



St Peter's Daylesford: Sunday Mass 10.30am

St Augustine's Creswick: Sunday Mass 8.45am

St Joseph's Blampied: Midland Hwy (no longer a mass centre) "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 (Wed, Thursday, Friday) 9.30– 4.00pm Safeguarding Officer: Leonie Bird

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

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## Recent Death:

<u>Anniversaries of Death</u>: Julia Frost, Molly Meldrum, Rene Wright, Maureen Cook, Charles Matheson, Stephen Tatti, Thelma Talti, Jack Dixon, Bruce Mawby, Jack Ragatz, John Bennett, Lorna Nihill, Reta Simpson, Max Brennan, Elizabeth Lenaghan

Prayers for the Sick: Luke Taylor

Weekday Masses: NO MASSES THIS WEEK 22nd-26th APRIL



## ANZAC DAY MASS:

At St Peter's Daylesford at 10 am on Thursday 25th April.



<u>Easter offering envelopes</u> are available in the baskets at the back of the church at St Peter's and St Augustine's.

**Project Compassion 2019 donations:** Thank you for your support in promoting Caritas Australia's annual appeal, Project Compassion.

<u>Mass Counts start on weekend 4-5 May</u>: The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the 4 weekends of May commencing on the weekend of 4-5 May.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 28th April 2019: All are welcome to come and join in the Celebration of "19th Official Worldwide Divine Mercy Sunday - on Sunday 28th April 2019 at St Patrick's Cathedral. The program begins at 1.00 pm - Confessions (3 priests available) - 2.15pm - The Divine Mercy Chaplet - 2.30pm Holy Mass .

<u>Volunteers for St Augustine's</u>: Volunteers are needed to learn to become iPad operators. Full training will be provided. If you wish to learn a new skill please email Leonie at creswick@ballarat.catholic.org.au

**Behrouz Boochani Video Night:** Rural Australians for Refugees, Grandmothers against Detention of refugee Children, the House of Welcome and the Ballarat Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Network invite you to a free, public, live video presentation featuring Manus Island detainee and author Behrouz Boochani on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Eureka Centre, 102 Stawell Street South, Eureka at 6.00pm. Bookings at https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/no-friend-but-the-mountains-with-behrouz-boochani-tickets-59807514887

## **REFLECTION by Greg Sunter**

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as



Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.



**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<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs.

<u>Creswick Parish Collections</u>: 1st Collection: \$258.00 2nd Collection: \$137.80

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$417.80 2nd Collection: \$177.00

Next Weekend Roster	Creswick Parish:	Daylesford Parish:
Welcomer	Aileen P & David P	B Daglish
Commentator	Brian RW	
Reader	Alastair H	Rose Thannhauser
Offertory/Gifts	Aileen P & David P	Chamberlain Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Roland K, Aileen P, Josie R	D McMinn, C Collins, S Whiffin
Projection Operator/ iPad Music	Lois K/ Phoebe	
Sacristan		Kath
Counters/ Teams	Mick G & Peter G	John Egan & Carol Collins