

# ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

**Priest:** Fr. Marcello Colasante PP  
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**Parish Council Chair:** Michelle Haeusler  
**St Mary's School Principal:** Greg Lane  
**St Mary MacKillop Principal:** Michelle Haeusler  
**Parish Office: Tuesday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm  
**Friday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



Holy Trinity

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22nd 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:

Tuesday 5.30 pm  
 Wednesday 10.00 am  
 Thursday 10.00 am  
 Friday 12.00 Noon Catholic  
 Education Week



**Mass Intentions:** Tuesday Patrick Hogan

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God Ray Wright

**Anniversaries:** We remember: John O'Bree, Maureen Brennan, Mary Howley, Clem Kelly, Theresa Maher, Patrick Hogan, John Maher, Laurie Scala. Orazio Ganci.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Donna Murchie 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 book of Proverbs

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The Word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters.

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

### SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

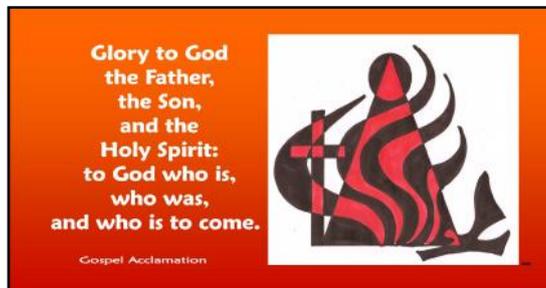
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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. 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**



**READINGS NEXT WEEK 29th May 2016**

Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17

**STATE OF THE NATION**

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>		<b>\$ 1,261.70</b>
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 650.00</b>
	<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
	<b>Direct Debit</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 115.35</b>
		<b>\$ 845.35</b>

Thank-You!

**MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 29th May 2016**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil:** Kerry Hoare, John Hoare.

**10.30am.** Dorothy Bishop, Damien Kelly

**Ministers of Communion:**

**Vigil:** Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae, Dick & Rene Devereux

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

**Music: Vigil:** Joe Taverna

**10.30am** Bernice Murray & Brenda Grace

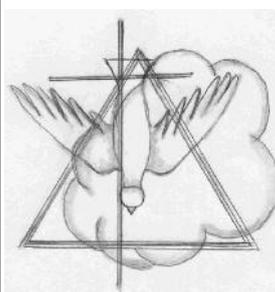
**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil:** Helen Lewis & Margaret Magee

**10.30am** Margaret Learmonth & Helen Tuntar

**Counters** Jocelyn Ingram, Yvonne Richardson.

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

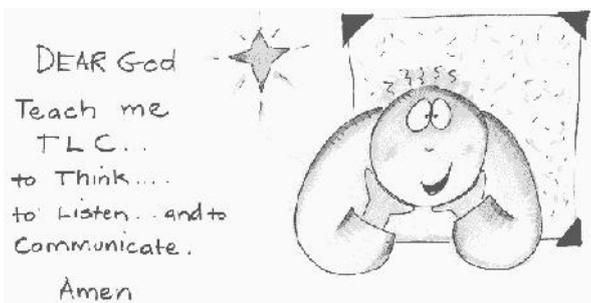


**The children are:** Jaxson Adams, Brooklyn Benham, Ethan Curran, Henry Elliott, Zak O'Shannassy, Will Russo, Harry Scott, Francesco Tuntar,, Montana Davies, Olivia Free, Ellie Hinitt, Jayda Kelly, Nataivia Jones, Alexa Neill, Rosa Orlando, Maeve Sheldrick, Sara Rogers, Mia Wong Chon Lew

**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	86
10.30 am	<u>532</u>
Total	618



**GOSPEL REFLECTION** A teacher asked her grade one class to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about the task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Beckie was particularly focused on her painting. 'What are you painting Beckie?' asked the teacher. 'I'm painting God, Miss' replied the little girl. 'Well that must be difficult because no one knows what God looks like.' At which Beckie stopped, looked up and confidently announced, 'But they will when I'm finished.'

The names Christians give to God – Father, Son and Spirit – are both ancient and important. But we should never think they exhaust the possibilities of God's reality. Creator, mother, lover, redeemer, Saviour, higher power or friend all go some way to help us put words around our experience of our God, who is more and beyond all names we can possibly use.

The naming of God, however, is an important, but secondary focus to today's feast. There are two other facets to it that are more central.

The first is that the Trinity declares that relationships are at the very centre of God. We believe that the Father, Son and Spirit are in full communion, communication and relationship with each other at all times, in all places. To know Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and vice versa. They are one. This special relationship also indicates to us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationships with one another. To be like the God we profess every Sunday is to commit ourselves to our relationships, in all their varieties. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to touch the divine.

The second extraordinary thing we celebrate today is that the Father invites us into this loving relationship with Him, Jesus and the Spirit. What is especially consoling about this is that we are the only world religion that believes our God took our flesh. So through Jesus' life, teaching, compassion and sacrificial love we not only discover who he is, but, at one and the same time, we find out what God and the Spirit are like.

Some people think themselves unworthy of such invitation. Others argue they have to be a better person to deserve such an offer. While both of these responses to God's invitation are understandable, they fail to take into account that in Jesus we have been made worthy of God's love and if we are waiting to get to a certain level of goodness to deserve God's love, we will wait forever.

God invites us into the compassionate embrace of the Trinity where we are and as we are, so that we can become all that God knows we can be. We don't have to get good to get God. We have to get God before we can get good.

Let's not be like the small boy who once said to me, 'The feast of the Trinity is all about that old bloke, his younger son and that bird.' On this Trinity Sunday let's celebrate the intimacy and dignity to which we are called by signing ourselves with the focus of our love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. *Homily by Richard Leonard SJ*