



St Mary's Parish Swan Hill and Sea Lake

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September 2017

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Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 5.30pm Swan Hill
Wednesday: 10am Swan Hill
Thursday: 10am Sea Lake
Friday: 10am Funeral Margaret Stewart (Swan Hill)

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

CWL Swan Hill

Would like to thank everyone for supporting their Father's Day Raffle and Cake stall, your generosity raised \$633.05. The winner of the raffle was Joyce Phyland.

Stewardship Envelopes

Can people please collect their new envelopes from the foyer, please note that you may have a new number. Thank you for your support.

Pope Francis Day of Prayer and Penance

In 2016, following a proposal from the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, the Holy Father established a 'Day of prayer and penance for the victims of sexual abuse and to ask God for a greater awareness of the responsibility of the members of the Church towards the underage people entrusted to them'. Here in Australia, this second-stated purpose is already a focus of Child Protection Sunday, which is observed each year on the second Sunday in September. Therefore the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided to observe the Day of prayer and penance for the victims of sexual abuse on Sunday 10th September 2017.

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

September Dates

Mon 11th Over 60's
Tues 12th 2pm Logan Lodge
Wed 13th 2pm Alcheringa
Thurs 14th Josephite Group



Recent Deaths

Win Livingston
Margaret Stewart

Mass Intentions

Tues: Vince Bonanno

Anniversaries of Death:

Donna Murchie, Pasquale Trinci, George Kesavan Nair, Rema O'Sullivan, Margaret Sinclair, Vi & Tim Power, Marianne Murray.

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)

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Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)
\$ 1000.00

2nd Collection (Parish Support)
Including C/Cards and D/Debt
\$979.15

Thank you for your support

Next Week's Readings

1st Sir 27: 30 2nd Rom 14:7-9
Gospel Mt 18:21-35

Roster for this weekend 10th September

| Week 2 of Month | Sat 6pm Swan Hill | Sun 10.30am Swan Hill |
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| Minister of the Word | Brenda Grace Barb Patterson | Kate Quinn Ginny Gook |
| Minsters of Communion | U Phyland, J Klabbers, M Foley M Haeusler | S Colombo, M Foott, R Jager, E Milazzo, Y Richardson, J Renda |
| Presentation of Gifts | B McCartney C Billing | J & H Meehan |
| Music Ministry | Joe Taverna | Brenda Grace |
| Counting Team | Claire Billing | Joe Taverna |

Roster for next weekend 16th and 17th September

| Week of Month | Sat 6pm Swan Hill | Sun 10.30am Swan Hill |
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| Minister of the Word | John Farrell Kaye Farrell | Yvonne Richardson Josie Caccavello |
| Minsters of Communion | M Dernham, T McRae, D & R Devereux | F Fogarty, , K Smith R Bookham J Ingram C Alderuccio |
| Presentation of Gifts | J & G Klabbers | J & R Bookham |
| Music Ministry | John Farrell | Ken Smith |
| Counting Team | Elva Carty | Geraldine Murdoch |

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 incontro (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

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of of Baptism: Zayden Shipham son of Dale and Tammy. May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community

Child Protection Sunday 10th September “See Me, Hear Me”

As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. This year our theme is “See Me, Hear Me”.

The question is how do we St Mary’s Parish Community, play our part in listening to children to ensure they are kept safe? This year the National Committee for Professional Standards have commissioned a video and brochure through the Australian Catholic University reflecting on research around what children think about their safety.

In the first reading for the 10th September, Child Protection Sunday the Prophet Ezekiel speaks of “being a sentry to the House of Israel’. As already stated within our Catholic Communities there is horror, anger and sorrow over the abuse of children. As Pope Francis outlined before leading the crowds in the Angelus prayer in March last year it is important to “Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget, listen to the hurt, sick and marginalized, or among families” As a sentry, each of us plays a part in listening to what the children have to say, making sure that every child is safe and protected from abuse and harm.

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 at <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications>

Swan Hill Show

On the weekend of Fri 6th & Sat 7th Oct, the show committee have asked for assistance from the local church’s 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.

First Reading Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' The Gospel of the Lord

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Historical Context – Tell the Church

The idea of bringing a 'sinner' or offender before the church community to be confronted is one that the early Christians borrowed from the Jewish culture out of which they were formed. In Jewish society, the local synagogue was effectively a community centre. It was a gathering place, not only for worship and education, but also for meeting, debating and seeking solutions to problems. The synagogue community took on the role of mediator, witness, jury, judge and, if needed, punisher. The role of the scribes in Jewish society was to interpret the Law – the Torah – in resolving everyday situations.

Food For Thought

What stops a person confronting a friend about a way in which the friend has hurt them?

How would you respond to a friend telling you that something you said had hurt them?

What are some of the ways you avoid dealing with a hurtful situation directly?

Why is it sometimes difficult to say 'sorry'?



Scriptural context – A Scriptural Sandwich
The placement of this discourse about confronting your brother within the gospel of Matthew helps to shed light on its meaning. Immediately preceding this passage is the parable of the Lost Sheep, about leaving the 99 to go out in search of the one lost sheep. Immediately following this week's passage is the parable of the unmerciful or unforgiving servant who, despite receiving forgiveness of his own debt from his master, throws a fellow servant in debtors prison for failing to pay back money owed. The three passages together give a detailed discourse on forgiveness and reconciliation – dealing with those who have sinned, even against you personally and the powerful call to compassion and mercy.



If someone sins against you, speak to them and tell them what was wrong.
If they listen to you, you will have won them back.



How did Jesus treat sinners?

Matthew was a tax collector and was disliked by many people. Jesus shared a meal with him and other sinners. Matthew became a disciple of Jesus. *Mt 9:9-13*

Draw Jesus sharing a meal with Matthew and his friends

A woman who had sinned was brought before Jesus.
The pharisees wanted Jesus to condemn her, but instead Jesus forgave her sins. *Jn 8:2-11*

Write a short prayer asking God to forgive our sins

Dear Lord, _____

_____ Amen.

A rich man named Zaccheus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. People became upset when Jesus decided to be a guest at Zaccheus' house, but Zaccheus was so happy he gave half his possessions to the poor.
Lk 19:1-10

Draw Zaccheus in the sycamore tree