

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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St Mary's School Principal: Gregory Lane
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Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th February 2017

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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:

Tuesday: 5.30 pm
Thursday: 10.00 am
Friday: 12.15 pm
11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Intentions:

Friday: St Mary MacKillop College Beginning of the Year

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Lorraine Kiley (Carty)

Anniversaries: We remember Kath Ritchie, Lorraine Rogers, Max Proctor, Judith O'Brien, Adrien Penno, Vincenzo Iannuci, Ron Free.

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

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

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin. The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.
You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.
Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.
Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING from 1st letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of

man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Farewell to Fr Marcello. Next Sunday 19th is Fr. Marcello's Sunday day with us. A leaving collection as an expression of gratitude for the 5 years Fr. Marcello has been with us will be taken up this weekend. 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

Have you thought?
Teaching examples

Jesus cites several examples of the Law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking. When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible. This attitude had become the norm in Jesus' day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 19th February 2017

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Glenda Klabbers

10.30 am Jordan Wong, Elizabeth Milazzo

Ministers of Communion:

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

10.30 am Frank Fogarty, Connie Alderuccio, Ken Smith, Rona Bookham, Elma Balsarini, Jocelyn Ingram.

Music Ministry:

Vigil: Felicity and Greg Lane

10.30 am Brian Wood

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Bev McCartney, Claire Billing.

10.30 am Jim & Helen Meehan

Counters: Vin Dullard, Kieran Brennan.

READINGS NEXT WEEK 19th February

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18: 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-4

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 1,096.85
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 2,028.20
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 50.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 105.00
		\$ 2,183.20

Thank-You!

LENTEN PROGRAM:

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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WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Jade Mason and Kyle Symons on their wedding at St Mary's on Saturday.

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: Lachlan Kiley son of Paul and Jessie. May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community.

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

Baptism Preparation : The next Baptism Preparation meeting is Monday 20th February at 7.00 pm in the small meeting room, parish function centre.

Date Claimers: March 1st **Ash Wednesday**
 March 4th **Rite of Election**
 April 10th **Mass of the Oils**
 April 16th **Easter Sunday**



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February 3, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I write to you as we approach the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse. The hearing will be in Sydney and will begin on Monday, February 6.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for our society as a whole, this may be a distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand how and why such crimes occurred.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented to the Royal Commission will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Some of our bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to happen. They will speak about the new policies and codes of conduct that have been adopted to safeguard children.

For our diocese of Ballarat, we have provided the Royal Commission with a written account of the steps that we have taken in responding to those who have been hurt by abuse and the measures that we have put in place to promote the proper care of the children in our Church community.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to "find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated."

May the hearings in these weeks help us to understand more fully how best to care for those who have suffered and how best to ensure the safety of children now and for the future. May Jesus Christ, who brings healing and hope, be with us day by day.

Yours in Christ

Paul Bird CSSR

Bishop of Ballarat