

# ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

**Priest:** Fr. Marcello Colasante PP

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**Parish Council Chair:** Michelle Haeusler

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**Parish Office:** Tuesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm  
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary time

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6th November 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: 10.30 am Swan Hill

## Mass this Week:

Monday: 10.30 am Funeral Liturgy Phyllis Taylor  
Tuesday: 5.30 pm  
Wednesday: 10.00 am  
2.00 pm Alcheringa Anointing of the Sick  
Thursday: 10.00 am  
Friday: 12.00 Noon  
11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Recent Deaths: We commend to God** Phyllis Taylor, Sr Rita Hayes RSM

**Anniversaries: We remember** Dick Livingston, John Hayes, Cliff Hinton, Joe Wilkins, Bernie Conway, Bernie Maher, Robert Isgro, Phillip Clarke, Elsie Wright, Norah Hogan, Thomas Meehan, Francis Walsh, Cecil Learmonth, Michele Costa.

**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, Eileen Watson

**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 Maccabees

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.  
Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips.

I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O

God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

## SECOND READING from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

**READINGS NEXT WEEK 13th Nov 2016**

Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thes 3:7-12 ; Lk 21:5-19

**STATE OF THE NATION**

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>	<b>\$ 756.55</b>
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 1,359.00</b>
<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Direct Debit</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 138.60</b>
	<b>\$ 1,587.60</b>

Thank-You!

**MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 13th Nov 2016**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil** Marilyn Foley, Rene Deveurex

**10.30 am** Dorothy Bishop, Damien Kelly

**Ministers of Communion:**

**Vigil :** Ursula Phyland, Josh Klabbers, Michelle Haeusler, Marilyn Foley

**10.30 am** Frank Fogarty, Connie Alderuccio, Rona Bookham, Elam Balsarini, Jocelyn Ingram

**Music Ministry:**

**Vigil** Joe Taverna

**10.30am** Ken Smith & Brenda Grace

**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil** Kerry Hoare & Family

**10.30am** Bernice Murray & Bill Croft

**Counters:** Elva Carty, Geraldine Murdoch

**Divine Mercy** this Monday 1.45 pm.

**Rosary in the Park** this Saturday 12th November, 10.00 am at the rotunda. BYO chair. All welcome.

**Over 60's** meet next Monday 14th November at 1.30pm.

**Music Trivia Night**, 17th Nov , 6.30 pm-10.30 pm, Heritage room , Commercial Hotel. Cost \$30.00, includes meal,. In support of Swan Hill Chaplaincy Support Group. Tickets available from Clarkes Gifts, Swan Hill College, Steve's Fish Shop, or ph Hayden Price on 0433260831

**St Vincent De Paul** are in need of volunteers, both men and women. Can you spare a few hours a week?. Contact John Farrell or Michael Grace.

**A challenge from Laudato Si:** On care for our common home. (Pope Francis, 2015): Laudato Si reminds us that each one of us has a distinctive gift to offer our world and we each have a part to play. "All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents" (LS 14). To achieve this belief, we must first recognize that there is a deep interconnection between all created things. ACTION: Use fewer paper and plastic products - use a re-usable water bottle, use cloth bags for shopping.

**ACBC Statement** in support of offshore detainees "It's time to bring them here" statement in support of offshore detainees by Archbishop Denis Hart, President Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at back of church or from diocesan website

**140years Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham** Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham celebrates 140 years this year. Mass to celebrate this event is on Sunday, November 20 at Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham at 10.30am, the Feast of Christ the King. After Mass, all are welcome to a parish dinner at the Coughlin Park Centre at 12.00noon, with a game of bowls and activities for the children to follow. Please contact the Parish office, ph. (03) 5382 1155 to book or for further information .

**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 NEXT 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

**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:** Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing. At an interview at the Royal Ballet School which was going badly, he was asked: 'What do you feel when you're dancing?'

'I've got fire in my body.' And he got the scholarship because the panel realised that when Billy danced, he became 'fully alive': bodymindspirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing. That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our bodymindspirit.

The Sadducees' small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.

We could take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.

Fr Michael Tate