

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm



Easter Sunday

Year A

16th April 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:

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wed: 10.00am

Thursday: 10.00am

Friday: No Mass **11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mass Intentions:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:



Anniversaries: We remember: Brian Safe, Gerald Tagliabue, 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: Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Jarrod Crimmins, Joy Parsons. Rebbecka Sandemen.

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.

A Happy Easter to all and safe travelling for those who are visiting our Parish and for those who are going to family and friends.

An Easter Prayer God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men and women who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence.

May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Time: NB: The time of the Vigil Mass will change from 7.00 pm to **6.30 pm** on Saturdays to take effect from **NEXT Saturday**.

Lenten Study Groups: Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Function Centre on Tuesday 18th April at 1.30pm for all groups and individuals who took part in the Lenten Program. A small plate for afternoon tea would be appreciated.



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We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Max Harrower son of Michael and Jemma. May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community

Note Of Thanks

I would like to thank on behalf of the parish community all those who in what ever way helped with the Easter Ceremonies. If you helped prepare the church, donated flowers, read, special minister, music, and being involved. It was a great celebration of the Lord's Death and Resurrection.

Thanks and God Bless

Fr Matt

Divine Mercy Sunday 23rd April Devotions from 1pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; Litany of Divine Mercy; Rosary; Prayer of Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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.

ST MARY'S MINISTRIES for 23rd April 2017

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil John & Kaye Farrell

10.30am: Jordan Wong, Elizabeth Milazzo

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Ursula Phyland, Josh Klabbers, Michelle Haeusler, Marilyn Foley

10.30 am: Sam Colombo, Robert Jager, Margaret Foott, Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Josie Renda.

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Bev McCartney, Claire Billing.

10.30am : Jim & Helen Meehan

Music Ministry:

Vigil: Joe Taverna

10.30am: Brian Wood

Counters: Elva Carty, Geraldine Murdoch

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket) <i>(Support of Priests & Bishop)</i>		\$ 1033.90
Parish Account: (2nd Basket) <i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Envelopes	\$ 914.00
	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 0.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 116.25
		\$
Project Compassion: to date		\$ 1,119.75

Thank-You!

Our Diocesan Community Magazine

There are copies of the ODC Magazine to collect in the foyer.

Some great articles from all around the Diocese.

From Fr Marcello's Farewell page 23, New director of Centacre Mr Tony Fitzgerald, and many other items.

A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria

is available at the back of the church from the Bishop's in regards to Euthanasia.

Car Park

Just a friendly reminder that the car park in the church grounds is for those with a Disabled sticker, or people being dropped off and picked up. We ask that you do not park on the grass, as we have had to replace the sprinklers a couple of times.

Thanks for your assistance with this.

Acquiring Faith Through Dance

A 13th Century church dance that depicts death and resurrection, the gate of heaven and the entry into light from darkness will feature when Medieval Magic is staged at the Art Gallery of Ballarat at 2.15pm on Sunday April 23. Historic instruments and costumes will be used by the early Music Concert, Rippon Lea Dancers and Ballarat's Singers of the Black Book. Tickets \$25, concession and Gallery members \$20, family \$50. bookings 53205858. the Gallery is at 40 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia !

Caritas Australia, as the Catholic agency for aid and development, joins the wider Church in building a world where all human beings can live in dignity, and communities are empowered to be the architects of their own development.

We thank you for helping to empower our neighbours, through the support you so generously give each year during Project Compassion.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week. Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2017 Lentan Appeal.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

A global prayer event will be held on May 5-7 for people to participate wherever they are at the time, by praying at least one rosary for an end to abortion. For more information and to register go to www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org

"Lessons from the Long Paddock" E-Conference

On Tuesday 6th June will be the date for the next econference focus is on the Spirituality of the Outback. Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE, (Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes) and Fr Frank Brennan SJ will be the main presenters. More information in later bulletins.

Mission Conference 2017- One Heart Many Voices

May 15-17 will be the Mission Conference, is for those who are inspired to strive creatively for justice, peace, reconciliation and God's Mission of Mercy. It is a unique opportunity to listen, converse, and experience the many and diverse voices that are an expression of the one heart of mission. The conference will explore the complexity and issues surrounding leadership, formation, theology and the practice of mission. For more information go to www.mohmv.com.au.

Ballarat Diocese Webpage

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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Reflection

by Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon- fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Easter Sunday

16th April 2017

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia .

SECOND READING from St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS NEXT WEEK 23rd April Year A

1st Reading : Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading: 1 St Peter. 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

House Blessing

**May this house be a place of happiness
And health of contentment generosity and hope.
A home of creativity and kindness
May those who visit and those who visit
And those who live here know only blessing and peace.
Amen**

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on
Wednesday 19th April at 6pm in the
Parish Function Center.