

Parish Newsletter - October 2nd 2016Telephone: Parish Office: 5348 2026 / Presbytery: 5348 3911Email: daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.auParish Priest – Fr Gary Jones gary.jones@ballarat.catholic.org.auParish Priest – Fr Gary Jones gary.jones@ballarat.catholic.org.auParish Administration: Leah MonaghanSt Michael's Parish Primary School-\_\_Principal: Chris PollardSt. Joseph's Church BlampiedLay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) 9.00amVigil Mass Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

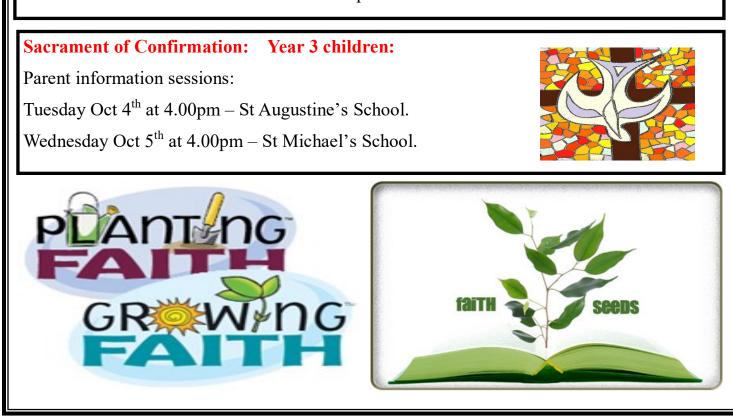
# **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS**

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from

those who preceded him.





**Last Week's Collections:** Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The  $1^{st}$  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  $2^{nd}$  Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the administration of the Parish

1st Collection \$528.40

2nd Collection \$122.00

#### **RECENT DEATH:** Robin Cook

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Una Laidlaw, William Dwyer, Phillip Vendy, Margaret Rodoni, Harry Rodgers, Joyce Sealy, David Smith, Gerard Beckworth, Patricia Cranny



#### St Michael's School Fete Sunday October 30th.

Plant Stall: If there is anyone who would like to do some planting of seedlings, or cuttings, as we come into Spring, these would be most welcome on the Plant Stall. Thank you.

### Diocesan News

An End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank St Michael's School Springbank will close at the end of the 2016 school year and on December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with an afternoon tea at 4.00pm, Mass at 6.30pm, then join us for a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. A recovery brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 (this will be a BYO drinks event). Please register your interest to attend to one or all of the events by email to <u>quinlanwater@gmail.com</u> or by message to Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417587235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

*Catholic Women's League* Michael Taffe, Diocesan Archivist, will be giving a talk in the Cathedral on the history of the Stained Glass Windows on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 commencing at 1.30 pm. Interested parishioners are very welcome to attend and to join us for afternoon tea in the smaller hall following the talk. CWL members please bring a plate and we will have a brief meeting after this. Enquiries to Gertie Mangan, ph. 5334 1670 or Sheila Wilton, ph. 5342 9678.

**Beyond the Year of Mercy** A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office <u>ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u> or ph. 5331 2933.

**St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening** The College will conduct the **2018 Year 7 Infor**mation Night on Wednesday October 26 from 7:30 pm in the College Chapel. To receive a 2018 Enrolment Package please contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or <u>cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au</u>

*Loreto College Ballarat* Open Mornings (including College Tours): Tuesday, October 11 and Monday, October 17 from 9.30am – 11.30am. College Tours: Thursday, October 6, Thursday, November 3 and Thursday, December 1 at 9.30am. Please register for Open Mornings and College Tours on the Loreto website <u>www.loreto.vic.edu.au</u>

## **BLAMPIED** - St Josephs Community

Dinner at Swiss Mountain Hotel after 6.00pm. Mass Saturday 22/10/16 To Honour and Farewell Carmel Rieniets and Thank her for her many years of Service as Sacristan. Dinner and Drinks at Hotel Prices - All Welcome Please Book with Colleen 53457281 or Marilyn 53457475.

<u> Roster - Sunday 9th October</u>

Reader: G Kirby Comm: I Tinetti Ministers: L Mulraney, C Collins, N Chamberlain Offertory: Leonard Family Counters Oct 2nd (Team 7) W Chamberlain, S Whiffin Oct 9th (Team 8)

