

Parish Newsletter - September 4th 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 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)

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The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few

years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue '*caring for those who cared for us*'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are taxdeductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US—THE CHURCH COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY



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 (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$271.60

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$173.00

RECENT DEATH: Mrs Lourdes Stanislaus (mother of Fr Neville Stanislaus)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: John Lee, Louisa Horwath, John White, Veronica Melotte, Lionel Whitaker, William Shanahan, John Brodie, Paul Daglish,



<u>St Michael's School Fete Sunday October 30th.</u>

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.



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care, and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need.

> Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family.

Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Amen Author Unknown

Sacrament of Confirmation: Year 3 children:

Parent information sessions:

Tuesday Oct 4th at 4.00pm – St Augustine's School.

Wednesday Oct 5th at 4.00pm – St Michael's School.





Coffee After Mass—Sunday September 11th

There will be a Cuppa after Mass next Sunday in the Parish Centre.

All Welcome to join us—thank you to those who are hosting.

There will be no Friday Masses on September 16th and 23rd as Fr Gary will be away.

Roster - Sunday 11th September

Reader: M Righetti Comm: M Yanner Ministers: C Bolton, D McMinn, I Tinetti Offertory: C Collins, B Capes Counters Sept 4th (Team 3) D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes, C & P Jenkins Sept 11th (Team 4) D & P Doherty

