

LITURGY OF THE WORD
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. Alleluia!

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

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SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests 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, 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.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Q. For what is Jesus giving thanks to the Father?

Q. What advantage do 'mere children' have over the 'learned and the clever'?

Q. How does this explanation of 'yoke' change your understanding of the passage?

Q. How might people have reacted to Jesus saying, 'My yoke is easy and my burden light'?

Q. In what ways do you try to shoulder the yoke of Jesus?

Q. What message do you take from today's gospel and reflection?

Living the Gospel – Shoulder my yoke
 Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

Priest: Fr. Matthew Thomas PP

Parish Secretary: Glenda Klabbers

Parish Council Chair: Michelle Haeusler

Parish Safeguarding Officers:
 Karen & Damien Kelly

St Mary's School Principal: Greg Lane

St Mary MacKillop Principal: Michelle Haeusler

Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00am - 2.00pm
 Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

9th 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:

Wed: 10.00 am LWC
 2.30pm Funeral Mass for Kevin Agius
 Thursday: 10.00 am
 Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 12.00 noon

Mass Intentions:

Friday: Angelo Berlinger



Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Celie Flanagan,

Anniversaries: We remember: Giuseppe Maiuto, Marchelle Thompson, Maria Mangiameli, Antonio Carpenteri, Peter Hoare, Angelo Berlinger, Giuseppe Maiuto, Alyce Mikes, Zoe Wait, Win Farrell, Kathy Scott, Michael Hogan, Leigh Phyland, Ellie Glowrey, John Joseph Bell, Salvatore Giampaola, Nita Hinton, Catherine, Charles & Mary Turner, Kevin McLoughlan.

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.

We welcome Fr Bill Melican to our Parish and thank him for celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY:

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

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.**

PARISH CENSUS UPDATE with the renewal of our stewardship program we need to update our parish records. This weekend and next weekend we ask that you complete a census card that you will find on the pews. These can be placed in the collections basket.

Italian Festa Week: Fr Angelo Cagna

Wednesday 12th July : Mass 5.00 pm
 Thursday : Mass 5.00 pm
 Friday: Mass 5.00 pm
 Saturday Mass 11.00am Anointing Mass
 Fireworks 11.30 pm
 Sunday : Mass 10.30am
 11.30 am Procession with Statue of La Madonna
 12.30 pm BBQ & Pasta Lunch Italian Social Club

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers

A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Youth Ministry, man more. Registration for the July study cycle closes **TOMORROW 10 July** - or you can start in September or later in the year. Details on the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link is on front page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

POPES COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER COMMUNION

ST MARY'S MINISTRIES for 16th July 2017

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Teresa McRae, Helen Hogan

10.30am: Festa Della Madonna Del Monte Carmelo

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Margaret Hoare, Bev McCartney, Helen Lewis, Cathy Page.

10.30 am: Frank Fogarty, Connie Alderuccio, Rona Bookham, Elma Balsarini, Ken Smith, Jocelyn Ingram.

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Bev McCartney, Claire Billing

10.30am : Festa Della Madonna Del Monte Carmelo

Music Ministry:

Vigil: John Farrell

10.30am: Festa Della Madonna Del Monte Carmelo

Counters: Vin & Kerry Dullard, Kieran Brennan

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$	691.15
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,189.20
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		
	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 0.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 204.40
		\$ 1,394.55

Thank-You!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 16th July Year A

1st Reading : Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

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>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

ACYF is in Sydney December 7-9, 2017. A joyful 3 day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (yr 9-30yo) are encouraged to go. Information is on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 by Michael Tate

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

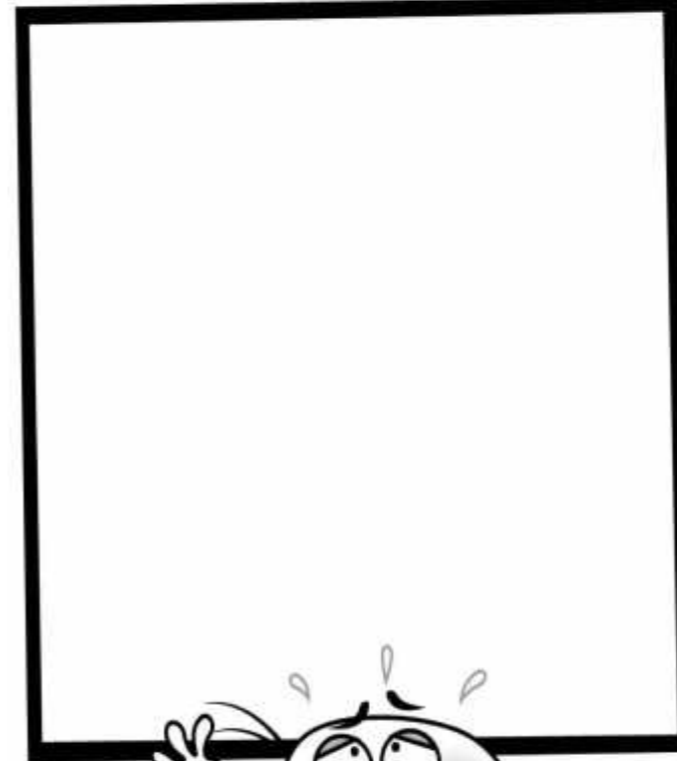
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

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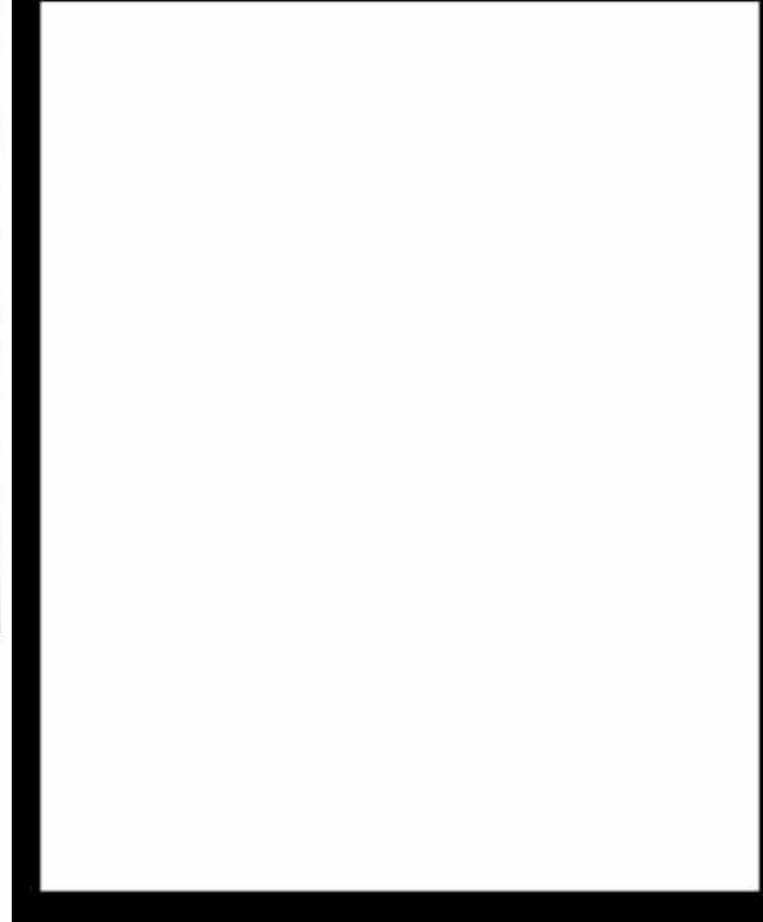
Catholic Truth Society (London)

The Catholic Truth Society (London) is a unique Catholic Charity that has been publishing non-stop since 1868. With its mission to communicate the truths of the Catholic faith, the CTS is one of the oldest and most inspiring Catholic organisations existing today. The CTS publish books and resources that Catholics need to help them gain a deeper understanding of their faith and to share it with others. We respond to the challenges facing believers and non-believers today with materials that are attractive, truthful, engaging and affordable. For more information go to the website [www.ctsbooks.org]www.ctsbooks.org

In the box below, write down some things that are burdens which people carry in their lives.



Jesus tells us that he is gentle and humble. How can we be gentle and humble like Jesus? Draw a picture of yourself being gentle and showing humility towards others.



Find out what Jesus said to his followers by using the words below to complete the sentences.



_____ to me all who _____.

I will give you _____.

I am _____ and humble of _____.

My _____ is easy.

My burden is _____.

heart gentle labor
Come yoke light rest