

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

Priest: Fr. Marcello Colasante PP

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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



27th Sunday in Ordinary time

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2nd October 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: **7.00 pm (A.E.D.T)** Swan Hill **PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME**
Sunday: **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Weekday Prayer Opportunities.

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

This Sunday we welcome Fr Sajan Matthew to the Parish and thank him for filling in whilst Fr Marcello is away.

Anniversaries: We remember Peter Fosdick, John Barbuto, Shaun Mangiamelli, Patricia Livingston, Emily Sutton, Ada and Gordon Dwyer, Edith Jordan, Frank Capone, Marcelle Mason, Sheila Mullins, Immacolata & Roy Marsilino, Dick Balsarini, Margaret McLoughlan

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 Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING from the 2nd letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of

witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Pt 1:25

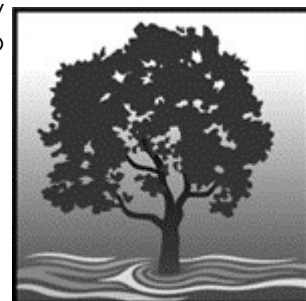
Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord



READINGS NEXT WEEK 9th October 2016

2 Kgs 5:14-17 ; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	\$ 706.45
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	
Envelopes	\$ 1,089.00
Credit Card	\$ 0.00
Direct Debit	\$ 0.00
Loose Plate	\$ 60.05
	\$ 1,149.05

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 9th Oct 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil Michelle Haeusler, Barb Patterson.

10.30 am Frank Fogarty, Raelene O'Halloran

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil : Ursula Phyland, Josh Klabbbers, Michelle Haeusler, Marilyn Foley.

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

Music Ministry:

Vigil Joe Taverna

10.30am Bernice Murray and Brenda Grace

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil Kennedy Family

10.30am Robertson Family

Counters: Dorothy Bishop, Helen Dean

CUPPA AFTER MASS TODAY SUNDAY

Day light saving commences this week Saturday night Vigil Mass from next week on will be at 7.00pm

Divine Mercy Monday 3rd October 1.45pm 3.00pm

CWL Meet Tuesday 4th October at 1.30pm. Do you know what the CWL is all about, why not check out their website for more information www.cwlvicww.org. We are always looking for new members, especially as our current members are aging, average age is 80 and we would love to be able to continue the work we do. So why not check out the website or come along to the meeting and find out what we do. All welcome.

Rosary in the Park THIS Saturday 10.00am at the Rotunda. All welcome, BYO chair.

Over 60's meet next Monday 10th October at 1.30pm

Baptism Preparation next Monday 10th October at 7.00 pm in the Parish Function Centre.

Josephite Associates will hold a **KNITTING DAY** on Monday 17th October at 10.00 am in the parish centre. Lunch provided, raffles. All welcome.

October 9th-15th is national MENTAL HEALTH WEEK! In Swan Hill we are celebrating and promoting this very important week by participating in a community walk to raise awareness.

If you would like to participate, meet at the town hall on Friday 15th October at 11:20 for an 11:30 start. We will walk around the block finishing back at the town hall for a BBQ. If you have any questions, please contact Danni Slattery at Swan Hill Mental Health during business hours on 5036 1900.

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 email info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called 'good works' are no more than our duty and don't deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as 'formed from the dust of the earth, . . . a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory' (St John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty.

We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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 focus

Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.