



Newsletter



St Peter's Daylesford: Sunday Mass 10.30am

St Augustine's Creswick: Sunday Mass 8.45am

St Joseph's Blampied: Midland Hwy Blampied.

"We are a Child Safe Parish"

Parish Staff: Parish Priest of Daylesford & Creswick: Fr Gary A Jones

Parish Admin: Leonie Bird

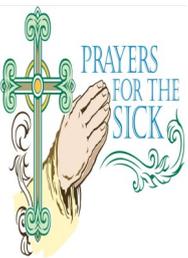
Parish Office: Phone 53018161 -Daylesford (Thursday, Friday) 9.00– 3.00pm

Safeguarding Officer: Leonie Bird

Parish Primary School: St Michael's Daylesford -Ethan Corfee & St Augustine's Creswick -Terry Brennan.

Parish Emails: creswick@ballarat.catholic.org.au ; daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Website: ballarat.catholic.org.au



Recent Death:

Anniversaries of Death: Peggy Maddicks, Carl Martin, Grace Comelli, George Ring, Carla Gilligan, Allan Cusack, Karen Gilligan, Nita Edwards, Maurice Rixon, Kathleen Parsons, Margaret Kierce, Monsignor James McInerney

Prayers for the Sick: Luke Taylor, Pauline and Fred Stapleton

Weekday Masses: Creswick Tuesday's 10am & Daylesford Friday's 10am



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

The children of St Michael's and St Augustine's are currently preparing for the Rite of Reconciliation in both parishes. We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist later in the year.

St Augustine's: Declan O'Kelly, Paige Euvrard, Libby Gervasoni, Jack Petch , James Lang - Closter, Arya Cameron - Lench, Fletcher Martin Abbigail Righetti.

St Michael's: Jordan Thompson, Lachlan Lane, Matilda Witcher, Max Aylward, Thomas Niclas, Tylar Keating, Jackson Goddard, Riley Booth, Isobella Goodwin, Eve Righetti.

No Weekday Mass at St Peter's Daylesford Friday March 29th.

St Augustine's: During Lent there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 7-8 pm at St. Augustine's.

Tuesday 2nd April at 2pm -Lenten Anointing Mass at the John Curtin, Huntley Room, Afternoon tea provided.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 15, 2019: The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 15, 2019. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. All members of the diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include ushers, readers, oils bearers, presentation of the gifts, collection of oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2019: Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass on Monday, April 15, 2019. Practice times will be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.



Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

When Jesus is asked about the deaths of some Galileans and some residents of Jerusalem, he seizes the opportunity to remind his audience that their obsession with the 'sin' of the victims is misplaced. He challenges all who are listening that unless they repent, they will all perish in a similar fashion. This would have been very confronting to

those in the audience who were ingrained in the thinking that 'bad things only happen to bad people'. The purity codes of the day stated that if one maintain purity of action – obeying the Law and respecting the prohibitions on certain actions – then one was fulfilling one's duty and maintaining right relationship with God. Jesus chastises the people for this attitude and tells them that they all must 'repent'. For 1st Century Jews, the word 'repent' had a greater depth of meaning than our current understanding. Rather than simply 'being sorry', to repent meant to completely turn life around – both individually and as a society. His injunction to repent would be seen as a challenge to question motives and actions and set a new direction.

To follow this up, Jesus tells his audience a parable about a fig tree that has not borne fruit after three years. There are many interpretations of this parable and it is often interpreted in isolation from the gospel passage that immediately precedes it. Given the challenge to 'repent' that is given so strongly, we can see the parable as an example to the listeners that their time for repenting is running out. The one year reprieve for the fig tree is an indication to the listeners that their change of heart and change of spirit had better take shape in the very near future.



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.

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$205.50 2nd Collection: \$142.00

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$348.10 2nd Collection: \$152.90

Next Weekend Roster

Welcomer

Commentator

Reader

Offertory/Gifts

Ministers of the Eucharist

Projection Operator/ iPad Music

Sacristan

Counters/ Teams

Creswick Parish:

Irene M, Barb H

David P

Alastair

Irene M, Barb H

Angeline T, Roland K, Josie R

Loretta K\ Phoebe

Mick G & Peter G

Daylesford Parish:

B Daghish/ K Callahan

G Kirby

Chamberlain Family

D Leonard, R Thannhauser, M Righetti

Kath

M Phypers & B Ryan