

# ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

**Priest:** Fr. Marcello Colasante PP

**Parish Secretary:** Glenda Klabbers

**Parish Council Chair:** Michelle Haeusler

**St Mary's School Principal:** Greg Lane

**St Mary MacKillop Principal:** Michelle Haeusler

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



**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**29th January 2017**

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The Parish of Swan Hill comprises the faith Communities of:

St Marys Swan Hill,  
St Joseph's Lake Boga

## Mass Next Weekend:

Vigil: **7.00 pm** Swan Hill Sunday: **10.30 am** Swan Hill

## Mass this Week:

Tuesday 3.00 pm  
Wednesday: 10.00 am  
Thursday: 10.00 am  
Friday: 12.00 noon  
11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

## Intentions:

Tuesday: Staff of St Mary MacKillop College and  
St Mary's Primary School.  
Wednesday: Richardson Family

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God** Sr Ellen Holland S.J.C.,  
Fr Joe McMahon, Daisy Kelly

**Anniversaries: We remember** Eugenio Aiello, Lucio Tieri,  
Murray Drummond, Maria Peluso, Dorothy Patching, Francis  
Foott, Jack & Kath Curran, Peter O'Connor, Marianna Costa.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea,  
Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Patricia Mikes, Sr Cheryl  
Bourke (PBVM), Jarrod Crimmins, Rebbecka Sandemen, Rosa  
Santos, Margaret Stewart.

**If you would like a sick person prayed for, please ask for their permission. After one month names will be deleted from the list**

## FIRST READING from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

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## SECOND READING from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks com-

mon and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**MINISTRIES for Next Weekend 5th February 2017**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil:** Teresa McRae, Helen Hogan

**10.30 am** Doreen Greenham, Bernice Murray

**Ministers of Communion:**

**Vigil:** Margaret Derham, Teresa McRae, Dick & Rene Devereaux.

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

**Music Ministry:**

**Vigil:** Joe Taverna

**10.30 am** John Farrell

**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil:** Josh & Glenda Klabbbers

**10.30 am** Margaret Learmonth, Helen Tuntar

**Counters:** Jocelyn Ingram, Yvonne Richardson

**READINGS NEXT WEEK 5th February**

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**STATE OF THE NATION**

**Presbytery Account:** (1st Basket)                   **\$ 718.45**  
(Support of Priests & Bishop)

<b>Parish Account:</b> (2nd Basket)	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 896.00</b>
(Support of the Parish)	<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
	<b>Direct Debit</b>	<b>\$ 140.00</b>
	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 75.20</b>
		<b>\$ 1,111.20</b>

Thank-You!

**PARISH APPOINTMENT**

**Bishop Paul Bird CSsR** has appointed **Fr. Matthew**

**Thomas** Parish Priest of **St Mary's Swan Hill** with effect from **25th February 2017**. Priests have been invited to apply for the position of Parish Priest of **Camperdown**

**LENTEN PROGRAM:** Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st and Easter is 16th April. If you are interested in group, joining a group please contact the following people:

**Group A**-commences on Tuesday 28th February at 1.30pm in the small meeting room, parish function centre. Contact Margaret Derham on 50324229 or Mary Livingston on 50324286.

**Group B**-commences Wednesday 1st March at 10.30am at Jocelyn Ingram's, 23 Everingham St. Contact Jocelyn on 50322698 or Yvonne Richardson on 50322678. Names to be in by 3rd February so books can be ordered.

If you just wish to obtain the Lenten Program book please contact the office by 3rd February .

**URGENTLY WANTED**

**WANTED** More helpers with Ministries at weekend Mass . We need more parishioners to assist as Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Communion, Presentation of Gifts, Multi-media Projector Operation and Counters for Stewardship Collection (2nd Basket). The number of volunteers has dwindled due to age, health and parishioners leaving the area. Please contact the office on Tuesday or Friday between 10.30am and 1.30pm on 50324144

**Ash Wednesday** March 1st

**Rite of Election** March 4th 12.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral

**Mass of the Oils** April 10th , St Patrick's Cathedral

**Easter Sunday** April 16th

**Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse**

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held March 26 - 31, 2017 in Tasmania. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griefftograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griefftograce.org](http://www.griefftograce.org) <http://www.griefftograce.org>

**GOSPEL REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSS

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

**Living the gospel**

**Be-attitudes**

*One way to read the Beatitudes is that Jesus was commending and blessing the various people who found themselves in those sorts of conditions. Another, is as a list of qualities that all people should strive to exhibit. It's not just some people who happen to be economically poor who are blessed. Rather, we must all have a poverty of spirit - a humility about our need for God's merciful action in our lives. All are called to hunger and thirst for justice and all are called to be merciful. The Beatitudes are not a menu to select from, but rather an essential list of ingredients.*