St Mary's Parish Swan Hill Bulletin

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Parish Office: Tuesday   10.00 am — 2.00 pm
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15th Sunday in Ordinary time
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10th July 2016

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The Parish of Swan Hill comprises the faith Communities of: St Marys Swan Hill, St Joseph's Nyah West, St Joseph's Lake Boga

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Mass Next Weekend:
Vigil: **6.30 pm** Swan Hill   Sunday: **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Tuesday:	5.30 pm	
Wednesday:	2.00 pm	Anointing of the Sick & Elderly Alcheringa
	5.30 pm	
Thursday:	10.00 am	
Friday:	12.00 Noon	
	11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	

Recent Deaths: We Commend to God Marchelle Thomson, Maria Mangiameli (Ferla Italy)

Anniversaries: We remember Peter Hoare, Angelo Berlingeri, Guiseppe Maiuto, Alyce Mikes, Zoe Wait, Win Farrell, Michael Hogan, Leigh Phyland, Ellie Glowrey, Nita Hinton, Salvatore Giampaola, Catherine, Charles & Mary Turner, Kathy Scott.

Prayers for the Sick: Donna Murchie, Rita Tuohey, Margaret Sinclair, Monica Nolen, 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

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FIRST READING from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there.
Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

SECOND READING from St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything

invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.
The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Jn 6:63. 68*

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!
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YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER
Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Send your spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to the captives and the oppressed, and re-store sight to the blind. We ask this through the Intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever
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STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		**$**	**612.00**
(*Support of Priests & Bishop*)			

Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	$	2,297.00
(*Support of the Parish*)	Credit Card	$	0.00
	Direct Debit	$	220.00
	Loose Plate	$	108.30
		$	2,625.30
Annual Collection for the Pope:		$	642.30

Thank-You!

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MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 17th July 2016

Ministers of the Word:
Vigil: Margaret Hoare, Mary Nolen
10.30am. Festa Della Madonna Del Monte Carmelo
Ministers of Communion:
Vigil: Claire Billing, Chris Hoare, Gladys Bryent, Lyn Stutley
10.30am. Frank Fogarty, Connie Alderuccio, Rona Bookham, Elma Balsarini, Ken Smith, Jocelyn Ingram.
Music: **Vigil:** Joe Taverna
             10.30am Festa Della Madonna Del Monte Carmelo
Presentation of Gifts:
Vigil: Michelle Haeusler
10.30am Festa Della Madonna Del Monte Carmelo
Counters Teresa & Gavin O'Brien

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GOSPEL REFLECTION The present ecological crisis calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally, and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire 14 billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is Source and Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus replies with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three was neighbour…?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely, "the one who showed mercy".

The Samaritan is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by". Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove, and the silver coins formed of material extracted from the earth and engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is. Mercy Sr Veronica Lawson.

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FESTA DELLA MADONNA DEL MONTE CARMELO

Friday 15th July 7.00 pm Mass for all who have Died.
Saturday 16th July 11.00 am Mass for all who are Sick.
Sunday 17th July 10.30 am Mass of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be principal celebrant followed by Procession then lunch at Italian Social Club.
All Welcome Enquiries and Further Information, contact **Tony Marsili 0447 533 134** or **John Daniels 0408 058 049**

Over 60's meet this Monday 11th July at 1.30 pm . All welcome.

Josephite Associates will hold a knitting day on Thursday 14th July from 10.00 am in the Parish Centre. Raffles, lunch provided. All welcome

Exclusion and Embrace: Disability, Justice and Spirituality Conference This multi-faith Australasian Conference will be of interest to people with disabilities, parents, carers, academics, staff and volunteers. We will draw on personal stories and the wisdom and knowledge of all faiths, and will deepen our understanding of the many aspects of disability and spirituality. August 21-23, 2016 in Melbourne. See brochure at back of church.

The Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is the pontifical body with specific pastoral care responsibility for Seafarers - people who work at sea. Seafarers are those on board merchant ships or fishing vessels, and all who for whatever reason have undertaken a voyage by ship. As a Catholic ministry, Seafarers can attend various AOS centres in seaports around Australia and are provided with a range of pastoral care services appropriate to their needs from practical support to providing sacramental ministry. The work of the laity as AOS volunteers in the ports is an important aspect of this ministry. On Sea Sunday July 10, Catholic parishes throughout Australia will acknowledge the vital role of over 130,000 Seafarers who transit through Australia's 25 ports while working at sea and the associated, dedicated port chaplains and volunteers. The parish support will be generated through a collection based on the annual, national Sea Sunday appeal. Envelopes are available from the back of the church.