

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



2nd Sunday of Advent

4th December 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:

Wednesday: 10.00 am
Thursday: 2.00 pm Anointing of the Sick & Elderly
Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00 noon

Intentions:

Wednesday: James & Annie Derham Anniversary
Michael Fogarty Anniversary

Anniversaries: We remember Joan Brennan, Craig Power, Gwenda Phelan, Vince Pellegrino, Connie Taverna, Bernie O'Bree, Alice Taylor, Michael Farrell, Abbe & Bronte Foott, Glenys Power, Mary Elliott, Michael Fogarty, James Derham.

Prayers for the Sick: Moira Higgins, Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Patricia Mikes, Jarrod Crimmins, Sr Cheryl Bourke PBVM, Mandy Pearce Lovell, Eileen Watson, Rebbecka Sandemen.

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 Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v.7

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and

save the lives of the poor.

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 11th Dec 2016

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$	856.20
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>			
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$	1,096.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>			
	Credit Card	\$	0.00
	Direct Debit	\$	180.00
	Loose Plate	\$	76.15
		\$	1,352.15

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 11th December 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil Jo Taverna, Jaidyn Taverna

10.30 am Frank Fogarty, Raelene Richardson.

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil : Josh Klabbers, Mary Kennedy, Kerry Hoare, Kath Hogan.

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

Music Ministry:

Vigil Joe Taverna

10.30am John Farrell

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Howison Family

10.30am: Margaret Learmonth, Helen Tuntar.

Counters: Patsy McDonald, Kerry McCosh.

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: Tynan Perry son of Jason and Barbara and Prue and Cruz O'Sullivan, family of Ryan and Jemma. May they grow in faith in their loving family and our Catholic Community

Columban Calendars 2017 for \$10.00, available from the Parish Office Tuesdays or Fridays, 10.30am to 1.30pm.

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

Divine Mercy Devotions Monday 5th December from 1.45pm

CWL meet this Tuesday 6th December at 1.30pm. Interested in becoming a member, check our website for more information www.cwlvicww.org

Mass of anointing of the Sick and Elderly this thursday 8th December at 2.00 pm followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Function Centre. A plate to share will be appreciated.

Rosary in the Park Saturday 10th December will be held at Joe & Teresa Taverna's, 109 Werril St, 10.00 am, BYO chair . All welcome

Making a Scene at Christmas A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in Robinvale on December 7, Mildura from December 8-11, St Arnaud on December 12 and St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from December 15 -18.

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:

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 , Swan Hill

DAILY RANDOM ACTS OF CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

- * Tell silly jokes to make someone laugh.
- * Make a hug coupon for someone.
- * Donate food to St Vinnies food pantry.
- * Let someone go ahead of you in line.
- * Take coffee to a friend or a colleague .



Communal Celebration of Reconciliation Thursday 15th December 7.00 pm

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE: Saturday 24th Dec	Swan Hill	6.00 pm
	Nyah West	8.00 pm
	Swan Hill	10.00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: Sunday 25th Dec Swan Hill 9.00 am

Finance Committee meeting this Thursday 8th Dec at 5.00pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION: by Fr Michael Tate

John proclaimed that the reign of God was 'at hand' as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the 'at hand' person who would inaugurate God's kingdom.

In this passage, John does not identify the 'Someone'! But he realised that this 'Someone' would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should be like John's disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the coming towards us ('Advent' in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power.

ADVENT

- A:** Awaiting the Coming of Christ
- D:** Dawn of a new beginning
- V:** Virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son – Emmanuel
- E:** Emmanuel-a name which means "God with Us"
- N:** Nativity-the day Christ was born
- T:** Temple - the place where Jesus worshiped.

CUPPA AFTER MASS TODAY ALL WELCOME