

Parish Newsletter



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Daylesford (Wednesday- Friday) 9am- 2pm



“We are a Child Safe Parish”

Safeguarding Officer: Leonie Bird

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Parish Priest: Fr Gary A Jones- Also visiting Priest for: Wendouree & Ballarat North

Parish School Principal: St Michael's Ethan Corfee St Augustine's Terry Brennan.

Sunday Mass times: Creswick 8.45am & Daylesford 10.30am

Country Church: St Joseph's Blampied ; St Francis Xavier Chapel Eganstown Cemetery

Recent Death: Sr Tirsa Bale (Horsham)

Anniversaries of Death:

Creswick- Edith Barry; Amelia Gleeson;
Maureen Gibcus; Maureen Symmons;

Daylesford- Betty Cantillon; Madeline Mahoney;
Phyllis Graham; Moya Dwyer; Una Laidlow; William Dwyer.



We would like to thank our community that continue to support us with planned giving and cash donations, it is much appreciated.

If you wish to donate please contact the Office on 5301 8161 and we can advise the best way for you to donate.



Entry into St Augustine's Sacristy & Church

A timely reminder to all parishioners that if you require entry into the Sacristy & Church to ensure that you have the current alarm code. The code is changed regularly, especially during these COVID times & with the church being closed.

It only takes a phone call to the office to get the right code and it saves us money & not having to have the security firm make an unnecessary journey to Creswick.

Please contact the office if you require further information.

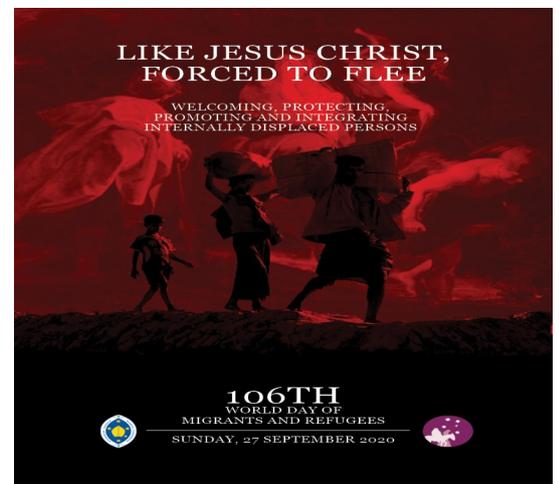
No Masses until further notice.



**106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees
September 27, 2020**

Catholic Social Services Victoria would like to draw particular focus, especially in the light of COVID-19, to remember, pray for and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum 'in our own backyard':

On this 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'. We acknowledge and give thanks for the many parish communities across the state, along with those working within our Catholic social services and other organisations and community groups, who are making considerable efforts to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas—many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and the majority of the 115,000 living in the Australian community have been deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair. In his message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis tells us, "You have to know in order to understand" and, "It is necessary to be close, in order to serve". Only when different elements of the community work together — individuals, parishes, schools, universities and organisations — can we effectively advocate for systemic change and provide for people's immediate necessities and other spiritual and social needs. We encourage you to read more at <http://www.css.org.au/Article-View/Article/23727/Remembering-working-and-praying-for-migrants-and-refugees#.X2qkIGzaCh>



St Vincent de Paul Society, "Assist a Student" Program for Victoria : The program assists very poor students in countries to our north to attend school who may otherwise, without this assistance, not be able to afford to attend. It is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle the student finds themselves in and it encapsulates the Vincentian message of "a hand up, not a hand out". A \$100 donation provides access to education. Any administrative costs are met by the Australian St Vincent de Paul Society. For more information go to [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our Impact/International Impact/Assist a student today/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our%20Impact/International%20Impact/Assist%20a%20student%20today/)

When This is Over

***When this is over,
may we never again take for granted
a handshake with a stranger
conversations with neighbours
a crowded theatre
Friday night out***

***the taste of Communion
a routine checkup
the school rush each morning
coffee with a friend
the stadium roaring
each deep breath
a boring Tuesday
life itself.***



***When this ends,
may we find that we have become
more like the people we wanted to be,
we were called to be,
we hoped to be.***

And may we stay that way – better for each other because of the worst.

- Laura Kelly Fanucci—<https://laurakellyfanucci.com/>

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Saying "Yes!"

In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.