

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



10th Sunday in Ordinary time

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5th June 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

Mass Intentions:

Wednesday : Catherine Fogarty

Anniversaries: We remember Maxine Gaylard, Bill Hinton, Jean Webb, Betty Leschke, Margaret Bridgeland, Rosemary Pearce, Clem Kelly, Veronica Gleeson, Maude Dobelli, William Willocks, Vivian Pelligrino, Marina, Catarina, Antonio and Phillip Milazzo,

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 first book of the Kings

The son of the mistress of the house fell sick; his illness was so severe that in the end he had no breath left in him. And the woman said to Elijah, 'What quarrel have you with me, man of God? Have you come here to bring my sins home to me and to kill my son?' 'Give me your son', he said, and taking him from her lap, carried him to the upper room where he was staying and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, do you mean to bring grief to the widow who is looking after me by killing her son?' He stretched himself on the child three times and cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, may the soul of this child, I beg you, come into him again!' The Lord heard the prayer of Elijah and the soul of the child returned to him again and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. 'Look', Elijah said, 'your son is alive.' And the woman replied, 'Now I know you are a man of God and the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth itself.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

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SECOND READING from St Paul to the Galatians

The Good News I preached is not a human message that I was given by men, it is something that I learnt only through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You must have heard of my career as a practising Jew, how merciless I was in persecuting the Church of God, how much damage I did to it, how I stood out among other Jews of my generation, and how enthusiastic I was for the traditions of my ancestors.

Then God, who had specially chosen me while I was still in my mother's womb, called me through his grace and chose to reveal his Son in me, so that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans. I did not stop to discuss this with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were already apostles before me, but I went off to Arabia at once and later went straight back from there to Damascus. Even when after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days, I did not see any of the other apostles; I only saw James, the brother of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Cuppa after Mass today Sunday



READINGS NEXT WEEK 12th June 2016
2 Sm 12:7-10. 13; Gal 2:16. 19-21; Lk 7:36 – 8:3

STATE OF THE NATION

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| Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) (Support of Priests & Bishop) | \$ 888.30 |
| Parish Account: (2nd Basket) (Support of the Parish) | Envelopes \$ 1,228.00 |
| | Credit Card \$ 0.00 |
| | Direct Debit \$ 120.00 |
| | Loose Plate \$ 92.05 |
| | \$ 1,440.05 |

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 12th June 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Teresa McRae & Helen Hogan

10.30am. Ken Smith & Lorraine Hogan

Ministers of Communion:

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

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

Music: Vigil:

10.30am

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Valma Barry, Nola Grant.

10.30am Ken & Glenys Smith

Counters Vin & Kerry Dullard, Kieran Brennan.

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

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

Rosary In the Park this Saturday 11th June, 10.00 am at the Rotunda. BYO chair.

Over 60's meet next Monday 13th June at 1.30 pm.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on Funeral Ministry, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the sacramental program, "Let the Children Come" - July 24 at Birchip Parish, August 7 at Ararat Parish and August 21 at Hamilton Parish. As this day includes the launch of "Let the Children Come", all involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs are encouraged to attend. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au <<http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au>>.

ACBC Statement re Federal Election The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have released a statement regarding the upcoming federal election, "Voice for the voiceless: Further information, including a prayer for the election, is available from the ACBC website www.catholic.org.au<<http://www.catholic.org.au>>

Organ Recital - St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne All are welcome to attend an Organ recital by Christopher Cook at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 5.00pm - 5.45pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION It may be daring to say that Jesus did not bring the man back to life out of concern for the man. What do we read? 'When the Lord saw *her*, he felt compassion towards *her*' – not *him*! Who is this 'her' Jesus really focused on, the one he particularly saw in that little procession of mourners?

The 'her' was a widow in a patriarchal society. The dead son is not a youngster but a man. He is the breadwinner and protector for his mother. Without an able man in her household, she will be reduced to poverty and be very vulnerable.

We may say that Jesus restored the life of this man in order to restore the life of the mother. The Gospel emphasises this by telling us the purpose of this saving ministry of Jesus: 'He gave him to his mother.' She would now have enough to eat, and be able to live out her years in a secure household.

Can you see those who are vulnerable? Can you perceive how society is organised in such a way as to deny some people the necessities of life: food, shelter, health care, education, companionship? Does the seeing and perceiving send a shudder of compassion through your body, as it did for Jesus?

We could pause for a moment to ask for the grace to see how we might respond in life-giving ways to those who need to know that 'God has visited his people'.

Fr Michael Tate

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

'Unless we are creators, we are not fully alive ... Remember, the root word of humble and human is the same: humus: earth. We are dust. We are created; it is God who made us and not we ourselves. But we were made to be co-creators with our maker.'
From *Walking on Water* by American, Christian writer, Madeleine L'Engle

All the darkness of the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle. *St Francis of Assisi*

