

**ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL  
BULLETIN**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Matthew Thomas PP  
**Parish Secretary:** Glenda Klabbers  
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**Parish Safeguarding Officers:**  
 Karen & Damian Kelly  
**St Mary's School Principal:** Gregory Lane  
**St Mary MacKillop Principal:** Michelle Haeusler  
**Parish Office: Tuesday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm  
**Friday** 10.00 am — 2.00 pm



**3rd Sunday of Lent  
19th March 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: **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: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 12.00 noon Mass

**Recently Deceased: We Commend to God** Trevor Smith  
**Anniversaries: We remember** Dorothy Burgess, Jim Elliott, Rose Lawry, Peter O'Connor, Bernie Ryan, Bub O'Bree, Nina Taverna,  
**Prayers for the Sick:** Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Jarrod Crimmins, Joy Parsons, 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.*

**MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 26th March 2017**

**Ministers of the Word:**  
**Vigil:** Kerry & John Hoare  
**10.30 am** Frank Fogarty, Raelene O'Halloran.  
**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  
**10.30 am** Ken Smith & Brenda Grace

**Presentation of Gifts:**  
**Vigil:** Valma Barry, Nola Grant.  
**10.30 am** Robertson Family  
**Counters:** Dorothy Bishop, Helen Dean

**READINGS NEXT WEEK 2nd April Year A**

1st Reading : 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13  
 2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14      Gospel: John 9:1-41

**STATE OF THE NATION**

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket)		<b>\$ 910.80</b>
<i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>		
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket)	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 1135.00</b>
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
	<b>Direct Debit</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 90.90</b>
		<b>\$ 1225.90</b>
<b>Project Compassion:</b> to date		<b>\$ 555.40</b>

**Thank-You!**



**Stations of the Cross** will be held on Friday evenings at 7.00 pm during Lent. All welcome.

**Josephite Associates** will be holding a Knitting day this Thursday 23rd of March from 10.00am in the Parish Centre.  
 Lunch provided and raffles



**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:** Indi Maher, daughter of Luke and Jane. May she grow in faith in her loving family and our Catholic Community

**Date Claimers:**  
 April 10th      **Mass of the Oils**  
 April 16th      **Easter Sunday**

**A Prayer for Lent**

*Jesus, you walked among us and were moved to compassion for your people, send us your spirit of union and compassion that we may make a home in our hearts for all those in our community who have been hurt by abuse. This day, O Jesus, give us hearts that love.*

**Easter Ceremonies**

**Tuesday (11th April)**  
 Communal Rite of Reconciliation 7.00 pm  
**Holy Thursday (13th April)** 7pm St Mary's Swan Hill  
**Good Friday (14th April)**  
 Ecumenical Way of the Cross (TBC)  
 Veneration of the Cross 3pm St Mary's Swan Hill  
**Holy Saturday (15th April)**  
 7pm St Mary's Swan Hill  
**Easter Sunday (16th April)**  
 8.30 am Lake Boga  
 10.30am St Mary's Swan Hill



**FIRST READING** from the book of Exodus (Ex 17:3-7)

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING** from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

(Rom 5:1-2. 5-8)

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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**The Rise of Irish Australia - TV documentary**

Available on SBS On Demand - SBS is screening this at 5.30pm on Saturday, March 18 but after that you can see it online at [www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/programs](http://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/programs). The documentary tells the story of the impact of Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising here in Australia, featuring Archbishop Mannix and many others.

**St Joseph's College Kilmore Reunion**

All former students of St Joseph's College Kilmore are invited to attend this reunion luncheon on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 12.00noon at the Kilmore Trackside Bistro, Kilmore Racing Club, East Street, Kilmore. The Racing Club Bistro menu is quite extensive and for those who would like to look at the menu beforehand, it can be accessed online. Cost: A la carte. Drinks at bar prices. Details and RSVP: Mary-Ann Zeven, ph. 0409148536 or [ma.carnaffan@gmail.com](mailto:ma.carnaffan@gmail.com)



**Project Compassion theme "Love your neighbour"**

"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it" (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*). Taken from the Caritas Project Compassion 2017 Lent Calendar.

Like many First Australians, Uncle Richard was torn from his family and culture as a child. Forced to grow up in the State-run Kinchela Boys Home (KBH), he suffered violence and pain that haunted his adult years. Now, through Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, a Caritas Australia partner, he is reconnecting with former KBH boys in a program that restores their wellbeing and helps their families. Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.

**Living the gospel**

**Personal encounter**

The Samaritan woman's personal encounter with Jesus compels her to start spreading the good news about the amazing man she has met. She meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt. Lent is a time for each of us to again – or for the first time – seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus. Through prayer, contemplation on scripture or reflection on encountering Jesus in the face of others, we build a one to one relationship with Jesus. When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it.