

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Body and Blood of Christ

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29th 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** Nyah West **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Monday 10.30 am Funeral Teresa Sydes
Tuesday 10.00 am
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 12.00 Noon
11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacra-

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Teresa Sydes.

Anniversaries: We remember George & Noreen Scott, Betty Leschke, Giuseppe Pachi, Fr Brendan Smith, Barry Scott, Jean Webb, Noel & Aileen Rogers, Anne Maher, Des O'Sullivan, Pat & Ann Power, Catherine Fogarty.

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

FIRST READING from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.'

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

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SECOND READING from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord

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 5th June 2016

1 Kgs 17:17-24; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 943.20
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,321.60
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 70.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 83.45
		\$ 1,475.05

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 5th June 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Marilyn Foley, Rene Devereux

10.30am. Kate Quinn, Ginny Gook

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Margaret Hoare, Bev McCartney, Helen Lewis, Cathy Page.

10.30am. Frank Fogarty, Connie Alderuccio, Rona Bookham, Elma Balsarini, Ken Smith, Jocelyn Ingram,

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am St Mary's School.

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Jim & Elaine Elliott

10.30am Scott & Carolyn Zambelli.

Counters Ken Smith , Peter Coady.

Annual Mass Count: The Mass Count for 2016 concluded last weekend. Results

Vigil	103	
8.30 am	22	Lake Boga
10.30 am	<u>334</u>	
Total	459	

Thanks to the collectors and John O'Sullivan and Rob Jager for compiling the results over the last 4 weeks in a seamless and efficient manner.

Baptism Preparation is Monday June 6th at 7.00 pm in function centre, for parents of children being baptised in June, July and August.

National Volunteers Week Established in 1989, National Volunteer Week is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our community and to say thank you to the more than 6 million Australians who volunteer. The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat acknowledges and appreciates our wonderful volunteers in all areas of our church communities and thank them for their time and commitment.

Divine Mercy Devotions, Monday 6th June 1.45pm.

CWL meeting Tuesday 7th June at 1.30 pm. Anyone interested in the CWL organization please check out the website -www.cwlvicww.org

National Reconciliation Week 2016 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future' The week of May 27 - June 3 is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. See the Reconciliation Australia website for more information www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/

GOSPEL REFLECTION One of the Jewish symbols of Heaven was a great banquet – a wonderful feast.

And Our Lord would every so often host a meal which anticipated the future, a wonderful future, a meal which promised 'There will be fulfilment in the future', and actually brought that future into the present.

He was, He is, Master of the Universe of space and time. For Him, through Him, it was possible to bring the future life of Heaven and the end of history into the present.

The feeding of the five thousand in today's gospel is one of those anticipatory sharings in the banquet of the age to come.

We say this feeding is miraculous, and it was. And a major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the Twelve.

Our Lord did not personally feed the five thousand. He required his followers to get involved in alleviating hunger: 'You give them something to eat.' They were quite happy to leave the crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to market economics.

But when they shared the food he had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd – extravagantly.

And so Our Lord gave his followers and the crowd a real taste of that future generosity of God towards humankind which we can symbolise as a heavenly banquet.

But, it would not have happened had the inner groups of disciples not shared Jesus' vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task.

Of course, the Last Supper was the greatest anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared with his disciples.

And, at Mass, after invoking the Holy Spirit and using the words of Jesus at that supper, we have a real sharing in the future.

When we eat the heavenly bread and drink the spiritual drink, we are eating and drinking the life of the Risen Lord in glory, the glorified humanity of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. The life of the future.

And then? And then we must do as the Twelve were directed to do. We must go to alleviate the hunger of the world – the hungers of the world: 'You give them something to eat!'

There is a myriad of hungers in the world: for food, for the other necessities of life, for companionship, for justice. We must go out and identify those hungers and then fulfill Our Lord's Command: 'You give them something to eat'! *Fr Michael Tate*

Cuppa after Mass next Sunday

