

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Matthew Thomas PP
Parish Secretary: Glenda Klabbers
Parish Council Chair: Michelle Haeusler
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



**Palm Sunday
9th April 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
 Wednesday: 10.30 am Funeral Mass Marianna Ganci
 2.00 pm Alcheringa Anointing of the Sick
 Thursday: 7.00 pm
 Good Friday: 3.00 pm
Mass Intentions :

Recently Deceased: We Commend to God Marianna Ganci
Anniversaries: We remember Anna Nocera, Patrick Dalton, Tim Power, Les Wright, Tony Colombo, Patrick Phyland, Carmine & Maria Raco, Guiseppina Raudino, Carmela & Francesco Trinci.
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

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 16th April 2017
Ministers of the Word:
Vigil: Glenda Klabbers
10.30 am Elizabeth Milazzo & Dorothy Bishop
Ministers of Communion:
Vigil: Helen Lewis, Margaret Derham, Dorothy Bishop, Jash Klabbers & 3
10.30 am. Jocelyn Ingram, Elma Balsarini, Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Dorothy Bishop & 2
Music Ministry:
Vigil: Greg & Felicity Lane
10.30 am Ken Smith & Alison Wright
Presentation of Gifts:
Vigil:
10.30 am. Tuntar Family
Counters:

Rosters for Easter Ceremonies are at the back of the Church, if you can assist please put your name down.

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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.

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READINGS NEXT WEEK Easter Sunday Year A
 1st Reading : Acts 10:34. 37-43
 2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-9
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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 Good Friday Service 9.30 Grain Shed King St
 Ecumenical Way of the Cross 11.00am Grain Shed
 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

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STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 992.05
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,236.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 0.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 104.60
		\$ 1,340.60
Project Compassion: to date		\$ 1,528.35

Thank-You!



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FIRST READING from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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EASTER WATER please feel free to bring your own container and help yourself to the water of new life in the Easter font for blessing of homes people, etc, in fact anything.



DISABLED PARKING is provided in the church grounds for parishioners attending Mass . Unless you have a disabled sticker or dropping off or picking up please do not park in the presbytery/ church grounds during weekend Masses.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies A global prayer event will be held on May 5-7 for people to participate wherever they are at the time, by praying at least one rosary for an end to abortion. For more information and to register go to www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org

Over 60's meet this Monday at 1.30pm

HOLY LAND COLLECTION . The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on **Good Friday**. This collection promotes the **missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land** by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. **Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres** throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. In 2016 Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause despite economic times, and natural disasters. Please pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the "Prince of Peace."



Project Compassion theme "Love your neighbour"

"To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*). Taken from the *Caritas Project Compassion 2017 Lent Calendar*.

Like many of her neighbours in her coastal village in the Philippines, Aloma feared for her family's safety as extreme weather from Cyclone Santi battered their home and environment. But her participation in the Caritas supported Integrated Community Development Program has offered her a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure environment and a more secure future for their children.