

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
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First Sunday in Lent

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14th 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:

Wednesday: 10.00 am
2.00 pm Anointing of the Sick Alcheringa
Thursday: 10.00 am
Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass Intention

Wednesday : Vincenzo Iannuci, Anniversary

Recently deceased. We commend to God: Hugh Lane, Rosalia Aronica

Anniversaries: We remember: Kath Ritchie, Lorraine Rogers, Max Proctor, Judith O'Brien, Immaculata DeGregorio, Russell Ford, Adrien Penno, Vincenzo Iannuci, Ron Free,

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.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



FIRST READING from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your

foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

A Prayer during Lent

Jesus, you walked among us and were moved to compassion for your people. Send us your spirit of union and compassion that we may make a home in our hearts for all those in our community who have been hurt by abuse. This day, O Jesus, give us hearts that love.

READINGS NEXT WEEK 21st February 2016

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18 ; Phil 3:17 – 4:1 ; Lk 9:28-36

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) (Support of Priests & Bishop)		\$ 1,044.20
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) (Support of the Parish)	Envelopes	\$ 1,687.50
	Credit Card	\$ 995.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 531.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 107.75
		\$ 3,321.25

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 21st February 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Teresa McRae, Helen Hogan

10.30am. Doreen Greenham, Bernice Murray

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae, Dick & Rene Devereux

10.30am. Jim Meehan, Sam Colombo, Connie Alderuccio,

Robert Jager, Frank Fogarty.

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am Ken Smith & Alison Wright

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Daniel & Mary Kennedy

10.30am Jim & Rona Bookham

Counters Gavin & Teresa O'Brien

Through Baptism we welcome into our faith community Darby Phyland, son of Aaron and Clare.

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Friday nights at 7.00pm

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 next three weeks.

"He secures justice for the oppressed; he gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free." (Psalm 146:7-9)

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

Words of Wisdom "In today's society, in which forgiveness is so rare, mercy is ever more important." Pope Francis,

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's collect prayer invites us to 'grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ'. This is at the heart of our Lenten 'campaign of service'.

The gospel invites us to go into the desert – the place within us where we contemplate in quiet reflection. It is here we come to selflessness and openness to Christ that can only be found in reflection and prayer. If we empty ourselves in prayer and almsgiving our eyes will be open to see the hidden riches of Christ in the many faces of our global neighbours.

During the Lenten season we also fast from excessive food and drink, and give alms to those without access to sufficient basic needs. By turning our minds to the needs of others through Project Compassion, our prayer and contemplation reaches out to others. Our giving can enable our brothers and sisters in Malawi, featured in this year's Project Compassion, to create paths towards a better future.

During this Lenten season, the Church invites us to be more loving and generous with our time, our talents and our material possessions. When we go into our own desert we discover that it is God's abundant love that motivates us, that invites us to reach out in love to others, our family and friends, our neighbours, and those who need our compassionate love.



Like many families in her remote village, Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat. But with the support of Caritas Australia and local partner CADECOM, the people of Doney's community

have learned to harness their strengths. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths and pave the way towards a thriving future.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion.

In Pope Francis' words, "Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ," You will be helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.