

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

Priest: Fr. Marcello Colasante PP

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Presbytery: Nola O'Bree

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



13th Sunday in Ordinary time

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26th 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: **8.30 am** Nyah West **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Thursday 10.00 am

Friday 12.00 Noon

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Recent Deaths: We commend to God Margot Driscoll

Anniversaries: We remember Luigi Mase, Thea Bryan, Mary Wour, Bill Kelly, Rosa Mobilio, John Hogan, Patrick Lonergan, Maurice Kelly, Bernard & John Willocks,

Prayers for the Sick: Donna Murchie, Rita Tuohy, Margaret Sinclair, Monica Nolen, Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, 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 Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

SECOND READING from St Paul to the Galatians

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

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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 3rd July 2016

Is 66:10-14 ; Gal 6:14-18 ; Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

STATE OF THE NATION

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| Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) | | \$ 666.00 |
| <i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i> | | |
| Parish Account: (2nd Basket) | Envelopes | \$ 1,004.00 |
| <i>(Support of the Parish)</i> | | |
| | Credit Card | \$ 0.00 |
| | Direct Debit | \$ 460.00 |
| | Loose Plate | \$ 84.55 |
| | | \$ 1,548.55 |

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 3rd July 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: John & Kaye Farrell

10.30am. Jordan Wong, Elizabeth Milazzo

Ministers of Communion:

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

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

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am Ken Smith & Alison Wright

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Bev McCartney & Claire Billing

10.30am Jim & Rona Bookham

Counters Pat & Cathy Livingston

NEW ROSTERS FOR READERS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS NOW AT BACK OF CHURCH



We welcome to our Parish through the

Sacrament of Baptism: Lenny Hirst, son of Johnny and Renee. May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community

CUPPA AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY

"Hard to Believe" Documentary This documentary is a pre-release with the focus on human rights and organ harvesting in China. It will be screened at the Swan Hill Town Hall Auditorium TODAY Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 1.30pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE –WEEKEND JULY 2/3, 2016.

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (29th June 2015). The collection will be taken up in this Diocese on the weekend of **July 2/3** next.

I am aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention.

Through this collection we have the opportunity of supporting the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

I commend the 2016 Appeal to you and your parishioners.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat

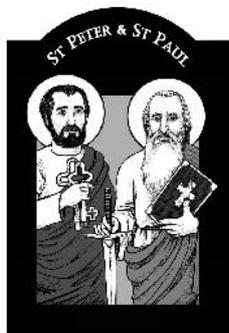
The **Diocesan Liturgical Commission** will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on Funeral Ministry, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the sacramental program, "Let the Children Come" - July 24 at Birchip Parish, August 7 at Ararat Parish and August 21 at Hamilton Parish. 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> >.

GOSPEL REFLECTION Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we

live out our discipleship. Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS



St Peter and St Paul (Feast Day 29th June) were two great leaders of the early church. Peter was a fisherman whose original name was Simon. Jesus called him and his brother Andrew to be "fishers of men". St Peter was the leader of the apostles, selected by Jesus to be "the rock" upon which the early church was built. The Gospel according to Mark is believed to be based on Peter's teachings. St Paul was origi-