

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



28th Sunday in Ordinary time

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9th 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 Bill Melican to the Parish and thank him for filling in whilst Fr Marcello is away.

Anniversaries: We remember Antonietta Giampoala, Ron Nolan, Joy Noble, Lee Power, Des Holmes, Ellen Real, Lila Proctor, Mary Morton, Eveline, Bernard & William Wilkinson.

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 second book of the Kings

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to

bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.' *The Gospel of the Lord*

READINGS NEXT WEEK 16th October 2016

Ex 17:8-13 ; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 ; Lk 18:1-8

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) \$ 838.85
(Support of Priests & Bishop)

Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 3,828.00
(Support of the Parish)	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 0.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 64.35
		\$ 3,892.35

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 16th Oct 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil Jo Taverna, Jaidyn Taverna
10.30 am Doreen Greenham, Bernice Murray.

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil : Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae,
Dick & Rene Devereux.
10.30 am Sam Colombo, Robert Jager, Margaret Foott,
Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Josie Renda.

Music Ministry:

Vigil Joe Taverna
10.30am Brian Wood

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil Helen Lewis, Margaret Magee
10.30am Jim & Rona Bookham
Counters: Gavin & Teresa O'Brien.

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

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

Thank you to all who attended or gave a donation for our **Motor Neurone Disease Afternoon tea**. An amount of \$3,400.00 will be sent to the society to help with their Equipment Library for people who are suffering the disease at this time. Raffle winners were: Joy Guddrrah, Maxine Harrison, Charlene Hovendon and Brian Walton.

Josephite Associates will hold a **KNITTING DAY** next 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 14th 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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10.30am.

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 Fr Michael Tate

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you *salvation*.'


So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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



Have you thought?
On the Borders

When Jesus encounters the ten men, he is travelling along the border between Galilee and Samaria. The level of distrust between the Jews of Galilee and the Samaritans were deep and abiding. The land that lay between the two countries was sparsely populated and mostly barren. That Jesus should encounter the men in this environment is not surprising for these men literally and metaphorically were at the border of society. Not welcome in any town, the men roamed the very edges of society. They lived their whole lives on the borderline - welcome nowhere and belonging nowhere.