

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
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16th Sunday in Ordinary time

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17th July 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

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Intentions:

Wednesday: Charlie Taverna

Recent Deaths: We Commend to God

Anniversaries: We remember Jack Meehan, Ian Smyth, Margaret Williamson, Sam Marsolino, Jack Phyland, Frank Mangiamelli, Kathleen Livingston, Charlie Taverna, Bernard Foott, Patrick Hogan,

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 book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.' *The Word of the Lord*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the

innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING from St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

READINGS NEXT WEEK 24th July 2016

Gen 18:20-32 ; Col 2:12-14 ; Lk 11:1-13

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 731.15
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,439.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 1,545.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 856.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 63.85
		\$ 3,903.85

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 24th July 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Kerry & John Hoare

10.30am. Dorothy Bishop, Damien Kelly,

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Josh Klabbers, Mary Kennedy, Kerry Hoare, Kath Hogan

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

Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Josie Renda.

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am St Mary's School

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Howison Family

10.30am Zambelli Family

Counters Dorothy Bishop. Helen Dean.

GOSPEL REFLECTION Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS



Welcome to visitors to the Parish this weekend for the Italian Festa.

You are all invited to join in the festivities at the Italian Social Club today from 12 noon onwards. There will be BBQ lunch, music, raffle, traditional biscuits and cannoli

TOOLEYBUC PASTA & WINE TASTING LUNCHEON
Sunday 31st July from 12.00 Noon Adults \$15.00 Family \$40.00. All Welcome

St Mary's Church Hamilton 150th Anniversary All are invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Mary's Church Hamilton on the weekend on August 13 & 14, 2016. A celebration dinner will be held on Saturday, August 13 and Mass will be held on Sunday, August 14 at 10.30am. A complimentary lunch will follow the blessing of a commemorative stone. History tours and displays will also be a feature on the weekend. Dinner bookings can be made at the Parish Office, ph. 5571 1161. For enquiries contact Anne Slattery, ph. 5570 8210 or 0418 370 539.

Exclusion and Embrace: Disability, Justice and Spirituality Conference This multi-faith Australasian Conference will be of interest to people with disabilities, parents, carers, academics, staff and volunteers. We will draw on personal stories and the wisdom and knowledge of all faiths, and will deepen our understanding of the many aspects of disability and spirituality. August 21-23, 2016 in Melbourne. See brochure at back of church.

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

Service without spirituality is exhausting and hopeless. But . . . spirituality without service is barren and selfish!
Joanna Weaver,

