

Ministry District Newsletter, Creswick, Daylesford, and Wendouree

St Augustine's Creswick



117 Napier St Creswick

St Peter's Daylesford



13 Duke St Daylesford

Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree



480a Gillies St Wendouree

March 15th
4th Sunday of Lent
Year A

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Collections during Mass & Tap to Give Terminal
In our parishes, it is customary to have two collections during Mass.
1st Collection is for the support of the Bishop and the Priests of the Diocese.
2nd collection is for the running costs of the Parish including maintenance, insurance, wages, utilities, grounds.
In the Daylesford Church there is a Tap to Give Terminal, for those who don't carry cash. You will find it inside the Church, on the left as you enter.

Parish Team

Parish Priest

Fr Marcello Colasante
Administration & Safeguarding Officer - Leonie Keynes

Parish School Principals

St Augustine's Creswick
Michael Heenan P: 5345 2106
St Michael's Daylesford
Tim Hogan P: 5348 1261

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil

Wendouree 6pm

Sunday

Waubra 1st Sunday 8.30am

Creswick 9.00am

(First Sunday of each month Lay Led Assembly)

Daylesford 10.30am

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday 18th March
11.00am Hepburn House

Thursday 19th March
11.00am St Patrick's
Cathedral (Episcopal
Ordination)

Friday 20th March
10.30am Creswick

Acknowledgement

Our parishes are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung & Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our Parish communities meet.

Project Compassion - Fourth Sunday of Lent



With the help of Project Compassion, Manaini was given the chance to learn new skills in food processing. By transforming leftover crops into flour, she found a way to both reduce waste and create a new income stream. This change has brought hope, stability, and the chance for her children to dream of a brighter future.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes, scanning the QR code, online at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross - Evening Prayer

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office have invited the Diocese of Ballarat to host the Migrant Jubilee Cross, which has been travelling around Australia since late last year. This pilgrimage offers an opportunity for the Catholic Church in Australia to continue to mark the celebration of the Jubilee of Migrants in October 2025 and acknowledge and celebrate the faith, gifts, contributions, and resilience that migrant communities bring to our local Church and the world. The Cross will be at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat from March 31 - April 5, 2026, and all are welcome to attend **Evening Prayer on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm.** The Cross will then move to the Sunraysia Parish from April 6-12. Read more about the Cross at <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/jubileecross/>



Congratulations to Daylesford Parishioners Joel Barnard and Taylor El-Hout who were married at St Peter's Church last Saturday.

Praying with Pope Leo

Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer

Prayer for March For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the parish of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. Lord, hear us.

Palms for Palm Sunday March 29th

If you have any palm branches that you could contribute, for Palm Sunday, would you please let Leonie know in the office next week and bring them along on Palm Sunday.

Thank you, Bishop Paul



Thank you

We offer Bishop Paul every blessing in his retirement as Bishop of Ballarat, and we express our deep gratitude for his faithful leadership and his care for the people entrusted to him throughout his episcopal ministry.

**May God bless and keep you,
may God's face shine on you:
May God be kind to you
and give you peace**



Let us Pray

Recent Death

Lisa Tovey (Denver)
Funeral Prayers St Peter's
Wednesday March 18th 1.30pm
Alfred Forster (Brother of
Hannah Noack)

Anniversaries for this week

Creswick

Kenneth Preston,
Ali Van Beveran

Daylesford

Harry Carman, Rozelle Carman,
Edna Glass, Kathleen Johns,
Betty Pilkington, Noel Rodgers,
Shane Sause, Bernie Thomas,

For those unwell

Carol Marshall (Daylesford)
John Van Oirschot (Creswick)
Annie Gardiner (Creswick)

Collections for February

Creswick

1st Collection \$1585.65
2nd Collection \$ 994.75

Daylesford

1st Collection \$ 4045.60
2nd Collection \$ 2183.00

Wendouree

1st Collection \$ 2210.15

Thanks for your support in our stewardship program, it is greatly appreciated

Office Hours Update

The office hours will change effective Wednesday March 18th Around four months ago, I took on a temporary contract with my other job, which meant I had to work out how to manage both positions.

Fr Marcello was extremely supportive, allowing me to adjust my schedule and work on Thursdays and Fridays to make it all fit.

With the temporary contract now finished, I'll be returning to the office three days each week. Please see below for the updated hours.

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Fr Marcello for all his understanding and assistance throughout this period.

Wednesday 8.30am - 2.30pm

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Friday 11.30am - 4.30pm

Palm Sunday Rally

The Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees invites you to support the Refugee Advocacy Network's Palm Sunday Rally in Melbourne on Sunday, March 29, 2026. Program for the day: 1.00 pm - gather on Princes Bridge with banners and placards; 1.30pm - Solidarity walk to Birrarung Marr Lower Terrace (Angel statue); 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm - a full program of speakers and music. More information available at <https://refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au/>

Holy Week Times

Monday March 30th

Mass of the Oils 1.00pm at Ballarat St Patrick's Cathedral

Holy Thursday April 2nd

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
5.30pm at Creswick
7.00pm at Daylesford

Good Friday April 3rd

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3.00pm at Creswick only

Holy Saturday April 4th

Easter Vigil Mass
7.00pm at Wendouree

Easter Sunday April 5th

9.00am at Creswick
10.30am at Daylesford