

**ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL
BULLETIN**

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Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
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20th March 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

Monday 10.00 am Funeral Dorothy Burgess
 Tuesday 5.30 pm
 Wednesday 10.00 am

Intentions:

Tuesday: Jim Elliott Anniversary, Jack O'Connor snr RIP, Peter O'Connor RIP & Jack O'Connor RIP
 Wednesday: Mildred Tuohey Anniversary

Recently deceased : We commend to God Dorothy Burgess

Anniversaries: We remember: Jim Elliott, Rose Lawry, Peter O'Connor, Bernie Ryan, Bub O'Bree, Nina Taverna.

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

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him

high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION this Tuesday at 7.00pm.

ROSTERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN.

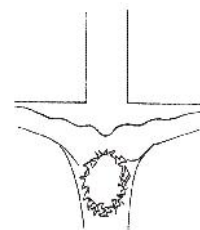
EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday	7.00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lords Supper
Good Friday	10.00 am	Ecumenical Gathering at the Grain Shed, King St Swan Hill followed by The Way of the Cross (non traditional) at 11.15 am from the Anglican Church

3.00 pm The Passion of our Lord

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Vigil (Sat)	7.00 pm	Swan Hill
Easter Sunday	8.30 am	Lake Boga
	10.30 am	Swan Hill



READINGS NEXT WEEK 27th March 2016

Acts 10:34. 37-43 ; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) (Support of Priests & Bishop)		\$ 974.10
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) (Support of the Parish)	Envelopes	\$ 1,037.00
	Credit Card	\$ 855.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 451.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 142.85
		\$ 2,485.85
Project Compassion: to date		\$ 1,181.25
	Thank-You!	

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend EASTER 27th March 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: As per Easter Roster Sheet

10.30am. Elizabeth Milazzo , Dorothy Bishop.

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: As per Easter Roster Sheet

10.30am. Yvonne Richardson, Elizabeth Milazzo, Dorothy Bishop, Please check Easter Roster Sheet

Music: Vigil: Greg and Felicity Lane

10.30am The Choir and Joy Parsons

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: As per Easter Roster Sheet

10.30am Glenys & Ken Smith

Counters Patsy McDonald, Kerry McCosh

ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS: As a way of entering into Good Friday, an ecumenical way of the cross (non Traditional) is being conducted on **Good Friday March 25th** beginning at **11.15am**, from the Anglican Church. All Welcome.

GOSPEL REFLECTION People Plotted prior to the Lords Passion "Many scholars have proposed reasons for the plot against Jesus; I have included some of my own thoughts in the commentary on Matthew's Passion. Sometimes we gloss over the conspiratorial aspect of the plot. The trial and death of Jesus was a premeditated act, committed by the leadership in Jerusalem. It was an effort not to fit the evidence to the crime, but the crime to the evidence."

From a reflection on the Gospel for Passion Sunday by Larry Broding

It's the taking off of clothes that maketh this Man

"What John records in his Gospel is less 'right and proper' - as we can see by Peter's reaction. The work of washing the feet of guests was usually reserved for servants - and yet, Jesus has no qualms about taking off his outer garment, tying a towel around his waist and washing the feet of his friends.

How often has he said that his disciples are not lord it over one another - and yet, his action is deeply shocking. We have ritualised it in the Mass - what would it be like if we could imagine its happening as spontaneously as it happened here."

A reflection on the Gospel for Holy Thursday by Catherine McElhinney and Kathryn Turner

Take time to withdraw and reflect "This is a day of mourning. We should try to take time off from work and school to participate in the devotions and liturgy of the day as much as possible. In addition, we should refrain from

extraneous conversation. Some families leave the curtains drawn, and maintain silence during the 3 hours (noon — 3pm), and keep from loud conversation or activities throughout the remainder of the day. We should also restrict ourselves from any TV, music or computer—these are all types of technology that can distract us from the spirit of the day."

A commentary in Good Friday, from the Catholic Culture website



Until recently, people in Dhaniram's village were unaware of the Government's social security schemes that support India's most vulnerable communities. Since becoming involved in the Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, Dhaniram and his community have learnt about their rights and have been empowered to speak up for themselves. Now, real change is taking place.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help vulnerable communities in India learn more about their rights so they are empowered to speak up, ask for their rights and create lasting change. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Misericordiae Vultus -The Face of Mercy from Pope Francis We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: Merciful like the Father. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). It is a programme of life as demanding as it is rich with joy and peace. Jesus command is directed to anyone willing to listen to his voice (cf. Luke 6:27). In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle. [*Misericordiae Vultus, No.13*]

HOLY LAND COLLECTION . The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on **Good Friday**. This collection promotes the **missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land** by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. **Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres** throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. In 2015 Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause despite economic times, and natural disasters. Please pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the "Prince of Peace."