

**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



**5th Sunday of Lent
2nd 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: 10.00 am
 Thursday: 10.00 am
 Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 12.00 noon Mass
Mass Intentions :

Anniversaries: We remember Patricia Wilkinson, Anne Clarke, Catherine Stacey, Ian McKay, Patrick Rohan, Maree Farley, Irene Learmonth, Pat Dillon, Jack Taylor, Paul Anderson, Frank Clarke, Marjorie Sullivan, James O'Brien, George Murray, Fred Lawry.
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 9th April 2017

Ministers of the Word:
 Vigil: Glenda Klabbers, Barbara Patterson
10.30 am Yvonne Richardson, Josie Caccavello
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
10.30 am The Choir and Alison Wright
Presentation of Gifts:
 Vigil: Kerry Hoare & Family.
10.30 am. Ken & Glenys Smith
Counters: Gavin & Teresa O'Brien

READINGS NEXT WEEK 9th April Year A

1st Reading : Isaiah 50:4-7
 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 737.10
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 723.50
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 0.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 79.80
		\$ 783.30
Project Compassion: to date		\$ 1,119.75

Thank-You!



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

Cuppa after Mass today Sunday

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: Zoe Templar, daughter of Matthew and Nancy, Molly Richards, daughter of Josh and Tasha and Matilda Conrad, daughter of Jason and Marina. May they grow in faith in their loving family and our Catholic Community

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

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 prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 129. R. v.7

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

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SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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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

CWL meeting this Tuesday 4th April at 1.30pm. New members welcome. For more information check out our website www.cwlvicww.org

Divine Mercy Devotions this Monday 1.45pm –3.00pm

Over 60's meet next Monday.

Rosary in the Park Saturday 8th April will be held at Joe & Teresa Taverna's 109 Werrill St, **NB change of venue** at 10.00 am. BYO chair, all welcome.

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

Living the Gospel

Death for Life

The gospel writer paints the picture that Jesus is fully conscious of the implications of his return to Judea. As the events of the Passion unfold through this gospel, the reader has a very clear impression in their mind that if Jesus had not come to Judea; had not raised Lazarus; then he would not have been arrested and crucified. The reader is also drawn into the revelation that the sacrifice of Jesus was not solely for Lazarus but rather for all humanity. This realisation leads the reader to the ultimate humbling conclusion that if the sacrifice of Jesus was for people then the reader themselves is also the recipient of that sacrifice.



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*.

The peoples Community Network, supported by Caritas Australia, is increasing the resilience of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community .