



# Parish Newsletter 12th FEBRUARY, 2017

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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 **TUESDAY**, Feb 14

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Feb 17

### WEEKEND SERVICES -

#### MASSES

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun, Feb 19

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun, Feb 19

PLEASE  
PRAY  
FOR



William Retson, Alice Foley,  
Leonard Dixon, Judith Edmends  
(anniversaries of death Thurs - Wed)

Mary Bell, John Ryan,  
Pat Prendergast  
(unwell at this time)

*Nb. If you wish your name or a family/friend's name to be placed ON or taken OFF the prayer request list, get a message to Sue.*

### St. Joseph's Church, Blampied

Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) @ 9am

Vigil Mass Saturday (4th Sunday of the Month) @ 6pm

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

- March 1st -

10am Creswick; 12pm Daylesford

## ROSTER

for NEXT Sunday, 19th FEB

CLEANER/S (THIS week, BEFORE Sun 12th):

**McMahon Family**

WELCOMERS/OFFERTORY:

**Loretta & Roland K**

REMOTE: **Jesse & Steve SCHN**

COMMENTATOR: **Bernie T**

READER: **Roland K**

EXT. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Jodie R - Judy S - Brian RW**

COUNTERS: **Kieran & Loretta**

# Please indicate to **Angeline** if you are available to help out in the roles that St Augustine's has been allocated for this WDP service

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Creswick's much loved, annual  
ECUMENICAL service will be hosted by

St ANDREW's UNITING CHURCH this year

# 2017 focus is on the PHILIPPINES

"Am I being unfair to you?" on **Friday, March 3**

- 5.30pm light meal -

**NOTE:** Our very own  
**JOSIE REASONS**  
is cooking up a storm of  
Filipino food for everyone!

- followed by a 6.30pm service -

### Faith Seeking Understanding in the Contemporary World.

**Venue:** Mercy Gathering Room, Gent Street, Ballarat East.

**Dates:** March 16; April 27; May 18; June 22; July 20. (not the same course as 2015 or 2016) (Nb. Two of St A's parishioners 'Pauline & Fred' are attending and can offer a lift)

**Sr. Veronica Lawson** and **Fr. Barry Ryan** invite parishioners to sign up for 5 X 2-hour sessions on the meaning of faith commitment in the contemporary world.

Simply contact Sr. Veronica by email ([veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au](mailto:veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au)) or ph (0408392297) before February 20. Kindly provide contact details and indicate whether you wish to enrol in the afternoon sessions (1-3pm) or the evening sessions (7-9pm).

We gratefully acknowledge **Angeline Treacy** for representing St Augustine's on the WDP Planning & Organising committee this year.

## CRESWICK PARISH SOCIAL



NEXT SUNDAY, Feb 19  
**Smokeytown Café**

- straight after Mass -  
for the enjoyment of  
**ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS**  
*Kindly hosted by our Parish Family Group*

## COLLECTIONS

TWO COLLECTIONS ARE TAKEN UP AFTER THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL/GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

*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) - \$310.30; 2nd (Planned Giving/Parish) - nc



## Reflection *Greg Sunter*

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

## Ballarat Catholic Secondary Colleges Open Days & 2018 Year 7 enrolments

**Damascus College** open mornings on Thursdays,  
February 9 & 16, 9.00am – 10.30am.

Applications for Year 7, 2018 enrolment close on  
Friday, February 17, 2017.

[www.damascus.vic.edu.au](http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au)

**Loreto College** tours Tuesdays, February 7 & 14  
commencing half-hourly between 9.00am –  
10.30am from just inside the main entrance.

Please visit [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au)

**St Patrick's College** applications for 2018 close  
on Friday, February 17 with interviews to take  
place in early March. Download from

<http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>

## Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

*(you can start in either March or May)*

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the March study cycle closes on February 27, 2017 **so contact us now** – or you can start in May or later in the year.

If you are interested, first check out the details on the diocesan website ([link to Lay Pastoral Ministry Program in lower part of front page](#) or see Sue if you haven't got a computer), then ph Amanda **5337 7125** or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)



## SNIPPET from one of

## OUR PARISH LIBRARY BOOKS

- available for loan from the back room -

**The little book of LOSS & GRIEF** - you can read  
while you cry ... by Liz Crowe

*"Grief is not just about tears and crying. Some of us may cry buckets of tears! Some people may never cry a single tear but still feel the heavy pain of grief."*



## REQUEST

Please bring along to Mass your  
**Palm Crosses** from last year  
*(if you still have them)*

to be burnt for the ash  
used on Ash Wednesday

- THANKYOU! -

## Call for Nominations

## Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Diocese of Ballarat is calling for nominations for the 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC).

The DPC is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. For more information grab an info/nomination form from back table and/or check with Fr Gary, or phone Amanda in the Diocese office on **5337 7125**.