



# Parish Newsletter December 11, 2016

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## PARISH VISION STATEMENT:

Our Parish is a welcoming and inclusive community, based on the Christian ethic where our lives are enhanced by worship that enriches, leadership that is shared and service that cares.

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### WEEKDAY MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Wed, Dec 14

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Dec 16

### WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, Dec 18

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, Dec 18

PLEASE  
PRAY  
FOR



Catharina Heinen, Helena Subers,  
Isabel McMahon, Terry Rieniets,  
Valda Moneghetti,  
Anne-Marie Block  
(anniversaries of death Thurs - Wed)  
John Ryan, Ben Lockyer,  
Mary Bell, Jeanette Morris,  
Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast  
(unwell at this time)

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Blampied: Friday, Dec 23 7pm (Carols @ 6.45pm)

Creswick: Christmas Eve 9pm (Carols @ 8.30pm)  
Christmas Day 8.45am

Daylesford: Christmas Eve 7pm  
Christmas Day 10.30am

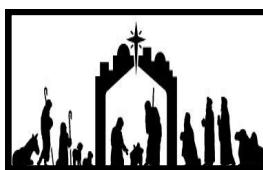
**AVAILABLE AFTER MASS**  
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**Cards (50c each) - Calendars (\$7)**  
in back room of church

## St. Joseph's Church, Blampied

Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) @ 9am  
Vigil Mass Saturday (4th Sunday of the Month) @ 6pm

## ROSTERS for NEXT Sunday, Dec 18

Reader: Brian RW  
Leaders: n/a  
Comm'tor: David P  
Sp Minister/s: Alastair - Josie - Judy  
Welc'/Offer'y: Irene & Barb  
Remote: Neil  
Counters: Kieran & Loretta  
Cleaning THIS week: Griffins



**HELP!** A call out for help  
to bring over our beloved  
nativity statues after Mass  
**NEXT Sunday, Dec 18.**  
Please speak to Sue if you can help

## CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

Please add your name to list on back table if you are free to volunteer

- ▶ Singers who will be available
- ▶ Welcomers / Offertory
- ▶ Remote Operators
- ▶ Commentators
- ▶ Eucharistic Ministers
- ▶ Readers



## Making a Scene at Christmas

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from Wednesday evening December 14 - Sunday, Dec 18.

**300 nativities from over 40 countries.**

Opening: Wednesday 6pm - 8pm, Thursday & Friday 10am - 5pm;  
Saturday 10am - 8pm; Sunday 9am - 7pm.

**TODAY**  
straight  
after  
MASS

## A JOURNEY TO TIMOR-LESTE

Barry Flynn will take us on a reflective journey of his International Health work with the people of East Timor.  
Music, culture, language & more...

**You are invited to join us in the church for this 15-20 minute presentation**



## PARISH CHRISTMAS CHEER

shared over some  
**Port (or Cuppa)  
& Fruitcake**

*Straight after Mass  
Sunday, December 18*

Kindly hosted by our Parish Family Group

**NEXT  
SUNDAY**



## ADVENT GIVING TREE GIFTS

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM  
SEEKERS PROJECT

### **GUIDELINES**

**FOOD:** non-perishable products such as....

Sugar, Rice, Flour, Salt, Tea, Coffee,  
Cooking Oil, Canned Fish,  
Canned Vegetables & Fruit, Dried Pasta

**CLEANING MATERIALS:** including....  
Dishwashing & Clothes-washing Detergents,  
Toilet paper

**GIFT CARDS:** from....

Coles, Big W, K Mart & similar stores  
(These allow asylum seekers the independence  
to buy something they really want)

**Gifts need to be back by  
NEXT Sunday, December 18**

## **FINAL St A's SCHOOL AWARDS 2016**

Principal's Award: Mia Gervasoni

Kindness Award: Abigail Righetti  
& Tom Steenhuis



## **ADVENT STUDY/PRAYER GROUP**

Belated invitation to join Creswick's joint  
(ecumenical) Advent Study Group - this year  
hosted by St John's Anglican Community.

**ONE Thursday to go - Dec 16**

(no need to have come on the first two weeks)

**6pm bring and share meal, then**

**6.30 - 7.30 study** RSVP: (Fr) Ryan Bennett

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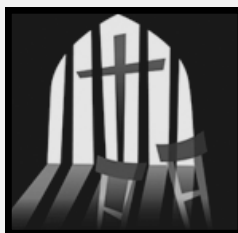
## **COLLECTIONS**

Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful.  
*The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the  
support of Parish endeavours and structures.*

**Collections from last week** (with thanks)

1st (Priest Support) - \$370.50; 2nd (Planned Giving/Parish) - \$570.00



## **Gospel Reflection**

*Dianne Bergent CSS*

Half way through Advent we pause  
for a moment to celebrate Gaudete

Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a  
picture of regeneration. The desert that once  
seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes  
that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and  
holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues  
devoid of speech are all given new life. There will  
be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations,  
no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into  
the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will  
discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the  
privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of  
heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus,  
the one who prepared for him, but John himself  
died before the death and resurrection of Jesus  
opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide.  
By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of  
God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John  
also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His  
circumstances teach us that moving toward  
eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of  
John the Baptist, so James describes the patience  
required of those who await the age of fulfilment.  
That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we  
can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless  
of how demanding they might be, and wait for that  
day patiently, convinced that it will come  
in God's due time..

**THIS  
WEDNESDAY**

## **From BACH to BING**

David Hobson and Georgia Wilkinson will be  
performing all your Christmas favourites in  
St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat (December 14) 7pm.  
For bookings please call **5333 5888**. Tickets are  
\$55 per adult, \$45 per child, \$45 group bookings.