

Parish Newsletter

Parish Office: Leonie Bird Phone 53018161 -Daylesford (Wednesday- Friday) 9.30- 3.00pm

"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

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

Weekday Masses: **Creswick or Daylesford** -No Weekday Masses in January



Recent Death: Marion Thorpe (Trentham)

Anniversaries of Death:

Creswick- Gregory Mitchell; Kevin Gleeson; James Murphy; Julia Conaughton; Fr. Emmanuel Green

Daylesford- Gladys Rigby; Joan Haylen; Patricia Dwyer; Marie Hourigan; Josephine Toner; Norman Collins.

Prayers for the Sick: Maureen Eagan; Carmel Stevens.

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant

Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent.

The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing.

The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

Welcome & Congratulations on the
Baptism of

George Leo Mookhoek

Hunter Matthew Plier

Orla Peggy Devlin

Sunday 2nd February, at St Augustine's
Parish Creswick



Reflection continued: It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.



Sunday Mass 10.30am

Last Week's Collections: Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash towards 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: \$326.40

2nd Collection: \$291.00

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$548.80

2nd Collection: \$189.80



Sunday Mass 8.45am

DIOCEAN NEWS: Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat: Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. Copies of Bishop Paul's letter are available through the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Nominations need to reach Bishop Paul by Friday, February 7, 2020.

World Interfaith Harmony Week in Ballarat: All are invited to events for World Interfaith Harmony Week in Ballarat. The Civic Flag Raising on Tuesday, February 4 at 11.00am. Meet at Queen Victoria Square opposite the Town Hall. Walk and Talk in the Wetlands, at which Hedley Thomson, Community Member who assisted in the City Council planning of the wetlands at Lake Wendouree and Deanne Gilson, Indigenous local artist who created the Indigenous Sculpture nearby, will both be speaking on Saturday, February 8 at 10.00am. Meet at the Indigenous Sculpture Park, Wendouree Parade.

LONG WEEKEND 7th—9th MARCH MASS CHANGE FOR ST PETER'S PARISH

Please note St Peter's mass will be on **Saturday 7th March at 6.30pm**, due to the Chillout Parade Sunday morning. So **No Mass Sunday** Morning at St Peter's on 8th March. St Augustine's will still be the same time Sunday at 8.45am.



Roster-weekend: Feb 9th	Daylesford	Creswick
Welcomer	Brian D; Denise Mc	Aileen P; David P
Commentator		Bernie T
Reader	Maria B	Kevin S
Offertory/Gifts	Carol C	Aileen P; David P
Special Ministers/Eucharist	Denise L; Maree P; Maureen Y	Aileen P; Barb H; Margie G
Projector Operator/Ipad Music	Qerim Family	Neil D/Loretta
Sacristan	Hillary C	
Collection	Collectors – Brian; Tom; Syd; Lawrence R	Counting —Josie & Brian R