

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

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Pentecost Sunday

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15th 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: **8.30 am** Lake Boga **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Wednesday 10.00 am
 Thursday 10.00 am
 Friday 12.00 Noon
 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass Intention

Thursday: D'Andrea & Di Nicola Families



Recently Deceased: We commend to God Pat Chisholm.

Anniversaries: We remember: Pat Willson, Pat Duryea, Percy Lewis, Carmel Gathercole, Jim Upton, Tess Wurf, Leo Hogan,

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

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Alleluia.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

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SECOND READING the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. *The Word of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

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

CWL thank the parishioners for supporting the Mothers Day stall. \$715 was raised and the winner of the raffle was Kath Clohesy .

READINGS NEXT WEEK 22nd May 2016

Proverbs 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 824.05
Easter Offerings: (to date)		\$ 1,796.15
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,280.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card	\$ 995.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 771.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 98.80
		\$ 3,144.80

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 22nd May 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Michelle Haeusler & Glenda Klabbers
10.30am. Confirmation

Ministers of Communion:

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

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

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am Confirmation– St Mary's School

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Daniel & Mary Kennedy

10.30am Confirmation

Counters Elva Carty, Geraldine Murdoch.

WELCOME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The children are: Ned Ayson, Oliver Balkin, Cade Dorigo, John Eade, Paddy Hufer, Archie Mitchell, Billy O'Toole, Ashby Rogers, William Saxby, Paul Scalora, Lachlan Vrolijk, Milan Arentz, Emuily Caccaviello, Kaitlyn Coffey, Emma Fraser, Gemma Girdwood, Millicent Glowrey, Lillian Hulsen, Sharni Loats, Charli Lovell, Alesha Mammone, Nancy Mammone, Caitlin McKissack, Wynta Mitchell., Lucy Stead.



NEXT SUNDAY AT THE 10.30am MASS, CHILDREN FROM THE PARISH WILL BE CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. Please remember the children in your prayers.

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.

Results last weekend:	Vigil	131
	10.30 am	<u>197</u>
	Total	328

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION Recently I was accosted by a fundamentalist Christian in the street. He asked me whether I had given my life to Jesus Christ. I have. He asked me if I spoke in tongues. I can, but don't. He asked me if I had made the necessary sacrifices for the Holy Spirit to come into my life. The problem with our evangelical brothers and sisters is that they often think the Holy Spirit can be reduced to external signs.

We know, however, from the first Pentecost and from our own experience that the Spirit works in unpredictable AND ordinary ways. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active all sorts of gifts are present:

- boldness to stand up for what we believe;
- the ability to hear and listen;
- an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;
- confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;
- fidelity to Jesus' commandment to love;
- clarity about what's true; and
- an 'at homeness' with God.

The problem for many of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires the gift of the discernment of spirits.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, left the church a guide for working out how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. One summary of them goes like this:

1. Don't make a decision when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh all the options.
2. The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the here and now, as it is, not as we may like it to be.
3. The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever happened to us that is beyond the Spirit's healing.
4. The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into community with other people.
5. Be careful of things that appear too perfect, they sometimes have a sting in the tail and can be destructive.
6. Be guarded about all things that are urgent. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.
7. The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

Not bad for a guy who died in 1556.

So Pentecost is not the charismatic movement's birthday. It is God's promise to abide with us come what may. And living in the power and love of the Spirit and claiming her direction is an intensely practical affair.

It is with this type of confidence that can sing the ancient chant, 'Come O Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we will be recreated and you will renew the face of the earth.' *Homily by Richard Leonard SJ*