

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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



4th Sunday of Easter

Year C

17th April 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

Mass Next Weekend:

Vigil: **6.30 pm** Swan Hill

Sunday: **8.30 am** Lake Boga **10.30 am** Swan Hill

Mass this Week

Tuesday 5.30 pm

Wednesday 10.00 am

Thursday 10.00 am

Friday 12.00 noon

Christ is Risen!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God

Anniversaries: We remember: Andrew Brennan, Michael Powell, Luke Carrison, Molly Powell, Monie Moloney, Paul Power, Patrick Mullins, Tess Cahoon, Gladys Henderson, Sr Bernadine Nolan.

Prayers for the Sick: Brian Safe, Pat Chisholm, Monica Nolen, Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Ronald Duryea, 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.

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Alleluia.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

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SECOND READING from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

EASTER WATER please feel free to bring your own container and help yourself to the water of new life in the Easter font for blessing of homes people, etc, in fact anything.

READINGS NEXT WEEK 24th April 2016

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 724.60
Easter Offerings: (to date)		\$ 1,627.05
<i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 994.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card	\$ 595.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 536.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 98.10
		\$ 2,223.10
Project Compassion: (to date)		\$ 2,848.65
Good Friday Holy Land: (to date)		\$ 665.00

Thank-You!

MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 24th April 2016

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Michelle Haeusler, Barb Patterson.

10.30am. Dorothy Bishop, Helen Dean.

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae,

Dick & Rene Devereux

10.30am. Frank Fogarty, Connie Alderuccio, Rona Bookham,

Elma Balsarini, Ken Smith, Jocelyn Ingram.

Music: Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am Bernice Murray & Alison Wright

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Howison Family

10.30am Bernice Murray & Bill Croft

Counters Dorothy Bishop, Helen Dean

OPEN HOUSE 10.30 am -12.30 pm; **TODAY** Sunday 17th April the new St Mary MacKillop Hospitality Trades Skills Centre will be open for public viewing. Morning tea will be provided. Please enter via High St.

Baptism Preparation Monday 18th April at 7.00 pm in the Parish Function Centre for parents of children being Baptised this year.

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

REMEMBERING BISHOP RONALD MULKEARNS

Dear friends,

We are painfully aware of the criticisms of Bishop Mulkearns for his failings. At the same time, we recall all the good he did. His friends will be sad that the good has generally been forgotten. As one friend said, "He is not famous for the many things he did well; only for the one thing he did badly."

His family remembers a devoted brother and uncle. His friends recall a shy man who liked to share quiet times. Over the past few days people have spoken to me of his kindness. And this was not only people of the diocese of Ballarat. I received an email from a priest in Peru who recalled with gratitude the kindness Bishop Mulkearns showed when he visited a local parish there in the 1980's. He wrote " I only ever met Bishop Ronald once, and that was in the 80's when he came to Lima and visited our parish. Many years back, but I have never forgot his kindness to us."

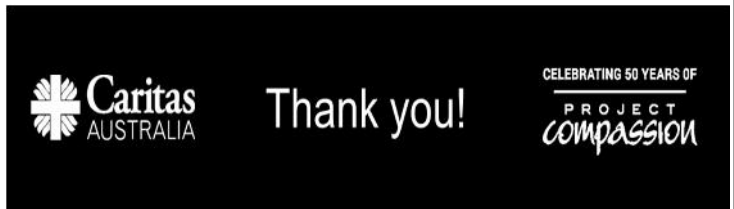
Some have recalled the contribution Bishop Mulkearns made to fostering social welfare services in our region, services that grew into what is now Centacare. Others have remember how he promoted opportunities for people to study at university level.

I thank those who have contacted me over the recent weeks with their reflections following the death of Bishop Mulkearns . There are reasons for gratitude as we recall the good that he did. May he rest in peace
God bless you all

Yours in Christ

Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat



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