

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



30th Sunday in Ordinary time

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23rd 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** Swan Hill

Sunday: **8.30 am** Lake Boga **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Tuesday: 12.00 Noon

Wednesday: 10.00 am

Thursday: 10.00 am

Friday: 12.00 Noon
11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Intentions:

Tuesday: Catholic Women's League

Wednesday: Antonio & Antonietta Di Nicola, Domenico & Chiara Di Nicola

Thursday: Leo Phyland **Friday:** Mandy Pearce Lovell

Anniversaries: We remember Michael Garahy, Mary Dobelli, Mary Dawes, Reg Dacey, John Betts, Rosa Mazzarella Mary Clancy, Antonio & Antonia Costa, Denis & Kevin Conheady, George Kesavan Noir, Michael O'Connor.

Prayers for the Sick: Moira Higgins, Rita Tuohey, Monica Nolen, Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Jarrod Crimmins. Sr Cheryl Bourke (PBVM) Mandy Pearce Lovell.

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 Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and

not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be 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!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' *The Gospel of the Lord*

READINGS NEXT WEEK 30th October 2016

Wis 11:22 – 12:2 ; 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2 ; Lk 19:1-10

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$ 855.45
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	\$ 1,911.20
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	
Envelopes	\$ 1,911.20
Credit Card	\$ 0.00
Direct Debit	\$ 50.00
Loose Plate	\$ 46.25
	\$ 2,007.45

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 30th Oct 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil Margaret Hoare, Mary Nolan.

10.30 am Jordan Wong, Elizabeth Milazzo.

Ministers of Communion:

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

10.30 am Dorothy Bishop, Raelene O'Halloran, Damien

Kelly, Brenda Ford, Jim Meehan.

Music Ministry:

Vigil Joe Taverna

10.30am Bernice Murray, Alison Wright.

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil Valma Barry, Nola Grant.

10.30am Scott & Carolyn Zambelli.

Counters: Chris & Margaret Hoare.

We welcome Fr Linh Tran from Grovedale who is celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

CWL AGM will be on Tuesday 25th October , beginning with Rosary at 11.30 am, Mass at 12.00 noon, followed by a luncheon. The AGM will be at 1.30 pm. Interested in finding out about the working of the CWL, come along All welcome.

Do you want the CUPPA AFTER MASS on the 1st Sunday of each month to continue? To be able to continue we are looking for a new co-ordinator and more helpers as a number of ladies due to ageing and illness are unable to continue. Can you help? If so please contact Kath Lawry on 5032 2487

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

Palms Australia - Volunteers. Volunteers are needed in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Samoa and other locations. Teachers, Hairdressers, Plumbers, Builders, Medical Practitioners and more are needed. More info: www.palms.org.au/volunteer/postitions/ or email palms@palms.org.au

2016 National Church Life Survey. Our parish will be amongst thousands of churches that complete the 2016 National Church Life Survey (NCLS) in November this year.

The purpose of the NCLS is to help churches to be more vital and effective. Through the survey our churchgoers will be able to give their thoughts, opinions and experiences of church life.

The survey provides valuable feedback that enables leaders at local, regional and national levels to evaluate and plan for the future.

After 25 years of experience you can be assured that this Christian mission research with proven academic credibility will lead to practical application in churches. Our church's contribution will form an important part of the national snapshot of the whole Australian Church.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying:

'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Through its partnership with Mercy Works, Catholic Mission supports community leaders like Steven Dude in Papua New Guinea to engage with their communities and be instrument of peace, so they can find consolation, understanding and love, and heal the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships.



By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you are helping community leaders in Papua New Guinea receive training so they can advocate for their communities and allow them to find peace through mercy.

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