



St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

St Joseph's Blampied –Next Mass will be 21st of October @ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil. Word & Communion Service Blampied on 7th of October

@ 9.00am Sunday.

Parish Staff:

Parish Priest: Fr Gary Jones

Parish Admin:

Leah Monaghan

Creswick School Principal:

Mr Terry Brennan

Daylesford School Principal:

Mr Ethan Corfee

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 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter- Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'





Last Week's Collections: Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st 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 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$264.90 2nd Collection \$193.00 Daylesford Parish Collections:1st Collection \$249.10 2nd Collection \$177.00



Recent Death: Fr Paul Mercovich Parish of St Arnaud and Charlton

Anniversaries: *Daylesford:* Una Laidlaw, William Dwyer, Phillip Vendy, Margaret Rodoni, Harry Rodgers, Joyce Sealy, David Smith, Gerard Beckworth, Patricia Cranny *Creswick:*



We have been invited to attend the <u>Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral</u> Bendigo, 8th October at 11am to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Appritious. A bus will leave Ballarat Cathedral at 8.45am. BYO Lunch. To Book ring Joan 5338 2484 or Maureen 0431 273 953

Fr Gary's 30th anniversary of Ordination will be celebrated at 10.30am Mass at St Peter's on Sunday October 15th, followed by morning tea. All welcome. Please bring a plate.

Sisters of St John the Baptist The Baptistine Sisters have arrived in the Diocese of Ballarat with Frs Peter Hudson and Anthony Nagothu meeting the four sisters at Melbourne airport yesterday. The Sisters are staying with Sr Denise Desmarchelier at the Loreto House in Webster St Ballarat while they are being inducted into the Diocese. They have met Diocesan and Cathedral staff and in the coming days will meet those engaged in pastoral ministries in the Ballarat area including Hospital Pas-toral Care staff, University Campus Ministers, Parish Coordinators and Associates. The Liturgical Commission will meet with Sr Manuela who is to be the RCIA and sacramental program Resource person for the Diocese. Sr Denise will host a gathering of the Council for Religious providing an opportunity for them to welcome the Baptistine Sisters. On Friday the Sisters will move to Horsham where they will live, with Sr Tirsa ministering as Pastoral Associate. Bishop Paul will celebrate the foundation Mass at Ss Michael and John Church Horsham on Saturday October 7th at 10.00 am.

Liturgy Roster Creswick & Daylesford Parishes:



Sunday October 8th @ St Augustine's Creswick:

Cleaners: Mick & Carmel G Welcomers/Offertory: Loretta & Roland K

Remote: Lois K Commentator: David P Reader: Loretta K

Eucharistic Ministers: Brian RW, Margie G, Angeline T

Weekday Mass: No weekday Masses during the school Holidays. Mass will resume on

Tuesday Oct 10th



Sunday October 8th @ St Peter's Daylesford:

Reader: N Chamberlain Commentator: U Kroeger Offertory: K Callahan

Ministers: D McMinn, R Thannhauser, M Yanner Sacristan: Rose

Counters: Oct 1 (Team 3) D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes,

Oct 8 (Team 4) D & P Doherty

Weekday Mass: No weekday Masses during school holidays. Mass will resume on Thursday Oct 12th in the Parish Centre.