

LITURGY OF THE WORD Transfiguration of the Lord

FIRST READING from the book of Daniel

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND READING from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Q. Why did Jesus invite only three disciples to witness the Transfiguration?

Q. Why was the appearance of Moses and Elijah significant?

Q. Have you ever had a 'transforming' experience – something that changed you?

Q. When have you ever had the experience of not wanting to 'go back down the mountain'?

Q. Have you ever had a life-changing moment that you were conscious of as it occurred?

Q. Do you think the disciples were transformed by witnessing this event?



ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

Priest: Fr. Matthew Thomas PP

Parish Secretary: Glenda Klabbers

Parish Council Chair: Michelle Haeusler

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St Mary's School Principal: Greg Lane

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



Transfiguration of the Lord Year A 6th 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:

Monday 1pm Funeral Ian Thomson
Tuesday: 9am St Mary's Primary School
12 noon MacKillop Feast
2 pm Logan Lodge Prayer Service
Wed: 10.00 am Swan Hill
2pm Alcheringa
Thursday: 10.00 am
Friday: 11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00 noon Mass

Recently Deceased: We commend to God

Ian Thomson and Noel Hickey

Anniversaries: We remember: Bill Woodhouse, Mark McMahon, Jack McMahon, Anna Mancinelli, Jim Shepherd, Fr Roger Shepherd, Tom Nolan, Luigi Dutto, John Joseph Bell, Bryan Grumley.

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.

St Mary's Ministry District

As from the 1st September I will be parish priest of both St Mary's Swan Hill and Sea Lake. During this next couple of weeks I will be meeting with the community of the Sea Lake Parish to see how I can best minister to them as well as ministering to you here in Swan Hill. There will be some changes which will have to be made across both parishes for example mass times or places where masses are celebrated might need to be considered. I will know more once I have met with the Sea Lake Community.



DATES TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST

6th August: Cuppa after Mass
7th August: Josephites Knitting Day. 10.00am
7th August: Divine Mercy Devotion. 1.45 pm
8th August: Feast if St Mary MacKillop
9th August: Stewardship Information evening. 7.00pm
12th August: Rosary in the Park: 10.00am
14th August: Over 60's meet. 1.30pm
17th August: Josephite Associates Meet. 1.30pm
21st August: Baptism Preparation. 7.00pm
22nd August: Distribution Meeting; Stewardship Program 10.00am
27th August: Lake Boga Mass 8.30am



PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

This is the second weekend in our Stewardship Program with emphasis on **Growing in Faith through Service.** At our Masses this weekend we have speakers who will talk about their involvement in our Parish, and challenge us to volunteer our **Time** and **Talents** for our Parish and community.

We warmly invite all Parishioners to attend the **Parish Stewardship Information Meeting on Thursday 7th of August at 7.00pm in the Parish Function Centre.** The meeting provides the opportunity to hear about the recent achievements in our Parish and our future plans as well as to ask questions and be informed. It is also a time to reconnect and meet fellow parishioners over a cuppa. Please put your name on one of the clipboards when they are passed around at mass, to indicate you will be in attendance! **See you there!**

CUPPA AFTER MASS TODAY



All Welcome to the Parish Function Centre after 10.30am mass for a cuppa tea

ST MARY'S MINISTRIES for 13th August 2017

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Michelle Haeusler , Glenda Klabbbers

10.30am: Dorothy Bishop, Damien Kelly

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae, Dick & Rene Devereux.

10.30 am: Dorothy Bishio, Raelene O'Halloran, Damien Kelly, Brenda Ford, Graeme Learmonth, Jim Meehan.

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Jim & Elaine Elliot,

10.30am : Bernice Murray & Bill Croft

Music Ministry:

Vigil:

10.30am:

Counters: Brenda Ford and Pina Rosaia

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$ 1136.45
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>	
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes \$ 844.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card \$ 0.00
	Direct Debit \$ 0.00
	Loose Plate \$ 97.85
	\$ 941.85

Thank-You!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 13th August Year A

1st Reading : 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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 Mildura on August 26. This free event is 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.

Josephite Associates Knitting Day

Monday 7th August in the Parish Function Centre from 10.00 am. Raffles and lunch supplied. All welcome.



Parish Office Hours

Please note that for the next couple of weeks the office will not be opened during normal hours as Glenda is away, I will try and be in the office during these time when possible.

Youth Synod Questionnaire:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Have you thought? Transfigured / Transformed Jesus' transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives we have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus' transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until well after the fact – sometimes years later. It might be nice if our clothes began to shine white whenever something significant and transformative was happening to us! It might help us to pay attention to the important and life-changing moments of our lives instead of letting them slip by!

Living the Gospel – Down from the mountain
Sometimes we experience powerful moments of connection with God or with other people. Sometimes this might be through a special experience of nature; a meaningful retreat experience; a powerful sense of being 'in tune' with another person; a reflective prayer experience; or some other significant experience. The temptation when we have these experiences is to wish that we could remain in the experience. The challenge, however, is to take that experience back into the everyday of our lives – changed by it without remaining in it.

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, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the September study cycle closes on 28 August - or you can start later in October. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one. Study one subject or do more – it's flexible! Details on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link is on home

Peter, James and John saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus.

The true nature of Jesus and his work was revealed to them as they witnessed the Transfiguration. Draw Jesus, Moses and Elijah on top of the mountain as the apostles look on.



God wants us to listen to Jesus. Write down three things that Jesus is telling you.

By using the words below, can you work out what the voice from the cloud said to the apostles?

**SON AM LISTEN TO SAYS
BELOVED HIM IS PLEASED**

THIS __ MY

AND I _____

WITH _____

__ WHAT HE _____