



St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

St Joseph's Blampied

Midland Hwy

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Tuesday—Creswick 9.30–11am

Daylesford 12—3pm

Wednesday Daylesford 9.30 - 3pm

Closed Thursday

Friday Daylesford 12—1pm

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NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

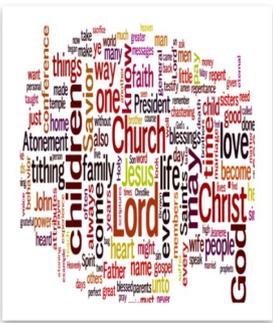
Easter Blessings:

Thank you to all who have help in many ways during Holy Week.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful Easter 2018.

Grace & Blessings from Fr Gary Jones PP





Last Week's Collections: Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash toward the Presbytery for the sustenance of our Priest – with a contribution of 13% to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$332.50 2nd Collection \$366.00
Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$377.30 2nd Collection \$350.00



Recent Death: Jean Higgins
Anniversaries: Daylesford: Andrew Williams, Mark Caines, Mary Monaghan, Mary Pedretti, Ken Nutt
Anniversaries: Creswick: John Hynes, Cory Mookhoek, Fr Delahenty, Ellen Smith, Eileen Keen

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Clunes are having an afternoon to farewell their French harmonium organ before it is moved to the Clunes Museum. This organ is a rather rare instrument. And we are delighted that the Clunes Museum have accepted our offer to put this organ on permanent display for future generations to view. This organ was purchased after the church was built and has been the church organ ever since. Also it will be the last opportunity people will have to come to St. Thomas Aquinas Church Clunes as the church has been sold.

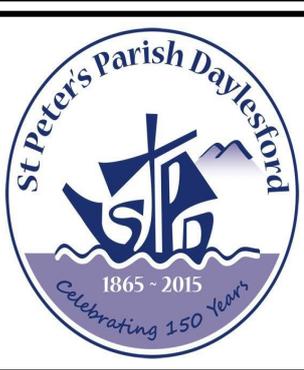
This event will be SUNDAY 29th of April at 2.30
The pews and fittings from the church have been removed, and if people coming need to sit for this short event please bring a chair.
Afternoon tea will be provided at the conclusion of this event.
Any inquires please phone 0432 390 314 or 54766233



Liturgy Roster Creswick & Daylesford Parishes:



Sunday April 8th @ St Augustine's Creswick:
Welcomers/Offertory: Loretta/Roland **Remote:** Jesse & Steve **Commentator:** David P **Reader:** Loretta K
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian RW, Margie G, Angeline T
Weekday Mass: *Funeral Mass for Jean Higgins Wednesday 4th, 1.30pm*



Sunday April 8th @ St Peter's Daylesford
Reader: M Righetti **Offertory:** K Callahan, D McMinn **Ministers:** S Whiffin, M Bruce, M Phypers **Sacristan:**
Counters: *Apr 1 (Team 5) M Phypers, B Ryan*
Apr 8 (Team 6) F & K Stephens, T Torpy, V & M Richards
Weekday Mass: *No Weekday Masses*