

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



3rd Sunday of Easter

Year C

10th 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
2.00 pm Anointing of the sick Alcheringa
Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 12.00 noon

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Nicholas Martin (Birchip), Bishop Ron Mulkearns

Anniversaries: We remember: Anna Nocera, Patrick Dalton, Tim Power, Les Wright, Tony Colombro, Patrick Phyland, Carmine & Maria Raco, Guiseppina Raudino, Carmela & Francesco Trinci.

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

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Alleluia.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

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SECOND READING from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. 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 17th April 2016

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$ 815.55
Easter Offerings: (to date)	\$ 1,462.05
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes \$ 1,745.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card \$ 0.00
	Direct Debit \$ 280.00
	Loose Plate \$ 120.35
	\$ 2,145.35
Project Compassion: (to date)	\$ 2,786.50
Good Friday Holy Land: (to date)	\$ 641.75

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 17th April 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Teresa McRae & Helen Hogan

10.30am. Kate Quinn & Ginny Gook

Ministers of Communion:

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

10.30am. Sam Colombo, Robert Jager, Margaret Foott, Elizabeth Milazzo. Yvonne Richardson , Josie Renda

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am Brian Wood

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Josh & Glenda Klabbbers

10.30am Ken & Glenys Smith

Counters Teresa & Gavin O'Brien

Confirmation, for children in Year 3. Tonight **Sunday 10th April**, we will be holding a Parent Information Evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre for parents wishing for their child to participate in this Sacrament. If anyone has any enquiries about this evening or Confirmation, they can contact St. Mary's school.

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

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

Baptism Preparation Monday 18th April at 7.00 pm in the Parish Function Centre for parents of children being Baptised this year.

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.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION Rich in symbols, this week's gospel reflection from moves beyond the significance of women as those commissioned to proclaim the resurrection news and focuses on Peter as leader and his relationship with Jesus.

Simon Peter has a higher profile in this final chapter of John's gospel than in the first twenty chapters. It is as though the author responsible for the final edition of John's gospel wants to bring Peter to prominence in line with the traditions found in the other gospels. In the previous chapter, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is she who receives the first resurrection appearance in this gospel. She is also commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection to the other disciples. In John 21, Mary Magdalene and the women disciples who have featured so significantly in other parts of John are curiously absent from the closing scenes of the gospel. The focus is clearly on Peter, his role as leader, and his relationship with Jesus.

Peter announces that he intends to go fishing and several of the other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see the figure of Jesus on the shore. As in some of the other resurrection stories, his disciples, with the exception of the 'beloved disciple', do not recognise him immediately. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At the invitation of Jesus, they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter and his three-fold profession of love of Jesus in the wake of his three-fold denial.

This passage is filled with symbolism. There are Eucharistic overtones in the bread and fish, and in Jesus' action of taking the bread and giving it to the disciples. Sheep and shepherding are key symbols in John where Jesus identifies himself as the 'good shepherd'. Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) probably denotes the totality or universality of the mission. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb 'to draw' is used symbolically in this fishing context: the disciples were not able 'to draw in the net...so Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore'. These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, particularly his words on the cross, "And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw all to myself" (12:32). The 'all' allows for the whole Earth community and not simply the human community to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One.

As we reflect on this gospel reading, we might simply listen to Jesus' question: 'Do you love me?' Peter's example reminds us that a wholehearted response is possible despite the failures of the past. *Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

