

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

Priest: Fr. Marcello Colasante PP

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary time

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18th 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: **8.30 am** Lake Boga **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Weekly Prayer Opportunities.

Fri: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Prayer of the Church

Fr Marcello will be away on annual leave from this Monday 19th September until the 15th October .

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Margaret Sinclair

Anniversaries: We remember Pierce Derham, Vince Bonano, Jack Cleary, John Nolen, Martin Raco, Mary O'Loughlin, Chris Pupillo, John Ellis, Dot Ryan, Mavis Nolan, Rocco Pachi, Margaret Thomas, Mary Cleary, Vi & Tim Power.

Prayers for the Sick: Moira Higgins, Rita Tuohey, 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 prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 112:1-2, 4-8, R. see vv.1, 7

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. Alleluia!

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

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SECOND READING from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and

will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. 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

READINGS NEXT WEEK 25th September 2016

Amos 6:1. 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$ 781.85
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes \$ 5,063.50
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card \$ 1,405.00
	Direct Debit \$ 471.00
	Loose Plate \$ 88.30
	\$ 7,027.80
Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: (to date)	\$ 1,122.00
	Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 25th Sept 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil Kerry Hoare, John Hoare.

10.30 am Kate Quin, Ginny Gook

Ministers of Communion:

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

10.30 am Sam Colombo, Robert Jager, Margaret Foott, Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Josie Renda.

Music Ministry:

Vigil Joe Taverna

10.30am Bernice Murray and Alison Wright

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil Bev McCartney, Claire Billing.

10.30am Jim & Helen Meehan

Counters: Pat & Cathy Livingston

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

\$1,122.00 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



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Kylie White and Vehi Hehea on their wedding at St Mary's on Saturday



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.

Praise and Worship Evening Friday 30th September at 7.00 pm. All welcome. Ladies a plate please. Further details contact Leona Grant on 0417968902.

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.

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

Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held March 26 - 31, 2017. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon (*money*).

