

# Newsiletter

## **REFLECTION by Greg Sunter**

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

# Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields—12th to 21st January.

Monday January 15th at St John's Anglican Church Creswick. Thursday January 18th St Paul's Anglican Church Clunes followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Queen Victoria in 1860 at the Clunes Town Hall.

Full programme available—www.ballarat.com/organs

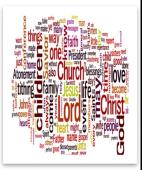
# Parish News:

*Phone Number*—The office and Presbytery at St Peter's can now be contacted on (03) 5301 8161

Daylesford Parish—new planned giving envelopes are available at the rear of the Church.



*Congratulations to* Christian and Miho O'Connor on the Baptism of their sons *Tomoharu and Liam* at St Augustine's this morning.



**Last Week's Collections:** Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$291.50 2nd Collection \$151.00 Daylesford Parish Collections:1st Collection \$317.30 2nd Collection \$103.20

#### Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Daylesford: Phyllis Tobin, Brian Suckling, Nellie Williams,

Anniversaries: Creswick: Margaret Nester,

### Building Works during 2018 -

- 1. Work has commenced on St Michael's Primary School in Daylesford. The work should be finished sometime in Term 2.
- 2. St Augustine's Primary School has started there renovation on the former Presbytery.

The Centre will be called /named *St Mary MacKillop Education Centre—for learning*. The work should be completed by February this year.

1. St Peter's Church Daylesford - during this summer period some major works will be done on the Church roof. Also repair works at St Joseph's Blampied.







Sunday January 21st @ St Augustine's Creswick:

Welcomers/Offertory: Aileen P, David P Remote: Loretta K

**Commentator:** Pat T **Reader:** Roland K

Eucharistic Ministers: Margie G, Brian RW, Roland K

Weekday Mass: Tuesday - No MASS





**Reader:** B Barlow **Offertory:** Leonard Family **Ministers:** N Chamberlain, M Bruce, C Bartholomew **Sacristan:** Denise

Counters:

Jan 14th (Team 2) J Egan, C Collins

Jan 21st (Team 3) D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes,

Weekday Mass: NO MASSES