

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
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5th Sunday of Easter

Year C

24th 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: **8.30 am** Nyah West **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass this Week

Tuesday 1.00 pm Funeral Brian Safe

Wednesday 10.00 am

Thursday 9.30 am

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Recently Deceased: We commend to God **Brian Safe, Gerald Tagliabue**

Anniversaries: We remember: Victor Bryant, Bruce Currie, Brian O'Brien, Angela McKay, Antonio Massara, Phyll Murray, Ellen Real, Brenda Patterson, Ray Finnemore, Anna Raudino

Prayers for the Sick: Pat Chisholm, 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

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. Alleluia.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. Alleluia.

SECOND READING from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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 1st May 2016

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 ; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 ; Jn 14:23-29 .

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$ 1,040.40
Easter Offerings: (to date)	\$ 1,702.05
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	\$ 833.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	\$ 0.00
Envelopes	\$ 80.00
Credit Card	\$ 93.50
Direct Debit	\$ 1,006.50
Loose Plate	\$ 2,865.55
Project Compassion: (to date)	\$ 2,865.55

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 1st May 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Jo & Jaidyn Taverna
10.30am. Doreen Greenham & Bernice Murray

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Margaret Hoare, Bev McCartney, Helen Lewis, Cathy Page.
10.30am. Dorothy Bishop, Raelene O'Halloran, Damien Kelly, Brenda Ford, Graeme Learmonth, Jim Meehan

Music: Vigil: Ken Smith and Brenda Grace
10.30am St Mary's School.

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Bev McCartney & Claire Billing
10.30am Peter Robertson & Family
Counters Helen Hogan & Helen McKerrow



We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: Xavier Brigante, son of Joe and Karlie and Gemma Girdwood, daughter of David and Elizabeth. May they grow in faith in their loving family and our Catholic Community

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION (Papal Document)

Pope Francis has published an Apostolic Exhortation on marriage and family life, in which he presents and develops the outcomes of the two Synods on this subject. The title Apostolic Exhortation is *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family'. The Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation was published during a press conference at the Vatican on Friday 8th April 2016. You can download the text of the Exhortation below or read the summary document and Q & A provided by the Vatican: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/blog>



Congratulations to Lindsay & Beryl Ryan who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 23rd April 2016.

Annual Mass Count: The Mass Count for 2016 will be conducted at all Masses celebrated over 4 weeks beginning with the weekend of **30th April /1st May** and concluding on the weekend of **21st/22nd May**.



Cuppa after Mass next week



YEAR OF MERCY FROM POPE FRANCIS

In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognise that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism! [*Misericordiae Vultus, No. 15*]

GOSPEL REFLECTION 'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' *Fr Michael Tate*



THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD,
AS WE ARE LEFT TO GROW OLD
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE
SUN AND IN THE MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM .