

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
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20th Sunday in Ordinary time

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14th August 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:

Monday: 12.00 Noon Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on which the church places significant importance

Wednesday: 10.00 am Alcheringa Anointing of Sick & Elderly
2.00 pm

Thursday: 10.00 am Funeral: Bill Woodhouse

Friday: 11.00 am
1.00 pm Funeral: Daniel McMahon (Liturgy)

Intentions:

Friday: Rosa Milazzo Anniversary

Recent Deaths: We commend to God Bill Woodhouse, Fr Brendan Davey, Daniel McMahon.

Anniversaries: We remember Bernard Nolen, Eileen Siepolt, Timothy McMahon, Concetta Mangiamelli, Albert Livingston, Grace Dean, Eileen Siepolt, Antonio Miceli, John Linehan, Rosa Milazzo

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 prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king, 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.' *The Word of the Lord*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!

Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of

us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful-ness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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 **NEXT** Sunday 21st August and Sunday 28th August the children of the Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the 10.30 am Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK 21st August 2016

Is 66:18-21 ; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 ; Lk 13:22-30

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) (Support of Priests & Bishop)	\$ 979.80
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) (Support of the Parish)	
Envelopes	\$ 1,110.00
Credit Card	\$ 945.00
Direct Debit	\$ 531.00
Loose Plate	\$ 142.85
	\$ 2,728.85

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 21st August 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Jo & Jaidyn Taverna

10.30am. First Eucharist

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Claire Billing, Chris Hoare, Gladys Bryent, Lyn Stutley

10.30am. Frank Fogarty, Connie Alderuccio, Rona Bookham,

Elma Balsarini, Ken Smith, Jocelyn Ingram

Music Ministry: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am: St Mary's School Yr 4 Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Valma Barry , Nola Grant

10.30am First Eucharist

Counters Jocelyn Ingram , Yvonne Richardson

Fr Shane Mackinlay's Silver Jubilee Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 6 September this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 September, at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome .

Bombs, blasphemy and religion in Pakistan" Presentation

Presentation by Fr Robert McCulloch on Friday, August 19, 2016 at Nazareth House, Ballarat. Mass at 6.00pm in the Chapel. Presentation at 7.00pm in the Hall, followed by supper. For further information contact Carmel Kavanagh, ph. 0401 175045 or 03 5332 2103 or email annekav123@yahoo.co.uk

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.

Josephite Associates and other interested "knitters" are

invited to meet at Alcheringa this Tuesday 16th August at 9.30 am. Bring your knitting or a darning needle.



Stewardship Program: Weekly Envelope Sets for the following year beginning 3rd/4th September are available for collection as you enter the church.

Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Sets will be included with Giving Statements which will be generated next month.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

LIVING GOSPEL

Speaking a hard message

Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.