

# ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

**Priest:** Fr. Marcello Colasante PP

**Parish Secretary:** Glenda Klabbers

**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



17th Sunday in Ordinary time

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31st 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:

Tuesday: 5.30 pm

Wednesday: 10.30 am

Thursday: 10.00 am

Friday: 12.00 Noon

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass Intentions

Tuesday: Michael Tuohy

**Anniversaries:** We remember Concetta Castelli, Victoria & Rosario Columbro. Geoff Balsarini. Gavin Polinelli,

**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 unless otherwise advised.**

## FIRST READING from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

## SECOND READING from St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that

are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

## 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**

**Cuppa after Mass NEXT Sunday**

**READINGS NEXT WEEK 7th August 2016**

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

**STATE OF THE NATION**

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>	<b>\$ 879.70</b>
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	
Envelopes	\$ 2,214.00
Credit Card	\$ 0.00
Direct Debit	\$ 130.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$ 133.30</u>
	<b>\$ 2,477.30</b>

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

Thank-You!

**MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 7th August 2016**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil:** Teresa McRae, Helen Hogan

**10.30am.** Kate Quinn, Ginny Gook.

**Ministers of Communion:**

**Vigil:** Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae, Dick & Rene Devereaux.

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

**Music:** **Vigil:** Brenda Grace  
**10.30am** St Mary's School

**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil:** Helen Lewis, Margaret Magee,

**10.30am** Bernice Murray & Bill Croft.

**Counters** Chris & Margaret Hoare

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which he answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen. *Fr Michael Tate*



**TOOLEYBUC PASTA & WINE TASTING LUNCHEON** at the Tooleybuc Football Club rooms **TODAY Sunday 31st July from 12.00 Noon** Adults **\$15.00** Family **\$40.00**. **All Welcome**

**Divine Mercy** Devotion this Monday 1.45pm –3.00pm.

**CWL** meeting in Parish Function Centre , Tuesday 2nd August at 1.30pm. New members welcome. Check our website for more information, [www.cwlvicww.org](http://www.cwlvicww.org)

**More than a Cuppa** next Monday 8th August 1.30 pm

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** Monday 8th August at 7.00pm in the Parish Function Centre, for parents of children being baptised in August, September, October.

**Looking Forward 2016** - Swan Hill Parish meeting at **7.00pm Thursday 11 August** at St Mary's Parish Function Centre. As part of the continuing *Looking Forward* pastoral planning process, Fr Justin Driscoll, Vicar-General, and Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant, will facilitate a meeting with the parishioners of Swan Hill Parish. Many parishioners participated actively in the previous *Looking Forward* Gatherings in 2014 and 2015, to which multiple parishes were invited. This next meeting will have a more specific and local focus. All parishioners from Swan Hill and its church communities are 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.