

LITURGY OF THE WORD

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading **Is 22:19-23**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading **Rom 11:33-36**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!



Gospel **Mt 16:13-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. The Gospel of the Lord.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

If people thought that Jesus was another of the prophets, how might they have expected him to behave?

Why did Jesus order the disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah?

Why did Jesus give Simon Peter a 'new' name?

When are people today given a 'new' name?

How would you answer Jesus' question, 'Who do you say I am?'

Gospel Focus

Jesus' words to Peter, 'on this rock I will build my church', are obviously the gospel writers' words and not the words of Jesus himself. (Jesus did not set out to build a church community; that did not emerge until later.) In fact they appear only in this particular gospel. The other synoptic gospels have Peter's confession of faith but not these words attributed to Jesus. The words are sometimes understood as asserting that Peter himself is the rock on whom the church will be built, rather than his declaration of faith being the rock. This has then sometimes become confused with the line of popes beginning with Peter.

READINGS NEXT WEEK 3rd September Year A

1st Reading : Jer 20:7-9

2nd Reading: Rom: 12:1-2

Gospel: Mt 16: 21-27

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

Priest: Fr. Matthew Thomas PP

Parish Secretary: Glenda Klabbbers

Parish Council Chair: Michelle Haeusler

Parish Safeguarding Officers:
Karen & Damien Kelly

St Mary's School Principal: Greg Lane

St Mary MacKillop Principal: Michelle Haeusler

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Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
27th August 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:

Tues: 5.30pm Swan Hill
Wed: 10am Swan Hill
Thursday: 10am Swan Hill
Friday: 11am Exposition of the Blessed Sac.
12.00 noon

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: We commend to God

Anniversaries: We remember: Rosa De Gregorio, Frank Bonanno

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 ad-

DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

4th September CWL 1.30pm

12th September: Logan Lodge Service 2pm

13th September: Alcheringa 2pm

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of

Baptism: Solomon Foott son of Anthony and Emma. May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community



A PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

Loving Jesus Open our hearts and fill them with the boundless love of God. Help us to overcome our fear and selfishness. Show us how to welcome all those who seek safety and freedom in our world. Teach us to be generous to all those who want to be reunited with their loved ones. Guide us as we strive to be advocates of fairness and compassion. In a world torn apart by violence and fear, division and selfishness, let your loving heart show us the way to bring healing and hope. Amen

First Communions

This weekend we celebrate with the following who make their First Holy Communion.

Emily Caccaviello, Henry Elliott, Olivia Free, Millie Glowrey, Harry Scott, Caitlin McKissack, Lachlan Vrolijk, Will Russo, Maeve Sheldrick, Archie Mitchell, Wynta Mitchell, Ashby Rogers. Sharni-Rose Loats, Lily Hulsen, Nataivia Jones, Rosie Orlando, Oliver Balkin, Billy O'Toole, Francesco Tuntar, Paddy Hufer, Ethan Curran, Gemma Girdwood.

A Note of thanks to all who have helped in the preparation of the children.



CWL Cake Stall

On Sunday 3rd September the CWL ladies will be holding a cake stall and raffle. CWL are also looking for new members, if number continue to decline then the branch will have to close at the end of the year.

ST MARY'S MINISTRIES for 3rd Sept. 2017

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Eucharist Mass

10.30am: Eucharist Mass

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: J Klabbers, M Kennedy, K Hoare, K Hogan

10.30 am: D Bishop, R O'Halloran, D Kelly, B Forde, G Learmonth, J Meehan

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Eucharist Mass

10.30am : Eucharist Mass

Music Ministry:

Vigil: Eucharist Mass

10.30am: Eucharist Mass

Counters: C Hoare & M Hoare

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) \$ 820.05

(Support of Priests & Bishop)

Parish Account: (2nd Basket) Envelopes \$1977.00

(Support of the Parish) Credit Card \$ 0.00

Direct Debit \$ 0.00

Loose Plate \$ 61.35

Thank-You!

Child Safety and Vulnerable Adults

"Safety and Wellbeing of Children/ Vulnerable Adults in Parish Care Policy and Procedure" along with a checklist of procedures to be undertaken, a commitment statement and a supportive flow chart of responding to complaints. Over the coming weeks appropriate documents will be placed on display in the church foyer to update parishioners on measures taken in the St Mary's Parish to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults.

Assumption College Kilmore Are you a former a former student of ACK?

It will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2018 and there are many events being planned for former students. Please phone Maria Cleve in their Alumni office on 5783 5343 or email maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

Letter from Bishop Paul

Bishop Paul has written a letter to all the within the Diocese about the current situation with the Child Sexual Abuse , a copy of the letter is in the foyer if you wish to take a copy.

MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend

Curious about Consecrated Life?? Wondering what God is calling you to in your life?? Seeking some space to listen to God?? The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters (MGL) would like to invite young women to their Consecrated Life Weekend from September 15-17. The weekend will include talks, opportunity for prayer, sharing, sisterhood and more. Friday night will begin at the Sisters house at 6pm, and the following days will be at St Benedict's Parish in Burwood. Cost is by donation. For more information or to RSVP, call us on 03 9 8 5 7 8 1 7 7 or email mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com. We look forward to sharing the gift of our life with you.

ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to 'book in' your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help - contact Amanda.youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867. More information on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages.

Australian Catholic Social Justice Commission Subscription

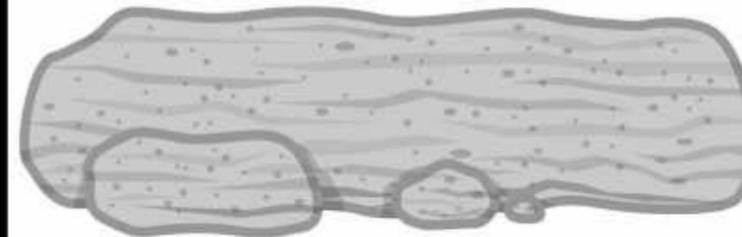
Please find attached a subscription form, for the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC). The ACSJC is the official Social Justice Agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. For a yearly subscription of **ONLY \$30**, you will receive the following:

- 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

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

Jesus said to Peter "You are the rock on which I will build my Church." Draw your church on the rock below.

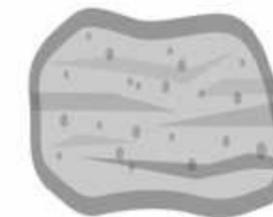


What makes strong foundations for the church? Write your answers on the rock.

Who do you say Jesus is?

Write some words which describe Jesus.

Match up each of these symbols of St Peter with its correct story



Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built.

When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter; to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven."