

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: **Tuesday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
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17th Sunday in Ordinary time

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24th 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** Nyah West **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Wednesday: 10.30 am Funeral Antonio Carpinteri

Thursday: 10.00 am

Friday: 12.00 Noon

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Recently Deceased

 We commend to God **Antonio Carpinteri**

Anniversaries: We remember Leonardo Caccaviello, Gavin Polinelli, Geoff Balsarini, Nell Frazer, May Lewis, Grace Scalora, Kathleen Phyland, Adrianna Klabbers, Jim Curran, Sheila, Dorothy & Kath O'Bryan, Michael Tuohy,

Prayers for the Sick: Donna Murchie, Rita Tuohy, Margaret Sinclair, Monica Nolen, Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Jarrod Crimmins, Lourdes Stanislaus {Fr. Neville's mother}

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

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v.3

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING

 from St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 31st July 2016

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23 ; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) \$ 1,629.60
(Support of Priests & Bishop)

Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 579.00
(Support of the Parish)	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 20.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 317.50
		<u>\$ 916.50</u>

Festa Del Madonna Del Monte Carmelo:	
Amount pinned to statue	\$ 3,371.70
Less Expenses	<u>\$ 1,054.00</u>
Net amount given to St Mary's Parish	\$ 2,317.70

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 31st July 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Marilyn Foley, Rene Devereux

10.30am. Ken Smith, Lorraine Hogan

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Ursula Phyland, Josh Klabbers, Michelle Haeusler, Marilyn Foley

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

Music: **Vigil:** Felicity & Greg Lane

10.30am The Choir & Alison Wright

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Kennedy Family

10.30am Ken & Glenys Smith

Counters Helen Hogan & Helen McKerrow

GOSPEL REFLECTION: People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness. So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate



Congratulations and God's Blessing to Jim and Elaine Elliott who celebrate their diamond (60 years) wedding anniversary this weekend

TOOLEYBUC PASTA & WINE TASTING LUNCHEON at the Tooleybuc Football Club rooms **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.

No one is secondary. No one is more important in the Church. We are all equal in God's eyes. Some of you might say, "Look, Mr Pope. You aren't the same as us." Yes, I am like each one of you. We are all equal, we are brothers and sisters. No one is anonymous. We all form and build up the Church.'
Pope Francis, June 26, 2013

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