

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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6th Sunday of Easter

Year C

1st May 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
11.00 am
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Recently Deceased: We commend to God **Neville Hoye**

Anniversaries: We remember: Victor Bryant, Neil McKerrow, Jack Dullard, Phyllis Duffy, Monica Conlan, Peg Richards, Tol Nolan, Terry Lonergan, Basil Butler, Matt O'Halloran, Antonio Colombo, Cec Conway,

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

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.' *The Word of the Lord*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

O God, let all the nations praise you! Alleluia.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you! Alleluia.

SECOND READING from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

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 8th May 2016

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$ 1,060.10
Easter Offerings: (to date)	\$ 1,752.05
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes \$ 1,079.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card \$ 0.00
	Direct Debit \$ 70.00
	Loose Plate \$ 94.55
	\$ 1,243.55
Project Compassion: (Final total remitted)	\$ 4,426.50

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 8th May 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Bill Moar, Kaye Farrell.

10.30am. Yvonne Richardson, Josie Caccavello.

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Claire Billing, Chris Hoare, Gladys Bryent, Lyn Stutley

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

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am The Choir & Alison Wright.

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Michelle Haeusler & Glenda Klabbers

10.30am Jim & Rona Bookham

Counters Chris & Margaret Hoare.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit

'In the Gospel reading for this Sunday before the Ascension, Jesus tells his disciples that he will be leaving them. In a sense, they will be alone. Although he promises to send them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, they will have to fend for themselves. If we look at the church today from a human perspective, all we see are limited women and men. We are people who, left to our own ingenuity, are often bunglers. But we have not been left alone. The power of the Holy Spirit has transformed us into the glorious holy city of the new Jerusalem envisioned in the reading from Revelation. That city is not only magnificent in the splendour of God, it is fortified against intruders.

'Today the church has been exposed to us in all its weakness. Not unlike the community described in Acts, members vigorously disagree over diverse teachings and practices. Instead of enriching the fabric of the church, cultural differences often threaten to tear it apart. This is far from what was intended by Jesus. Fortified by the Holy Spirit, we too can live lives of openness and compassion. In the community of love, which is the true image of the church, no one is alone.'

Excerpts from a commentary by Sr Dianne Bergant



Cuppa after Mass this morning

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: Fletcher Cleeland son of Jacob and Melanie and Macey and Ava Holyoak daughters of Michael and Renita. May they grow in faith in their loving family and our Catholic Community

Divine Mercy Devotions this Monday 1.45 pm

CWL meeting this Tuesday 3rd May at 1.30 pm in the parish meeting room.

CWL CAKE STALL after the 10.30 am Mass—Mothers Day 8th May.

Josephite Associate meeting, Thursday 12th May at 2.00 pm in the parish centre. Thank you to all the knitters for their contributions for our recent knit in. \$400 has been raised and sent to the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on Monday, May 16 at 12.05 pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

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>

Annual Mass Count: The Mass Count for 2016 will be conducted at all Masses celebrated over 4 weeks beginning with this weekend of **30th April /1st May** and concluding on the weekend of **21st/22nd May**. Collectors as the collections are taken up kindly take a count and let John O'sullivan or Rob Jager know so that a total can be collated for each Mass each weekend.

Mens Weekend St Mary's Parish Hamilton, 30th 31st July 2016. The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. See Flyer on notice board at back of church.

'Ministry is the spiritual act of seeing and helping others see the face of a loving God even where nothing but darkness seems to be present.'" *Henri Nouwen Dutch Catholic priest, author of 40 books (1932-1996)*

Openness to receive 'Every request I make of God is a message telling of my neediness, of my trust in God, of my willing dependence and openness to receive. My requests are often foolish, as I am, but God is well able to cope. If sometimes I try to rearrange the world to my own liking, I am not rejected but left resourceless until I recognise the presumption that prompted me. Prayer is the one moment in life where we need not fear to express ourselves in all our stupidity and imperfection. God already knows; it is we who need to be informed.' *Toward God, Fr Michael Casey OCD, Tarrawarra Abbey, Victoria*