

# Parish Newsletter



**Parish Office:** Leonie Bird Phone 53018161  
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.

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

**Mass times:** **St Augustine's** Creswick: - Friday 12 noon      Sunday 830am  
**St Peter's**      Daylesford:-Thursday 10am      Sunday 10am

**Recent Death:** June Henderson (Creswick)

**Anniversaries of Death:**

**Creswick-** Eileen Murphy; Martin Power;  
Bill Meyer; Catharina Heinen.

**Daylesford-** Des Quinn; Eileen Bennett; Claire Nason;  
Ismeana Kelly; Harold Lilburne; Carmel O'Connell; Betty  
Beaumont; Phyllis Scheggia.



Bev Ryan; John Egan; Brad Fernando;  
Mabel McAdele

**Oct/Nov Collections:**

**(including direct debit)**

**Creswick Parish Collections:**

**1st Collection:** \$1053.10

**2nd Collection:** \$3865.00

**Daylesford Parish Collections:**

**1st Collection:** \$749.90

**2nd Collection:** \$ 1655.00



## **DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Thank God for Mass!**

Just as lockdown begins to ease and Churches open for prayer and the celebration of Mass, Sue Ellis has produced an interactive book that will help every family, school and church to inspire children to enjoy the many aspects of this key event in the life of every Catholic. More information available from the diocesan website "Liturgy resources" page.

**Brigidine Community Clayton Closure**

A number of religious/chapel items (chalices, tabernacle, sanctuary lamp, missal stand, lectern, etc.) are available. For further information contact Sr Anne Hill csb, email [csbleader@brigidine.com.au](mailto:csbleader@brigidine.com.au) or phone 03 9509 2132.

**"The Place of the Kyriale - the Ordinary of the Mass - in Catholic History, Liturgy and Music"**

Sr Marie T Levey rsj has written this book as a response expressed by choral singers, parish musicians and scholars of music history, to know more about the origin and sources of the people's sung parts of the Mass. The story will take the reader back over the centuries to meet church leaders who contributed to the *Kyriale* - Ss Gregory I the Great, Bernard of Clairvaux, Hildegard of Bingen, Francis of Assisi, Dominic of Osma, and others who loved praising God in song. To order copies of the book or for further information email [CAC.reception@sosj.org.au](mailto:CAC.reception@sosj.org.au)

## KEEPING SANE IN DECEMBER

- Decide how you want to celebrate the season and stick to it.
- Make a list of three things you would particularly like to do in the next four weeks. Start doing them --no excuses.
- Get organized--make lists, set a date to complete shopping, cooking and cards. But be flexible; it's not the end of the world if you run a day or two late.
- Learn to say "no" with a pleasant smile and without feeling guilty.
- Keep things simple. What can you cut out of your life?  
There must be at least three things.
- Be nice to yourself. Treat yourself to a nap out of hours, a special food treat, a book or magazine, a long, lazy bath with the phone off the hook and the door locked...
- Remember, nothing lasts forever; not your three year-old's tantrum, the broken nights or even teenagers' temperaments.
- Plan time to say "Hello" to God each day. Spend a short while sitting comfortably at prayer or in silent meditation about the love and gifts you have received in your life.
- Make a special effort to say something positive to each person you live or work with. Compliment them on something, tell them you appreciate them, speak their praises in front of others.
- Don't see yourself as a victim of circumstances, people or situations. Inside, you are always a free person unless you allow the actions or words of others to imprison you in any way. The choice is yours.



## **Historical Context**

### **A Baptism of Forgiveness**

*The understanding that we generally have of baptism today has not always been the case. At the time of John and Jesus, the Jewish tradition used baptism as a ritual bath to cleanse a person who had become ritually unclean and make them able to participate in religious rituals. What John was preaching was a baptism for the forgiveness of sins – a new interpretation at the time. He emphasised that repentance was essential for forgiveness and that there needed to be a conscious returning to God. John's baptism was a symbolic act to signify the willingness of the person to renounce their sins and make a more conscious return to God.*