



### Parish Newsletter March 20, 2016

CRESWICK OFFICE *Hours:* \*\*Wednesday 10am - 11am. (\*\*If Wednesday Mass )

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#### ST THOMAS AQUINAS', Bailey Street, CLUNES

MASS: Saturday 6.30pm (on the eve of each 2nd & 4th Sunday in the month) LAY LED ASSEMBLY: Sunday 10.30am (1st Sunday ONLY in the month) Nb. NO service on weekends when a 3rd Sunday or when a 5th Sunday in the month

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mr. Terry Brennan, Principal. SCHOOL OFFICE *Ph*: 5345 2106 (Mandy) *Website*: www.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au DIOCESAN *Website*: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (inc ONLINE PARISH BULLETIN)

# 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.

#### Normal WEEKDAY Masses:

St Augustine's, **Creswick**: 10am Weds March **23 (Mass)** - 'First Reconciliation' for Year 4's straight after.

#### **HOLY WEEK @ ST AUGUSTINE's, Creswick:**

Good Friday, **3pm** Friday, March **25 (PRAYER SERVICE)** Easter Sunday, **8.45am** Sunday March **27 (MASS)** 

### HOLY WEEK @ ST PETER's, Daylesford:

Holy Thursday: **7pm** Thursday, March **24 (MASS)**Good Friday: **3pm** Friday, March **25 (PRAYER SERVICE)**Easter Saturday **Vigil: 8pm** Saturday, March **26 (MASS)**Easter Sunday: **10.30am** Sunday, March **27 (MASS)** 

### **NO EASTER SERVICES**

@ St Thomas Aquinas' Church in **CLUNES** this year

(please note Good Friday walk on next page)



Shannon McKnight (19yo) **(recent death)** 

Mary O'Hagan, Alma Smith, Coral Suckling, Ken Joynson (anniversary of death) Mary Campbell, Sandra Kenyon

## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement. However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Lukan account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognises the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the consequences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection.

The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, but we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will come light and hope!

#### Historical Context - Crucifixion

The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it an agonising death it was usually a slow, drawn out death – taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings; alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel.

The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.

#### EASTER SUNDAY, March 27 **CRESWICK**

Reader: Barb H Leaders: n/a Comm'tor: **Brian Rowe** Sp Minister/s: Ron-Aileen-Roland Welc'/Offer'y: Pat & Angeline Remote: Alastair

Counters: Mick & Pete Cleaning this week: Angeline-Celly

Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday) A morning tea will be held at St Augustine's Church straight after Mass.

Hosted by our Parish Family Group

### **Tomorrow Evening!**

Mass of the Oils

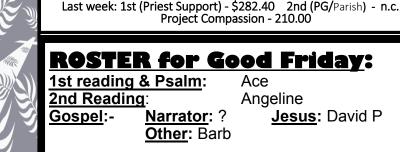
Monday, March 21, 2016 @ 6.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

### **Good Friday in CLUNES**

St Thomas Aguinas' Catholic Parish

will be leading their annual, ecumenical "STATIONS of the CROSS" GOOD FRIDAY walk

# starting at "The Forde", Clunes @ 10am # ending with a "Hot Cross Bun" morning tea at Wesley College



Ace

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.

Angeline Jesus: David P

Other: Barb

<u>Leaders</u>: Barry & Neil

Comm'tor: Alastair Sp Minister: Margie G

Remote: Sue



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

NO Lay Led Service at Clunes on Sunday, April 3, due to

**Booktown Festival** using the church all weekend.

> **ECUMENICAL** Stations of the Cross

St John's Anglican Church, Creswick.

THIS WEDNESDAY (HOLY WEEK) 23 March @ 6pm

'Bring & Share' meal following

# A PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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.

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

#### St A Primary School Awards

**Principal's**: Khye Erdody

Kindness: Noah Murphy & Amelia Strommer

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

(forgiveness) -Year 4 students-

**CELEBRATION** of this Sacrament

will be held in Creswick this coming

Wednesday, March 23 straight after 10am Mass St Augustine's Church