

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year B

18th October 2015

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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

Mass Next Weekend:

Vigil: **7.00 pm** Swan Hill
Sunday: **8.30 am** Lake Boga
10.30 am Swan Hill

Mass This Week

Tuesday: 12.00 Noon End of Year Mary Mackillop College
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday: 10.30 am Funeral Theresa Edeson
Friday: 1.00 pm Funeral Guy Marini

Mass Intentions

Tuesday: Year 12 & their preparation for final examinations
Wednesday: Justinia Ugbejie Anniversary

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: **Theresa Edeson, Guy Marini**

Anniversaries: We remember Antionetta Giampoala, Sheila Hogan, Ray Livingston, Barbara, D'Orsa, Vince Iannuci, Kelvin Upton, Teresa Aiello, Tim O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Piperno, Mary Hogan, Antonio & Antionetta Di Nicola

Prayers for the Sick: Moira Higgins, Loma Kennedy, Erin Coburn, Brooke Kennedy, Brian Mulcahy, Ronald Duryea, Margaret Sinclair., Dorothy Burgess.

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.

FIRST READING from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself. The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely; it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 25th October

Jer 31: 7-9; Heb 5: 1-6; Mk 10: 46-52

Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Sunday, November 1st at 2.00 pm. This is being arranged in the context of Royal Commission hearings relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved.

CWL Lecture Dr Sr Mary Glowrey Saturday November 7 in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall 3 Lyons Street Sth Ballarat beginning with Mass at 10.00 am in the Cathedral. Ballarat Cathedral CWL have donated an image of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ which will be unveiled and blessed in the newly renovated O'Collins Hall

MEETING WITH JULIAN OF NORWICH

Reflecting on God's Love for Us Led by Sheila Upjohn

Venue: St Mary's Parish Function Centre

Time: 1.00 - 4.30 PM

Date: Sunday November 8th, 2015

Cost: \$10.00

Contact: Fr Marcello 5032 4144

JULIAN OF NORWICH wrote her book THE REVELATIONS OF DIVINE LOVE in one small room in a back street in Norwich more than 600 years ago. Sheila Upjohn, like Julian a Norwich woman, grew up in the city where Julian lived and wrote her book. She is the author of In Search of Julian of Norwich and All Shall Be Well - a fresh and lively translation of Julian's Revelations of Divine Love, abridged and arranged for daily reading. Her translation of Julian is used in the best selling Enfolded in Love and In Love Enclosed.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: I suppose if we were to look at the three readings today in search of a common theme it would be ministry.

We begin with a fragment from Isaiah, which has God rolling up the divine sleeves. This is always a prelude to getting down to work. Isaiah identifies the work of God as restoring, and healing.

In the Gospel of Mark the passage begins with another story of misunderstanding. The third prediction of the passion, like the other two, is not understood. James and John, Zebedee's sons approach Jesus. They ask for a favour. They want the choice Kingdom positions, on the left and right hand of Jesus in glory.

You will have noticed that we have a repetition of the pattern of the second passion prediction. The second was followed by the struggle for power among the disciples, here we have a similar incident. Jesus tells the disciples that they don't know what the request implies. To be so closely allied to Jesus means taking the same path.

The two images used as requirements for the following of Jesus are striking. To drink from the same cup implies an intimacy, a willingness to be connected, come what may. It also means to accept the lot of the other.

The second image is more explicit. Discipleship implies a willingness to accept immersion in a bath of pain; the baptism of martyrdom. By the time Mark came to write his Gospel, the early communities had had experience of this demand.

The response of the two disciples is clear, but Jesus then points out that places in the kingdom are not allocated by favour. This common method of gaining positions of power has been in practice up to and including our own times.

The final scene has Jesus addressing the group who are disgruntled by the queue jumping of the brothers. Again Jesus attempts to turn the disciples' attitudes away from power as control, prestige and display.

Verse 45 could be the key to the whole Gospel. It sums up the motive for the ministry of Jesus. We are called to serve others until we are poured out, emptied, so that many will be freed from all that imprisons them.

The passage from Hebrews can be confusing. Priesthood in the Jewish tradition was conferred by birth. Jesus was not a priest but belonged to a religion that gave special status to priests and the temple cult. Jesus stood in the prophetic line.

Throughout Jewish history there had been conflict between the prophetic and priestly traditions. Jesus identified the temple with himself, located not in one place but in the world, and his actions of preaching, healing and service were the new rites. He claimed that authority in ministry came from the kingdom. The kingdom of God was source, context and purpose of ministry. He dared to declare that religion itself could be a source of tyranny.

The author of Hebrews was treading on dangerous ground when he used the image of *High Priest* of Jesus. If we read carefully we can see that he was contrasting the current notion of priesthood with how Jesus lived and ministered. However many symbols of cultic priesthood have attached themselves to Jesus Christ and

muddled our understanding of Jesus' vision of kingdom and ministry.

There have been many approaches to ministry over the centuries since the followers of Christ accepted the call to be ministers of the Good News, we are called to be part of shaping what is life for our times and our context. *Patricia Stevenson rsj.*

Through Baptism we welcome into our faith community **Bentlee** Sheehan son of **David** and **Sarah** and **Poppy** Parsons daughter of **Jonathon** and **Sigrid**

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 798.20
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 3,978.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>		Credit Card \$ 595.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 536.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 86.75
		\$ 5,195.75
Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal: (to date)		\$ 2,002.50
Seminary Building Fund Appeal: (to date)		\$ 125.00

THANK YOU!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 25th October 2015

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil. Glenda Klabbbers Mary Nolan

10.30am. Doreen Greenham Bernice Murray

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil. Josh Klabbbers Mary Kennedy Kerry Hoare Kath Hogan

10.30am. Yvonne Richardson Rona Bookham Dorothy Bishop
Margaret Foott

Music: Vigil. Joseph Taverna **10.30am** St Mary's School

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil. Valma Barry Nola Grant **10.30am** St Mary's School

Counters Cathy and Pat Livingston

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pope Francis has announced an **Extraordinary Jubilee - Holy Year of Mercy** to commence on **December 8, 2015**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, **November 20, 2016**, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to attend the **Opening of the Door of Mercy** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on **December 13, 2015, 10.30am.** Refreshments will follow the Mass.

Josephite Knitting Day, Monday **October 19th at 10.00 am** in the Parish Centre. Please come and join the Josephite Associates at their last knitting day for the year. Lunch provided, raffles. Also 2016 Josephite Calendars will be available in December Cost **\$7.00** See Helen Dean or Barbara Patterson

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si': On the Care for Our Common Home* is a call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.

He points to numerous ways world organisations, nations and communities must move forward and the way individuals -- believers and people of good will -- should see, think, feel and act.

One of the Pope's suggestions, with the paragraph number to indicate its place in the Encyclical, is an exhortation to "Stop blaming problems on population growth. The real threat is excessive consumerism and waste. (Par 50)