

Parish Newsletter - February 12th 2017

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St. Joseph's Church Blampied

Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) 9.00am Vigil Mass Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

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



Parish Dates:

Parent Meeting - Sacrament of Penance February 22nd 4pm @ St Michael's

Friday Feb 17th - Class Mass (Room 4)

Shrove Tuesday - February 28th

Ash Wednesday MASS - March 1st 12pm



Congratulations to Toby and Natalie Hughes

on the Baptism of their son Xavier James today.





Gospel Reflection

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of pro-

phetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.



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:

1st Collection \$316.10 2nd Collection \$202.85

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Allan Hall, Ivan Cizmadija, Alice Doyle, Martin Talty, Bobby Doherty, William Young, Catherine & Lucas Baron



Blampied Mass Times 2017

Saturday February 25th 6.00pm

Saturday March 25th 6.00pm

Saturday April 22nd 6.00pm

Saturday May 27th 6.00pm

Rest of year still to be confirmed.?



Passionist Family Group Movement Victoria/Tasmania

The PFGM State Team members invite you to a

Farewell function for Maree and Bernard Metcalfe

to mark their retirement as Directors, to be held on

Saturday, April 1, 2017

with Mass at 11am in St Francis Xavier Parish Church, 86 Mayona Road, MONTMORENCY, 3094 (Melway Map 21, E5)

followed by a light lunch in the SFX Parish hall - BYO drinks

RSVP by March 17, 2017 to:

Judy & Rob Lewis 4 Alvina Street

FERNTREE GULLY 3156

OR Email: pfgm.victas@gmail.com



2018 Year 7 Enrolment

If you are considering a Catholic education for your son, St Patrick's College offers an education delivering academic excellence, a strong focus on social justice, sports, and the arts. Enrolments for 2018 Year 7 are now open and you are invited to submit your sons application.

A College prospectus can be downloaded from http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/

Applications for 2018 close on Friday February 17 with interviews to take place in early March.

Please contact the Registrar, Mc Caitlin Bennett for further information on 5331 1688.



Would you like to get involved with the good works of St Vincent de Paul?

The Ballarat Conference will be here next Sunday at Mass to tell you how.



Roster - Sunday 19th February

<u>Reader:</u> Ian Tinetti Commentator: U Kroeger Ministers: C Bolton, C Bartholomew, S Whiffin, Offertory: Leonard Family Sacristan: Denise

Counters: Feb 19th (Team 3) D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes, C & P Jenkins Feb 26th (Team 4) D & P Doherty

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 14th February Creswick 10am **Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February** Daylesford 10am