

Parish Newsletter - October 4th 2015

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St. Joseph's, Blampied (Midland Hwy)

Mass Celebrated first & third, fifth Sundays (Sat vigil 6.00pm) Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Anniversaries of Death: Phillip Vendy, Margaret Rodoni, Harry Rodgers, Joyce Sealy, David Smith, Gerard Beckworth, Patricia Cranny, Margaret Richards

Please remember our Sick- not well : Dawn Godfrey,

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 11th 2015

St Thomas Aquinas Clunes St Augustine's Creswick St Joseph's Blampied St Peter's Daylesford Saturday October 10th Sunday October 11th Sunday October 11th Sunday October 11th

6.30pm 8.45am 9.00am (LLA) 10.30am

Midweek Masses— Creswick Wed 10am, Daylesford Thurs/Friday 10am

World mental health Day

October 10th 2015

Blessed are those Who don't have it all together

Blessed are those Who have run out of strength, Ideas, will power, resolve or energy

Blessed are those Who ache because of How severely out of whack the world is

> Blessed are those Who on a regular basis Have a dark day in which Despair seems to be a step Behind them wherever they go

Blessed are you, For God is with you God is on your side, God meets you in that place

Johnathon Blundell

"the thing the world needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity" Pope Francis

St Luke Evangelist of Mercy

You are invited to a gathering with Fr Kevin Lenehan for reflections on St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy. **Wednesday 14th October** in the small hall at St Patrick's Cathedral, 7.30—9.00pm.

Gold Coin donation to Caritas Refugees

If you would like a Mass offered for a family member during the month of All Souls (November), please take an offering collection and return via the collection. <u>Last Week's Collections:</u> Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures. 1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$271.80

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$833.00

<u>Rosters</u>— Oct 11 Reader: U Kroeger Commentator: L Righetti Offertory: Leonard Family Ministers: C Jenkins, C Bartholomew, L Mulraney Counters: *Team 3 (Oct 4th)* D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes, C & P Jenkins *Team 4 (Oct 11th)* D & P Doherty

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

Upcoming dates—

All Souls Day Mass will celebrated at St Francis Xavier, Eganstown on Monday November 2nd at 11am. All welcome.

Gordon Cemetery Mass A Mass will be celebrated at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 1.30pm.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 8th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

Liturgy of Lament and Hope A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2.00pm on Sunday, November 1. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the Cathedral Hall. To help with planning, the organising group asks that a representative from each parish contact one of the following: Karen Davies on 0407 820 622 or