SAINT MARY'S PARISH, DONALD

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1st and 3rd. 10:30am
2nd; 4th and 5th. 8:30am

Masses next Week 2nd EASTER 3rd April 2016

NULLAWIL 7.00 pm Saturday
BIRCHIP 8.30 am Sunday
DONALD 10.30 pm Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY No Mass

WEDNESDAY No Mass THURSDAY 10.00 am FRIDAY 9.00 pm

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Margaret Belleville, Molly Byrne, Shirley Hoare, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Wendy Duncan, Colleen Lyons, Alexander Anderson, Frank Nolan, Gail Frankling.

PRAYER FOR A PARISH: We belong to the Diocese of Ballarat. This week we hold in our prayers BIRCHIP parish.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 2nd Easter 03/04/2016

WELCOMERS: B & E Brasier

COUNTERS: Mary Herben & Leo Walsh

CLEANING: Maureen Howley & Sue Donnellon

MASS PREPARATION: Colleen Raynes & Joan Adams

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Colleen Tonkin READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Leo Tellefson

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 1

MUSIC Margaret Hogan PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Peter Raynes

STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery: \$381.65 Parish: \$422.00

Year to 30th June 2015 \$25,733.00 Promised: \$27,462.00 Year to 30th June 2016 \$15,655.00 Promised: \$26,000.00

THANK YOU

Working bee Grateful thanks to all who came to the working-bee on Monday. Much appreciated.

Bank Troubles

The ANZ are being pedantic and want all cheques made out to "St Mary's Parish." Any appeal needs to made out to the Parish and placed in an envelope to indicate where the money goes. IE: Caritas is not acceptable by the Donald Branch.

Life messages: We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances and events. These include: 1) The Risen Lord blessing us with success and achievements: We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, great achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healings, and success in relationships. But the Risen Lord is right there at our parties, celebrations and occasions of rejoicing. 2) The Risen Lord is present in our pains and suffering: Acts 9: 1-13 tells us how the Risen Lord transformed the life of Saul by pushing him down onto the Damascus road and making him temporarily blind. The same Jesus often visits us in the form of accidents, illnesses, the loss of dear ones, pain and suffering, and problems in relationships. 3) The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers: He is present in those who visit us and encourage us in our sad and desperate moments. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs 4) The Risen Lord is present in our Christian worship: He is present on our altars during the Holy Mass to share his divine life with us; he is present in the words of the Holy Scripture; he is there in the Sacraments and he is there where two or three are gathered in his name (Matthew 18: 20).

"Easter Joy and Blessings to all involved at St Mary's. May you stay safe and hopeful in the light of the Resurrection." Fr. Eugene.

Easter offering envelopes are available.