

Parish Newsletter



Parish Office: Leonie Bird Phone 53018161
Daylesford (Wednesday- Friday) 9am- 2pm



“We are a Child Safe Parish”

Safeguarding Officer: Leonie Bird

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Parish Priest: Fr Gary A Jones- Also visiting Priest for: Wendouree & Ballarat North

Parish School Principal: **St Michael's** Ethan Corfee **St Augustine's** Terry Brennan.

Sunday Mass times: **Creswick** 8.45am & **Daylesford** 10.30am

Country Church: St Joseph's Blampied ; St Francis Xavier Chapel Eganstown Cemetery

Recent Death:

Anniversaries of Death:

Creswick– Patricia Nolan; Cath Gair; Alan Hall; Kevin Newton; Anna Kreemers; Patricia Rutledge.

Daylesford– John O'Loughlin; Alice Stephens; Margaret Richards; Heidi Roleff; Gertrude Dwyer; Helen Paton; Ena O'Brien; Carmel Barron; Betty O'Shannesy.



Important Phone Numbers

The outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19 has impacted people in varying ways. Some people may be feeling worried, anxious and overwhelmed by the information. Help is only a phone call away.

Corona Hotline P: 1800 675 398

Lifeline P: 13 11 14

Beyond Blue P: 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline – P: 1800 55 1800

COVID UPDATE

In regional Victoria, we are currently under Stage 3 restrictions. The regulations require that “religious ceremonies and private worship” be “broadcast only”. This means that our churches are closed to the general public. For information about Masses online, please go to the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

In regional Victoria, there are exceptions for weddings and funerals, though with limited numbers. For weddings, there may only be 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant). For funerals, there may be up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral.

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Cancellation of Chrism Mass for 2020

Bishop Paul has advised parishes that the Chrism Mass has been cancelled for 2020 due to the coronavirus restrictions which do not allow for large gatherings. The mass will hopefully be celebrated on the Monday of Holy Week in 2021



Have YOU thought?

What's in a name?

On many occasions in the Bible a character is given, or takes on, a new name when they take on a new role or move to a new level in their faith and relationship with God. Abram became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah; Jacob became Israel; and Saul became Paul. In all of these circumstances the person took on a new name to reflect their new relationship with God. This tradition has continued right to this day. Men and women entering religious life have traditionally taken on a new name to indicate the new life they are entering. When Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became pope he took on the name Benedict to indicate the new role and the new life he was beginning.



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Who do YOU say I am?

The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is.



Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

