

LITURGY OF THE WORD 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING from St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Q. How do you imagine Jesus' original audience might have reacted to this teaching?

Q. How might a person's faith place them in conflict with their family?

Q. What 'sacrifices' have you had to make to achieve something important in your life?

Q. What does it mean for you to 'welcome' the gospel messages of Jesus?

Q. What was your immediate reaction to hearing or reading this passage?

Q. When have you had to choose between conflicting priorities in your life?

Q. How might you 'offer a cup of water' and welcome a disciple who comes in an unlikely form?

Q. How might you discuss these 'hard teachings' of Jesus with a modern audience?

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
2nd July 2017

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The Parish of Swan Hill comprises of the faith Communities of:
St Marys Swan Hill,
St Joseph's Lake Boga

Mass Next Weekend:

Saturday	6.30 pm Vigil	Swan Hill
Sunday	10.30 am	Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Tuesday:	5.30 pm
Wed:	10.00 am LWC
Friday:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00 noon LWC

Mass Intentions:

Tuesday: Giovanni Marsili
John Ugbejie Gerolamo and
Luigi Mase



Recent Deaths: We Commend to God: Giovanni Marsili
Kevin Argius.

Anniversaries: We remember: John Ugbejie, Joan Blore, Michelle Hogan, Florence Cahill, Kevin Hogan, Iris Pye, John Jack Taylor, Louisa Aiello, Klay Stevens, Joseph Maher.

Prayers for the Sick: Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Jarrod Crimmins,

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.

CUPPA AFTER MASS TODAY SUNDAY

Youth and young adults: Pope Francis' Online Survey closes 2 July! TODAY

Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **2 July 2017. TODAY**
Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
For more information:
youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Parish Stewardship Program This year we are renewing our Stewardship Program given that it has been 3 years since the Parish renewed its Planned Giving Program.

The Program will be pre-empted by two weekends dedicated to the updating of our Parish Census.

The weekends dedicated to the Stewardship Program will be: **July 22nd/23rd; July 29th /30th and August 5th/6th and August 12th/13th.**

Italian Festa Week:

Wednesday 12th July : Mass 5.00 pm

Thursday : Mass 5.00 pm

Friday: Mass 5.00 pm

Saturday Mass 11.00am

Sunday : Mass 10.30am

11.30 am Procession with Statue of La Madonna

12.30 pm BBQ & Pasta Lunch Swan Hill Social Club

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE -WEEKEND JULY 8/9th 2017

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (29th June 2017). The collection will be taken up in this Diocese on the weekend of **July 8/9th** next weekend.

I am aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention.

Through this collection we have the opportunity of supporting the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

I commend the 2017 Appeal to you and your parishioners.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Bird CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat

ST MARY'S MINISTRIES for 9th July 2017

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Kerry & John Hoare

10.30am: Frank Fogarty, Raelene O'Halloran

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Ursula Phyland, Josh Klabbers, Michelle Haeusler, Marilyn Foley

10.30 am: Sam Colombo, Robert Jager, Margaret Foott Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Josie Renda

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Howison Family

10.30am : Ken & Glenys Smith

Music Ministry:

Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am: Brian Wood

Counters: Ken Smith, Peter Coady

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$	879.60
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	\$	1,102.20
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
Envelopes	\$	0.00
Credit Card	\$	0.00
Direct Debit	\$	0.00
Loose Plate	\$	90.15
	\$	1,197.35

Thank-You!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 9th July Year A

1st Reading : Zechariah 9:9-10

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9.11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – applications now open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY:

3rd July: Monday Divine Mercy Devotion 1.45 pm

4th July: Tuesday CWL 1.30 pm

4th July: Fr Matthew on Holidays

8th July: Saturday Rosary in the Park, 10.00 am

10th July: Monday Over 60's 1.30pm

14th July: Fr Matthew returns

16th July: Italian Festa

22/23rd July: Stewardship Renewal Program

23rd July: Lake Boga Mass 8.30am

30th July: Lake Boga Mass 8.30am

Family Matters - Strengthening Respectful Relationships Forum

All are welcome to attend this Forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held in Ballarat on June 24, Warrnambool July 22, and Mildura August 26. These free events are being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat together with many workshops provided by Centacare. Please register your attendance at one of the venues listed: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> Details about workshops will be released soon. Alternatively, contact Danielle Peters or Tony Haintz - social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Reflection

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Jesus says that by welcoming others, we will be rewarded. Draw a picture of yourself making someone feel welcome.

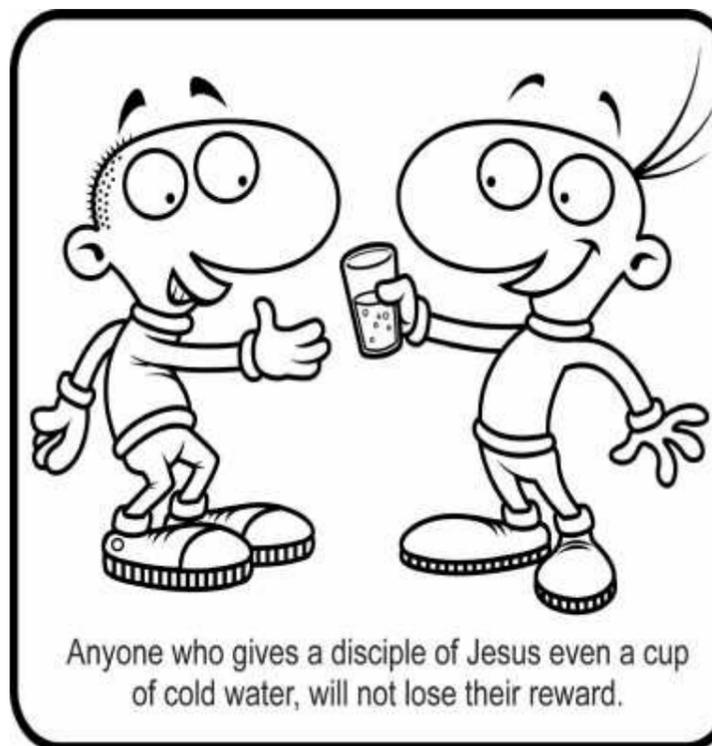


Write down some ways that you can make others feel welcome...

in your home _____

in school _____

in church _____



Complete the Text Maze:
 "Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me."

START

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