



Parish Newsletter September 11, 2016

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YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8TH, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20TH, 2016

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.*



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: NO SERVICE

St Peter's, Daylesford: NO SERVICE

WEEKEND MASSES -

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

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



Fr Bob Markey
(died recently)

Chris Rhodes, John Griffin,
Monica Moore, Winifred O'Keefe,
Mavis Reiniets
(anniversaries of death, Thurs - Wed)

Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast,
Jeanette Morris
(unwell at this time)

***"Mercy is the force that reawakens
us to new life and instils in us
the courage to look to
the future with hope."***

Pope Francis

Free eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

This eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat smaller hall, cuppa from 9.30am, eConference from 10.30am - 2.45pm. BYO lunch. Please register with **Jacinta** at the Cathedral Office, ph. **5331 2933** or email ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Speakers - Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, "The Blessing of Mercy", Mr Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia. **Flyer on back notice board**

Anima Education, "Mary in the Bible"

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga Inc. and Anima Women's Network will sponsor an Anima Education course, "Mary in the Bible" on the weekend of **September 23-25, 2016** in Ballarat. **Flyer on back notice board**

FAMILY GROUP OUTING **TODAY**

Sept 11, 2016

Anatares Iron Art Garden, Newstead;

Café lunch in Castlemaine;

Guided tour of house ('Buda') in Castlemaine.

Leaving about 10am after Mass (carpooling)

Today's organisers:

Kevin Tolhurst: 0417 591 485

Rosemary Tolhurst: 0427 452 860



Coffee @ Smokeytown Café
straight after Mass

NEXT SUNDAY (Sept 18)

A MONTHLY SOCIAL GATHERING
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS

Kindly hosted by our parish Family Group

ROSTER for NEXT Sunday, Sept 18

Reader: Carol
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: Neil
Sp Minister/s: Alastair-Margie-**VOLUNTEER** plz
Welc'/Offer'y: Loretta & Roland
Remote: Lois
Counters: Loretta & Kieran
Cleaning THIS week: Bernie & Pat

NO WEDNESDAY morning Masses in Creswick for the next 2 weeks on Sept 14 & 21

(No Friday morning Masses in Daylesford on Sept 16 & 23)

PROMISE TO PROTECT



Today is
CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

Please Reflect:

The images of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our entire community and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church. That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to appropriately respond to the victim's needs.

Yet the Catholic Church is in unique position to offer much within this focus of creating stronger communities, safer Children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, in which families and consequently communities are encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient.

Stronger families and Church communities can then help to keep our children safe.

As the Royal Commission begins to finalise hearings and close registration for private sessions, Child Protection Week, and in particular Child Protection Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities; at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies.

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.

Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$257.60; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$ 194.40
Clergy Support Fund - \$730.00

SAINT TERESA of KOLKATA (Calcutta)



'For Mother Teresa, mercy was the "salt" which gave flavour to her work, it was the "light" which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.'

From:

Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis
Holy Mass and Rite of Canonization of
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Saint Peter's Square, 4 September 2016

<http://indianexpress.com/photos/picture-gallery-others/mother-teresa-canonization-rare-photos-of-saint-teresa-of-calcutta-3012807/10/>

A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children

Gracious God, you said let the children come to me.

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us.

Often trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs.

Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities.

Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

We ask you God to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children both flourish and are safe.

Amen

In 2 WEEKS

Training for St A's **Funeral Ministry** & (Extraordinary) **Eucharistic Ministry** teams
(please place your names on list down the back)