



### **St Peter's Church: Sunday**

Mass time 10.30am.

### **St Augustine's Sunday**

Mass time 8.45am.

### **St Joseph's Blampied**

Vigil MASS Nov 25th @  
6.00pm

### **Parish Staff:**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Gary Jones

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### **Parish Office hours:**

Creswick— Tuesday from  
9.30am –11.00am

Daylesford— Tues from 12.00-  
2.00pm; Wed 9.00am –3.00;

Thurs— 9.00am –until 11.30

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# NEWSLETTER



## 'The Bridegroom is coming!'

As the end of the liturgical year draws to a close the Gospel message becomes one of urgency. Time is running out. Be alert. Stay awake. Are you ready for the arrival of God's reign?

The parable draws on two familiar images for a first century audience. In the Old Testament, the reign of God is frequently likened to a wedding banquet with God as the bridegroom reaching out in love to Israel the bride.

On the day of the wedding, all those invited would gather and then the bride would process from her father's house to the house of her fiancé. This would be an opportunity to display her beauty and the wealth of her dowry to the entire village. She would enter the house with her companions to await the arrival of the bridegroom after the festivities. The bridegroom would also arrive in a procession and then the wedding festivities began, this was usually late afternoon. The companion of the bride and groom would escort the groom into the bridal chamber. A last minute delay could occur if there was some disagreement over the marriage contract and bridal gifts. In the parable some of the bridesmaids have come prepared for a long wait, while others were not ready.

by Sr Mary Coloe PBVM

## Parish News:



**Creswick Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Group**— please note change of meeting date. Now Sunday Nov 19th at 12pm in the school staff room, lunch provided. Please let Phonse know if you are attending.

Coffee after mass at Smokeytown Cafe Creswick , Sunday November 19th. Hosted by The Family Group.

### ***St Augustine's Church Cleaning :***

Some people have expressed their feelings in relation to the cleaning of the Church at Creswick - as now is the time to consider a person/s paid to do the cleaning. Feedback would be appreciated. Fr Gary.

**Creswick St Vincent de Paul** - Christmas cards (50c) and Calenders (\$7) available after Mass at rear of St Augustine's.

**Gospel in the Garden—2pm November 19th** 30Waller Avenue, Ballarat. All Welcome. Enquiries Carmel 0401 175 045. Cake Stall, Plant Stall, Prize roses.

