

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

Priest: Fr. Marcello Colasante PP
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Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



11th Sunday in Ordinary time

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12th 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:

Wednesday 5.30 pm
Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 12.00 Noon
11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass Intentions:

Friday: Des O'Sullivan Anniversary

Anniversaries: We remember Fr Lyle Young, Margaret Jirik, Mavis O'Halloran, Margaret Templeton, Sarah O'Halloran, Noel Storer, Gwynnivere Frazer. Pasquale Trinci, Rosario Pizzo

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 second book of Samuel

Nathan said to David, 'The Lord the God of Israel says this, "I anointed you king over Israel; I delivered you from the hands of Saul; I gave your masters house to you, his wives into your arms; I gave you the House of Israel and of Judah; and if this were not enough, I would add as much again for you. Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases him? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, taken his wife for your own, and killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. So now the sword will never be far from your House, since you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife."'

David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Then Nathan said to David, 'The Lord, for his part, forgives your sin; you are not to die.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 31:1-2. 5. 7. 11. R. see v.5

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven. whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins: my guilt I did not hide. I said 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress. You surround me with cries of deliverance.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

SECOND READING from St Paul to the Galatians

We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ rather than fidelity to the Law is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the Law. In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that now I can live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift; if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Jn 4:10

Alleluia, alleluia! God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!



READINGS NEXT WEEK 19th June 2016

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Luk e 9:18-24

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 859.10
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,151.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 260.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 20.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 123.00
		\$ 1,554.00

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 19th June 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Michelle Haeusler, Barb Patterson

10.30am. Frank Fogarty, Raelene O'Halloran

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Josh Klabbbers, Mary Kennedy, Kerry Hoare, Kath Hogan.

10.30am. Sam Colombo, Robert Jager, Margaret Foott,

Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Josie Renda

Music: Vigil: Ken Smith & Brenda Grace

10.30am Bernice Murray & Alison Wright.

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Shane & Julie Noonan.

10.30am Bernice Murray & Bill Croft

Counters Patsy McDonald, Kerry McCosh.

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of

Baptism: Riley Hazlett, son of Lukas and Anne-Maree and Charlie Farrell, son of Dean and Tanya. May they grow in faith in their loving family and our Catholic Community

Over 60's meet **THIS** 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/>

Who are the angels? The angels are purely spiritual creatures, incorporeal, invisible, immortal, and personal beings endowed with intelligence and will. They ceaselessly contemplate God face-to-face and they glorify him. They serve him and are his messengers in the accomplishment of his saving mission to all. *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 60

GOSPEL REFLECTION Although the journey toward salvation is initiated by God, and everything that we need on that journey is supplied by God, salvation itself is never forced upon us. If we are to be saved, we must first acknowledge our need. If we are to be forgiven, we must first admit our sin. Then no sin, once admitted, is beyond the forgiveness of God. The corollary to admitting our sin is acknowledging the source of the grace of salvation. We do not earn our salvation. It is granted to us through faith in Christ, which itself is a gift from God.

Here the apparent tension seen in the gospel narrative takes the form of a question: Do we love because we are forgiven or are we forgiven because we first love? We are not forgiven because we love. We are forgiven because we are loved. Repentance may precede forgiveness but even repentance is a grace offered by God.

There is no way that we can repay God for the magnanimous mercy shown to us. However, gratitude is often expressed through service of others. The repentant woman in the gospel narrative was possessed by a desire to serve. Do we realise that the reconciliation with God which we enjoy makes us ambassadors of reconciliation for others? Do we do what we can, give what we have to further the ministry of reconciliation?

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

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

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