



**St Mary's Parish Swan Hill and Sea Lake
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th September 2017**

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Office Hours Tues and Fri 10am -2pm
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Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 5.30pm Swan Hill
Wednesday: 10am Swan Hill
Thursday: 10am Sea Lake
Friday: 12.00
Exposition 11.00am

Sick List

Please pray for the following people
who has requested our prayers:
Erin Coburn, Ronald Duryea,
Jude Lewis, Jarrod Crimmins,
Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy



Baptism

This weekend
we welcome
into this faith
community
Oliver Colombo
child of
Joe and Kerry

Mass Intentions

Tuesday: David Lewis
Wednesday: Lorenzo & Giovanna
Colombo
Friday: Maria Lolicato

Bikes for Humanity Collection Day

International charity Bicycles for
Humanity gives old bikes a new
home. They collect old bicycles,
refurbish them and send them to
Africa where the shipping container
they came in transforms into a bike
workshop providing employment,
skills, training, economic
development and ongoing benefits to
the local community as well as all the
'new' bikes! Collection of your old
bikes and parts Thursday October 6th,
9am -3.00pm St Patrick's Cathedral
Ballarat car park.

**Incorporating the Catholic
Communities of**

St Mary's Church, Swan Hill
St Mary's Church, Sea Lake
St Joseph's Church, Lake Boga
St Joseph's Church, Nandaly
Sacred Heart Church, Culgoa



Recent Deaths

Laurie Frazer
Fr Paul Mercovich

Anniversaries of Death:

Roger Hogan, Emily Fletcher,
Stephen Walsh, Lila Smith,
Frances Mineo, Lucy Amitrano,
Bill O'Loughlin, Mary Boulton,
Antonio & Carmela Pati, Dom
Violi, Margaret McLoughlan,
Domenico Colombo, David
Lewis, Leo Phyland, Leo Deola,
Sara Massara.



Centenary of Fatima

Mass in the Bendigo Cathedral,
October 8th 11am Evening of
Recollection and Devotion -
Fr Gerard Ryan will lead this
evening in St Patrick's Cathedral
Ballarat on Friday October 13th,
commencing with Reconciliation
from 6.30 pm, 7.00 pm Fr Gerard
introduces the evening, 7.30 pm
Mass, 7.45 pm Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament concluding
with Benediction. The Legion of
Mary express their thanks to all
who support the Novena
preparing for the centenary of
Mary's apparitions at
Fatima, Portugal.

Weekend Mass Times

St Mary's Swan Hill
Sat 6.30pm Sun 10.30am
St Mary's Sea Lake
Sun 8.30am (1st Sun) 5pm (3rd Sun)
9am Assembly (2nd, 4th) Ecc Ser. (5th)
10am
St Joseph's Lake Boga 8.30am (4th Sun)
St Joseph's Nandaly 5pm (2nd Sun)
9am Assembly (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sun)
Sacred Heart Culgoa 5pm (4th Friday)
9.30am Assembly (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th)

St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake
Principal: Kate Nunn
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Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)
\$844.50
2nd Collection (Parish Support)
Including C/Cards and D/Debt
\$2186.00
Thank you for your support

Next Week's Readings

1st Ez 18:25-28; 2nd Phil 2:1-11;
Gospel Mt 21:28-32

Roster for this weekend 24th September

Week 3 of Month	Sat 6pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill
Minister of the Word	Margaret Hoare Mary Nolen	Jordan Wong Elizabeth Milazzo
Minsters of Communion	M Hoare, B McCartney, H Lewis, C Page.	D Bishop, D Kelly, R O'Halloran, B Ford, J Meehan
Presentation of Gifts	M Haeusler G Klabbers	J Chand
Music Ministry	J Taverna	B Murray & B Grace
Counting Team	J Ingram	Y Richardson

Roster for next weekend 1st October

Week 3 of Month	Sat 6pm Swan Hill	Sun 10.30am Swan Hill
Minister of the Word	Marilyn Foley Rene Devereux	Dorothy Bishop Damien Kelly
Minsters of Communion	Claire Billing, Chris Hoare, Gladys Bryent, Lyn Stutley	Sam Colombo, Robert Jager, Margaret Foott, Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Josie Renda
Presentation of Gifts	Howison Family	Zambelli Family
Music Ministry	Brian Wood	John Farrell
Counting Team	Ken Smith	Peter Coady

Australian Catholic Social Justice Commission Subscription

Please find attached a subscription form, for the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC). The ACSJC is the official Social Justice Agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. For a yearly subscription of **ONLY \$30**, you will receive the following:

- *Justice Trends* (quarterly newsletter)
 - Catholic Social Justice Series books
 - Background Papers and Discussion guides
 - Social Justice Statement – (2017/18 Statement soon to be released!!!)
 - Prayer card and Ten Steps leaflet
 - Social Justice Diary
- Representing EXCELLENT value. More information

Italian Social Group

Il gruppetto, di uomini che parlano la lingua Italiana invitano altri Italiani se sono interessati, ad unirsi a questo gruppo si incontrano ogni mercoledì alle, ore 1.45pm – 3.45pm durata circa 2 ore luogo dincontro (Neighbourhood House Gray St) il costo 2 dollari per settimana si include tazza caffè, si serve pure a socializzare, si gioca a brioscola, scopa, si fa qualche, viaggio in autobus. Se siete interessate telefonare Sarina 0439383638, Josie (Pinella) 0409305551 Sandra 50339359, Grazie

Italian Social Group

An invitation to the male who are Italian speaking and would like to join the group on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.45-3.45pm at the Neighbourhood House on Gray St. Cost is \$2 per week including afternoon. Any Inquires please contact Sarina 0439383638, Josie (Pinella) 0409305551 Sandra 50339359

Swan Hill Show

On the weekend of Fri 6th & Sat 7th Oct, the show committee have asked for assistance from the local churches for people to work on the gates, looking for volunteers to help out. See form in the foyer for time slots if you able to assist. Of you can give a couple of hours would be greatly appreciated as an event which supports the local community.

30th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Gary Jones

The Parish of St Peter's Daylesford will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Fr Gary's Ordination at 10.30am Mass on Sunday, October 15, 2017 followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please RSVP to daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au to assist with catering.

National Association of Catholic Families Conference 2017

The 2017 National Association of Catholic Families (NACF) conference/retreat will be held in Melbourne (Belgrave Heights) September 29 - October 1. Activities during the weekend will include Mass, rosary procession, talks running concurrently for parents, youth and children, sporting events, workshops, and a family bush dance on Saturday evening. For more information contact Claire on (03) 9543 5613 or go to www.nacf.info. Registrations close September 10.

Caritas responds to the Famine in Africa affecting millions of people

The world faces the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war with more than 20 million people facing starvation and famine. Please support this humanitarian effort on Social Justice Sunday September 24th. Enquiries to Sue Searls, 0409 401 329 or email sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au

FIRST READING from the prophet Isaiah *Is 55:6-9*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R. v.18*

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

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.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians *Phil 1:20-24, 27*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew *Mt 20:1-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.' The Gospel of the Lord

