

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



24th Sunday in Ordinary time

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11th September 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:

Tuesday: 5.30 pm
Wednesday: 10.00 am
2.00 pm Alcheringa Anointing of the Sick & Elderly
Thursday: 10.00 am
Friday: 12.00 Noon
11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Intentions:

Tuesday: Pierce Derham (Anniversary)
Friday: St Vincent de Paul Swan Hill Conference

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Fr. Bob Markey, Judy Shaw

Anniversaries: We remember Lorenzo & Giovanna Colombo, George Kesavan Nair. Rema O'Sullivan, Michael Considine, Vi & Tim Power.

Prayers for the Sick: Moira Higgins, 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 Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

I will rise and go to my father.

SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

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We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: Lachlan Giles son of Bill and Maria. May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community



READINGS NEXT WEEK 18th September 2016

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) (Support of Priests & Bishop)	\$ 925.60
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) (Support of the Parish)	
Envelopes	\$ 1,177.00
Credit Card	\$ 0.00
Direct Debit	\$ 50.00
Loose Plate	\$ 113.40
	\$ 1,340.40
Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: (to date)	\$ 380.00
Thank-You!	

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 18th Sept 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil Marilyn Foley, Rene Deveurex

10.30 am Dorothy Bishop, Damien Kelly

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil : Margaret Hoare, Bev McCartney, Helen Lewis, Cathy Page

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

Music Ministry: Vigil Joe Taverna

10.30am Ken Smith & Alison Wright

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil Catherine Howison & Family

10.30am Scott & Carolyn Zambelli

Counters: Patsy McDonald, Kerry McCosh

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$2002.50 to this collection, which raised nearly \$54,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$385.00 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund"..



A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

This Monday **Over 60's** meet at 1.30pm in the parish centre.

Afternoon Tea for Motor Neuron Disease on Friday 23rd September in the Parish Function Centre from 2.00pm. Guest speaker will be Eric Kelly, regional advisor for MND for this area.

CWL raised \$611.20 at their Fathers Day Stall with Claire Betts winning the hamper. Thank you to all for your support.

Anima Education, "Mary in the Bible" The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga Inc. and Anima Women's Network will sponsor an Anima Education course, "Mary in the Bible" on the weekend of September 23-25, 2016 in Ballarat.



Child Protection Sunda The images of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our entire community and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church. That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to appropriately respond to the victim's needs.

Yet the Catholic Church is in unique position to offer much within this focus of creating stronger communities, safer Children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, in which families and consequently communities are encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient. Stronger families and Church communities can then help to keep our children safe.

As the Royal Commission begins to finalise hearings and close registration for private sessions, Child Protection Week, and in particular Child Protection Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities; at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies

A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer children



Gracious God you said let the children come to me.

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Often trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs. Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

We ask you God to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children both flourish and are safe.

Amen

Beyond the Year of Mercy A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5331 2933

Stewardship Program: Annual Statements of Giving for the 12 months 6th September 2015 to 31st August 2016 are available for collection in the foyer of the church.