn Taverna
10.30am. Dorothy Bishop, Damien Kelly

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Margaret Hoare, Bev McCartney, Helen Lewis, Cathy Page.
10.30am. Sam Colombo, Jim Meehan, Robert Jager, Connie Alderuccio, Frank Fogarty.

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna
10.30am Bernice Murray & Alison Wright

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Josh & Glenda Klabbers
10.30am Ken & Glenys Smith

Counters Ralph Hoare, Felicity Power

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Through Baptism we welcome into our faith community River Purtill, son of Shaun and Rebecca and Charlotte Lawry, daughter of Shaun and Teagan.

LENTEN PROGRAM: Ash Wednesday falls on 10th February and Easter is 27th March. If you are interested in forming a group, joining an established group or just wish to obtain the Lenten Program book please contact the office on 50324144 by 20th January so that books can be ordered.

URGENTLY WANTED More helpers with Ministries at weekend Mass. We need more parishioners to assist with Reading, Eucharistic Ministry, Offertory Procession counters and running the over heads during Mass. Our number of volunteers has dwindled due to age, health and parishioners leaving the area. Please contact the office on Wednesday or Friday between 10.30am and 1.30pm on 50324144

Misericordiae Vultus - The Face of Mercy

"We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. Our salvation depends on it..." (par 2, MV)

Saint of the Week - St Vincent, deacon, martyr (Jan 22)
Born at Huesca, Spain, he became a deacon and served St Valerius at Saragossa until their martyrdom at Valencia during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian (r. 284-305). St Valerius was exiled, but Vincent was cruelly tortured because he would not surrender the holy books. He converted the warden of the prison and then died. He was honored by Sts Augustine, Pope Leo I, and Prudentius, and is considered the patron saint of vinedressers in some regions of Spain.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The focus in the gospel story is less on the marriage, however, than on the symbolism of the abundance of wine at the marriage feast. The 8th century BCE prophet Amos had looked to a future time when the mountains would drip sweet wine, and the hills flow with it, a time when God would restore the fortunes of God's people. An abundance of good food and the best of wines is the image of future salvation deployed by another 8th century prophet, Isaiah (Isaiah 25). Today's gospel suggests that these prophetic dreams come to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth. Those who listen to his word and follow his instructions become agents of an extraordinary transformation.

The mother of Jesus features significantly in the Cana story. She is attentive to the integrity of the feast and informs her son when the wine gives out. This provides the opportunity for Jesus to speak of his "hour": it has not yet come. Jesus addresses his mother as "Woman". He will address her in precisely the same way when the "hour" of his death and handing over of the Spirit finally comes. This "woman" believes in him and invites the servants at the marriage feast to obey his word. While Jesus performs this first "sign" that leads his disciples to faith, the role played by this faith-filled woman casts her in the role of "witness to the light" and proclaimer of the Word. *Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.*

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Mary MacKillop: From Portland to the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Sainthood Events are planned on the weekend of Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 January, 2016 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mary MacKillop departing Portland in January 1866. Flyer at back of church.

Mass of the Oils: The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 21, 2016.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR JUBILEE OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with His anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.