



Parish Newsletter - July 26th 2015

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St. Joseph's, Blampied (Midland Hwy)

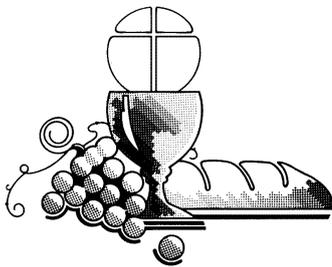
Mass Celebrated first & third, fifth Sundays (Sat vigil 6.00pm)

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Recent Death: Claire Cleary

Anniversaries of Death: Frank Heron, Zac Burns, Bridget Siebel, Maximillian Richards, Gerry Laundl, Christine Monaghan, Jack Hart

Sick List: Dawn Godfrey



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 2nd August

St Thomas Aquinas Church Clunes	Sunday August 2nd 10.30am (LLA)
St Augustine's Creswick	Sunday August 2nd 8.45am
St Joseph's Blampied	Saturday August 1st 6.00pm
St Peter's Daylesford	Sunday August 2nd 10.30am

Midweek Masses — Wed 10am Creswick, Thurs & Fri Daylesford 10am

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

Reunion - Holy Cross Convent at St Michael's 1891— 1973

Friday 13—Sunday 15th November 2015.

Three events for our reunion - strictly invitation only. Name tags will be given out. Please contact Christina Andreallo Wagner (email: chrisseyandrea@hotmail.com or facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/1525321437716689)

Friday November 13th: Boarders Only, Sleepover at Convent.

Saturday November 14th: All students up to the year 1973, strictly invitation only, 10am at the Convent Gallery. Complimentary tour through the Convent, by owner Tina Banitska at 11am. Afterwards lunch or cuppa at the Convent (ground must be vacated by 3pm due to private functions)

Saturday afternoon and evening: All past student up to 1973, at Lucinis (The old Macaroni Factory) 64 Main Road, Hepburn. Meet and Greet from 3.30pm, dinner till late, \$30pp drinks at bar prices.

Last Week's Collections: Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures. 1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$337.35

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$615

Rosters— Aug 2 **Reader:** **Commentator:** M Yanner **Offertory:** C Collins, B Capes
Ministers: C Bolton, D McMinn, I Tinetti **Counters:** (July 26th) (Team 1) J Adriaans, L & M Righetti
(Aug 2nd) Team 2 J Egan, C Collins

Diocesan News

Diocesan Colloquium, Laudato Si On Care for our common home Rev Dr Denis Edwards, a renowned lecturer on ecological theology at Flinders University and author of several books including “Jesus in the Natural World”, will be in Ballarat on Tuesday, August 25 to share his perspective on Pope Francis’ Encyclical, *Laudato Si* at OLHC Wendouree Mercy Centre, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree from 9.00am – 4.00pm. Local practitioners will share their experience on how the encyclical is being lived out in the local context. All from the diocese are welcome to attend. Enquiries and bookings to Sue Searls sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au, ph. 0409 401 329 or Susan Crowe scrowe@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au, ph. 0419 887 274. Booking is required for catering purposes. Cost: \$15.00 to cover costs for morning tea and lunch. Flyer attached.

Liturgy Formation Session 2015 – August 9 at East Warrnambool The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will present the final Liturgy Formation session for 2015 on August 9 at East Warrnambool Parish (Mass at 10.30am). For more information and to register to attend one of these days, go to the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact the Pastoral Ministry Office ph. 5337 7159.

World Youth Day Information Sessions Are you thinking about being part of the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow Poland in 2016? Information sessions for potential pilgrims (18-35 years old) are being held on Friday, July 31 at 7.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons Street South and Wednesday, August 26 at 5.30pm at Warrnambool in St Joseph's Parish Gathering Space, 169 Kepler Street. Contact Amanda on 0427 748867 if you can't make it to one of these sessions and we'll get the info to you. See WYD Information on the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Looking Forward 2015 Gatherings The 2015 Looking Forward Gatherings commence this Tuesday, July 28 from 7.00pm - 9.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Gathering Space, Warrnambool. And will be held weekly each Tuesday around the Diocese until September 15. Members of Parish Pastoral Councils and Leadership teams are particularly invited to these workshop-style gatherings. Full information and preparation guide have already been emailed to parishes and can be downloaded from the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au - follow link from front page or contact Amanda, ph. 5337 7125.

Mercy Sisters & Associates Afternoon Tea Come along and have a lovely social afternoon on Friday, July 31, 2015 from 1.30pm - 4.00pm at the Mercy Centre Ballarat (enter through Gent Street). Entrance cost is \$5.00 and this includes afternoon tea and a ticket in entrance prize. Raffle and Spinning Wheel. Money raised will support Mercy Works. Contact Ursula at gudiamond-keith@live.com or ph. 0407 717 626, 5341 7626, or Helen ph. 0419 875 349.

