

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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7th February 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: **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass This Week:

Tuesday: 5.30 pm

Ash Wednesday: 12.00 noon

5.45 pm

Thursday: 10.00 am

Friday: 12.00 Noon

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Recently deceased. We commend to God: Eugenio Aiello, Lucio Tieri, Betty Burns

Anniversaries: We remember Blessing Ugbejie, Natale Pino, Allan & Alvie Coburn, Frank Lonergan, Kaylene Hanns, Joan Charles, Peter Kennedy, John Bernard Bell, Francesco & Concetta Marotta, Bridie & Con Hogan, .

Prayers for the Sick: Monica Nolen, Erin Coburn, Brooke Kennedy, Brian Mulcahy, Ronald Duryea, Dorothy Burgess, Jarrod Crimmins, Theresa Sydes. Jude Lewis.

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*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1*

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 4:19*

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia.

READINGS NEXT WEEK 14th February 2016

Dt 26:4-10 ; Rom 10:8-13 ; Lk 4:1-13

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) (Support of Priests & Bishop)		\$ 989.00
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) (Support of the Parish)	Envelopes	\$ 1,045.00
	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 60.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 101.55
		\$ 1,206.55

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 14th February 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Margaret Hoare, Mary Nolan

10.30am. Deanne Dacey

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Ursula Phyland, Josh Klabbers, Michelle Haeusler, Marilyn Foley

10.30am. Kath Hogan, Josie Renda, Judy Safe, Maria Aiello, Yvonne Richardson, Elizabeth Milazzo.

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am Bernice Murray & Brenda Grace

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Michelle Haeusler, Glenda Klabbers

10.30am Robertson Family

Counters Dorothy Bishop, Helen Dean.

Cuppa after Mass this Morning

ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday, 10th February.

Mass times will be Swan Hill, 12.00 noon and 5.45 pm

Rosary in the Park this Saturday 13th February 10.00 am at the rotunda. BYO Chair.

More than a cuppa meet this Monday at 1.30pm.

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

Misericordiae Vultus – The Face of Mercy

In section 6 of the *Bull of Indiction*, announcing the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis declares that the "mercy of God is not an abstract idea." He describes it as "a concrete reality through which He reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child."

He also quotes several extracts from the Psalms, which focus on the quality of mercy. We will share them during the coming weeks.

"He forgives all your iniquity, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit, he crowns you with steadfast love and mercy." (Psalm 103:3-4)

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

Musicians for Mass We are in need of musicians who play the piano or Guitar or the playing CD's at Mass. Can you help? Please contact Joy Parsons on 50321286

GOSPEL REFLECTION Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless pressed upon Jesus for his word of command: "At your word I will let down the nets." When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command? This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in His works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own.

When people respond to God's word with faith and obedience they are changed and made "a new creation" in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. Paul the Apostles says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing." (2 Cor. 2:15). Do you witness to those around you the joy of the gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

- From a reflection on the Gospel by Don Schwager, founder of the Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations website

NB OFFICE HOURS for February and March will be **Tuesday 10.00am –2.00pm** and **Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm**



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