

# ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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**Parish Office: Tuesday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm  
**Friday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
( *DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY* )

**Year C**

**3rd April 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: **6.30 pm** Swan Hill Sunday: **10.30 am** Swan Hill

## Mass this Week

Tuesday 5.30 pm  
Wednesday 10.00 am  
Thursday 10.00 am  
Friday 12.00 noon



**Anniversaries:** We remember: Patricia Wilkinson, Anne Clarke, Catherine Stacey, Ian McKay, Patrick Rohan, Maree Farley, Irene Learmonth, Pat Dillon, Jack Taylor, Paul Anderson, Frank Clarke, Marjorie Sullivan, James O'Brien, George Murray, Fred Lawry.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Monica Nolen, Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Ronald Duryea, 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 unless otherwise advised.**

## FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. Alleluia.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light.

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## SECOND READING from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it

was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

### *Prayer for Blessing of the Home*

Lord God, this is our home.

It is a place of work and rest,

A place of noise and quiet,

A place of happy and sad memories.

Most of all, it is ours.

Come into our home, Lord. Make it Yours too.

Make it a place of peace and joy, Of fun and laughter,  
Of healing and forgiveness, Of welcome and belonging.

Let it never be a lonely place.

Make it a place full of life

So that all who come here

May know that it is a blessed place. Amen.

**EASTER WATER** please feel free to bring your own container and help yourself to the water of new life in the Easter font for blessing of homes people, etc, in fact anything.

**READINGS NEXT WEEK 10th April 2016**

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

**STATE OF THE NATION**

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$ 1,495.55
Easter Offerings: to date	\$ 1,172.05
<i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>	
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes \$ 1,116.50
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card \$ 0.00
	Direct Debit \$ 110.00
	Loose Plate \$ 187.75
	<u>\$ 1,414.25</u>
Project Compassion: to date	\$ 2,392.25
Good Friday Holy Land: to date	\$ 616.75

Thank-You!

**MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 10th April 2016**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil:** Marilyn Foley, Rene Devereux

**10.30am.** Ken Smith, Lorraine Hogan.

**Ministers of Communion:**

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

**10.30am.** Dorothy Bishop, Raelene O'Halloran, Damien Kelly, Brenda Ford, Graeme Learmonth, Jim Meehan.

**Music: Vigil:** Felicity & Greg Lane

**10.30am** Ken Smith & Alison Wright.

**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil:** Kerry Hoare & Family

**10.30am** Jim & Helen Meehan

**Counters** Brenda Ford, Pina Rosaia

**Divine Mercy Sunday TODAY** 3rd April Devotions from 1pm; Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; Litany of Divine Mercy; Rosary; Prayer of Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**CWL Meeting** this Tuesday 5th April at 1.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. New members welcome.

**Rosary in the Park** next Saturday 9th April. 10.00am at the Rotunda, please BYO chair. All welcome.

**Over 60's** meet next Monday 11th April at 1.30 pm.

**Mass Time: NB:** The time of the Vigil Mass will change from 7.00 pm to **6.30 pm** on Saturdays to take effect from **NEXT Saturday 9th April.**

**Josephite Associates Knitting Day** Thursday 14th April in the Parish Function Centre from 10.00 am. Raffles and lunch supplied. All welcome.

**Corpus Christi College** would like to thank parishioners for contributions, totalling **\$ 630.55**, to its 2015 building appeal for the provision of additional accommodation for seminarians.

**Mercy of God** Some quotes on the divine mercy of God:

"Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand alongside the great mountain of the mercy of God." -- St. John Vianney

"Where is the foolish person who would think it in his power to commit a sin more than God could forgive." - St. Francis de Sales

"Our only hope, our only confidence, our only assured promise, Lord, is Your mercy." -- St. Augustine

**YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER**

**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. Send your spirit and consecrate every one of us with its 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 the captives and the oppressed, and re-store sight to the blind. We ask this through the Intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever**

*The Easter Candle At the Easter Vigil,*

the Church represents the mystery of the light of Christ in the sign of the Paschal candle, whose flame is both light and heat. The symbolism of light is connected with that of fire: radiance and heat, radiance and the transforming energy contained in the fire – truth and love go together. The Paschal candle burns, and is thereby consumed: Cross and resurrection are inseparable. From the Cross, from the Son's self-giving, light is born, true radiance comes into the world. From the Paschal candle we all light our own candles, especially the newly baptized, for whom the light of Christ enters deeply into their hearts in this Sacrament.

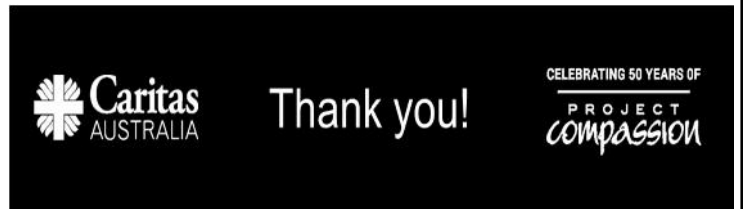


**An Easter Prayer**

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men and women who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence.

May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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