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The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.



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

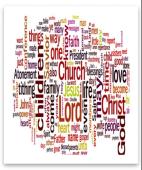
Monday January 15th at St John's Anglican Church Creswick. Thursday January 18th St Paul's Anglican Church Clunes followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Queen Victoria in 1860 at the Clunes Town Hall.

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 in the Parish Centre



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) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$364.40 2nd Collection \$342.00 Daylesford Parish Collections:1st Collection \$294.50 2nd Collection \$165.00

<u>Recent Death:</u> Monica Morgan (Loretta Kaval's mother)



Anniversaries: Daylesford: Maise Lewis, Joe Comelli, Margaret Milesi, Bernie Jurcan, Des Collins, Alan Lynch, Maureen Jones, Martin Sexton, Elizabeth Tatti

Anniversaries: Creswick: Ned Mellington, Frank McGrath,







Sunday January 14th @ St Augustine's Creswick:

Welcomers/Offertory: Brian R, Maria M Remote: Alastair H

Commentator: Bernie T **Reader:** Betty K

Eucharistic Ministers: Barb H, Judy S, Aileen P

Weekday Mass: Tuesday - No MASS



Sunday January 14th @ St Peter's Daylesford:

Reader: I Tinetti **Offertory:** Chamberlain Family **Ministers:** T Tinetti, M Coffey, M Righetti **Sacristan:** Rose

Counters: Jan 7th (Team 1) L & M Righetti

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

Weekday Mass: NO MASSES