

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

Parish Priest: Fr. Marcello Colasante PP
Parish Secretary: Glenda Klabbers
Parish Council Chair: Michelle Haeusler
Parish Safeguarding Officers: Karen & Damian Kelly
St Mary's School Principal: Greg Lane
St Mary MacKillop Principal: Michelle Haeusler
Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th February 2017

Presbytery: 62 Splatt Street Swan Hill 3585
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 The Parish of Swan Hill comprises the faith Communities of:
 St Marys Swan Hill,
 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
 2.00 pm Alcheringa Anointing of the Sick
 Thursday: 10.00 am
 Friday: 9.00 am St Mary's Primary School
 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 1.30 pm Funeral (Liturgy) Shane McMahon

Intentions:

Friday: St Mary's Primary School Community particularly Families beginning their journey of Catholic Education .

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Shane McMahon

Anniversaries: We remember Hugh Lane, Blessing Ugbejie, Natale Pino, Allan & Alvie Coburn, Frank Lonergan, Kaylene Hanns, Joan Charles, Peter Kennedy, John Bernard Bell, Bridie & Con Hogan. Francesco & Concetta Marotta,

Prayers for the Sick: Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Jarrod Crimmins, Rebbecka Sandemen, Rosa Santos, Margaret Stewart.

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

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon. The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

A light rises in the darkness for the upright. Alleluia!

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory.

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SECOND READING from a letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the

power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God. *The Word of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.' *The Gospel of the Lord*

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Farewell to Fr Marcello. Sunday 19th is Fr. Marcello's last day with us. We will be having a leaving collection for Father at both Masses next Sunday. On Sunday the 19th there will be a cuppa after the 10.30 am Mass. Ladies please bring a plate. For more information please contact Glenda at the parish office on 50324144 Tuesday or Friday during office hours or on 50323557

CUPPA AFTER MASS TODAY SUNDAY

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 12th February 2017

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Michelle Haeusler, Barb Patterson.

10.30 am Yvonne Richardson, Josie Cacciavello

Ministers of Communion:

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

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

Music Ministry:

Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30 am Bernice Murray & Brenda Grace

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Howison Family

10.30 am Ken & Glenys Smith

Counters: Ken Smith, Peter Coady

READINGS NEXT WEEK 12th February

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 822.55
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,249.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 60.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 76.20
		\$ 1,385.20

Thank-You!

PARISH APPOINTMENT

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has appointed **Fr. Matthew Thomas** Parish Priest of **St Mary's Swan Hill** with effect from **25th February 2017**. Priests have been invited to apply for the position of Parish Priest of **Camperdown**

LENTEN PROGRAM: Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st and Easter is 16th April.

Group A-commences on Tuesday 28th February at 1.30pm in the small meeting room, parish function centre. Contact Margaret Derham on 50324229 or Mary Livingston on 50324286.

Group B-commences Wednesday 1st March at 10.30am at Jocelyn Ingram's, 23 Everingham St. Contact Jocelyn on 50322698 or Yvonne Richardson on 50322678.
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Divine Mercy Devotion meet this Monday, 6th February at 1.45pm - 3.00pm.

CWL meeting in Parish meeting room at 1.30pm this Tuesday 7th February. New members welcome. For more information go to our web site www.cwlvicww.org.

Rosary in the park this Saturday, 11th February at 10.00am at the Rotunda. BYO chair.

Over 60's More than a cuppa meet next Monday 13th February at 1.30pm in the Parish function centre.

Ash Wednesday March 1st

Rite of Election March 4th 12.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral

Mass of the Oils April 10th, St Patrick's Cathedral

Easter Sunday April 16th

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 in Tasmania. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griefftograce.org <http://www.griefftograce.org>
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GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.



In nature, light gives colour, radiance and life. Jesus calls his disciples 'the light of the world'. As his followers, it is also our role to enlighten the world - to inspire it with passion, joy and a sense of hope.



Have YOU thought?

Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples - and us - to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light for the world.