

# 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



## 4th Sunday of Lent 26th 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: **10.30 am** Swan Hill  
**Mass this Week:**  
 Tuesday: 5.30 pm  
 Wednesday: No Mass In Camperdown  
 Thursday: No Mass In Camperdown  
 Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 12.00 noon Mass  
**Mass Intentions :**  
 Friday: Vincenzo Carpinteri

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God** Kevin Donovan.  
**Anniversaries: We remember** Martin Walsh, Joe Wilkinson, Bill Kelly, Greg McKerrow, Bryant Barry, Edna Nolen, Reg O'Day, James Peter Maher, Ellie Fallon, Elma Higgins, Maryanne Foott, Vita and Maria Cataldo, Carmela Pelligrino, Vince Carpinteri.  
**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 2nd April 2017

**Ministers of the Word:**  
 Vigil: Teresa McRae , Helen Hogan  
**10.30 am** Doreen Greenham, Bernice Murray  
**Ministers of Communion:**  
 Vigil: Claire Billing, Chris Hoare, Gladys Bryent, Lyn Stutley  
**10.30 am.** Frank Fogarty, Connie Alderuccio, Rona Bookham, Elma Balsarini, Ken Smith Jocelyn Ingram.  
**Music Ministry:**  
 Vigil: Joe Taverna  
**10.30 am** John Farrell  
**Presentation of Gifts:**  
 Vigil: Shane & Julie Noonan  
**10.30 am.** Margaret Learmonth, Helen Tuntar  
**Counters:** Gavin & Teresa O'Brien

### READINGS NEXT WEEK 2nd April Year A

1st Reading : Ezekiel 37:12-14  
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11 Gospel: John 11:1-45

### STATE OF THE NATION

<b>Presbytery Account:</b> (1st Basket)		\$ 903.10
<i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>		
<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket)	<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 1084.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	<b>Credit Card</b>	\$ 0.00
	<b>Direct Debit</b>	\$ 0.00
	<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$ 117.45
		\$ 1201.45
<b>Project Compassion:</b> to date		\$ 741.75

Thank-You!



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

### Cuppa after Mass next Sunday

**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**

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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.*

### 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 first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. *The Word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22 R. v.1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

## SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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## Living the gospel

### Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.



### 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.

With limited support in Vietnam for the education and social inclusion of children with disabilities, young Nguyet lived an isolated life. Then, through a neighbour, her family became involved with a Caritas-Australia supported program offering her education, creative outlets and community interaction, and strengthening her parent's skills and support networks. Now Nguyet's mother has hope for her future.

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