

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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CHRIST THE KING

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20th 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: 8.30 am Lake Boga 10.30 am Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Tuesday: 5.30 pm
Wednesday: 10.00 am
Thursday: 10.00 am
Friday: 12.00 Noon
11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Intentions:

Tuesday: Mary Longhran Anniversary
Wednesday: Sr Rita Hayes RSM -RIP John Hayes Anniversary
Thursday: Phyllis Taylor RIP
Friday: Francis Walsh Anniversary

Recent Deaths: We commend to God Peter Craig

Anniversaries: We remember Brian Templeton, Hilda Stutley, Emilio Tuntar, Bernie Curran, Nella Mangiamelli, Dean Phyland, Barry Power, Neville Hogan, Mary O'Connor, Anne & James Derham, John Bell, Michael Fogarty, John & Patrick Real.

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 Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven

and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.' *The Gospel of the Lord*

READINGS NEXT WEEK 27th Nov 2016

Is 2:1-5 ; Rom 13:11-14 ; Mt 24:37-44

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	\$ 796.50
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	
Envelopes	\$ 974.00
Credit Card	\$ 1,005.00
Direct Debit	\$ 451.00
Loose Plate	\$ 66.75
	\$ 2,496.75

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 27th Nov 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil Teresa McRae, Helen Hogan

10.30 am St Mary's School

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil : Margaret Hoare, Bev McCartney, Helen Lewis, Cathy Page.

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

Music Ministry:

Vigil Joe Taverna

10.30am St Mary's School

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil Josh & Glenda Klabbers

10.30am St Mary's School

Counters: Ken Smith, Peter Coady.

Majellan Christmas Cards, \$6.50 a set of 10, available from the Parish Office Tuesdays or Fridays, 10.30am to 1.30pm. Also Columban Calendars for \$10.00

Baptism Preparation. The last program for this year will be held on Monday 5th December at 7pm. Parents of children being baptised in December, January or February should attend.

St Vincent De Paul are in need of volunteers, both men and women. Can you spare a few hours a week?. Contact the St Vincent de Paul shop between 10.00am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday.

2017 Josephite Calendars are now available. Cost \$8.00. Contact Helen Dean or Barbara Patterson.

Carols by Candlelight: An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to be part of the choir for this Annual Event in Riverside Park. Choir Practices have been arranged as follows:

- Monday 21st November 7.00—8.30 pm
- Monday 28th November 7.00—8.30 pm
- Sunday 4th December 2.00—3.30 pm
- Monday 5th December 7.00—8.30 pm

Where: Grain Shed Church of Christ 2 King St
Expressions of interest can be made to Tanya Forrest at tjforrest@hotmail.com

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: by Dianne Bergant CSS

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

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