



Parish Newsletter 26th 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 - # # note changes

NO TUESDAY MASS in Creswick this week

ASH WEDNESDAY, Mar 1:

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am

St Peter's Daylesford: 12noon

THU & FRI, Mar 2 & 3: St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am

WEEKEND SERVICES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun, Mar 5

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun, Mar 5

PLEASE
PRAY
FOR



Angelo Uljanic, Neil Taylor,
Kevin Haintz, Elizabeth McKay,
Edna Kierce, Ellen Pearce,
Ronald Edwards, Bob Taylor
(anniversaries of death Thurs - Wed)

Pat Prendergast, Mary Bell,
John Ryan,
(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.

**NO TUESDAY
MASS THIS
WEEK**

THIS WEDNESDAY, March 1st

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
10am Creswick; 12pm Daylesford**

St. Joseph's Church, Blampied

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

ROSTER

for NEXT Sunday, 5th MAR

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

Elly van O

WELCOMERS/OFFERTORY:

Tony & Carol V

REMOTE: **Alastair H**

COMMENTATOR: **Loretta K**

READER: **Sr Louise H**

EXT. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Aileen P-Angeline T-Josie R

COUNTERS: **Pat & Bernie T**

THIS FRIDAY: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Creswick's much loved, annual
ECUMENICAL WDP 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

Angeline is St Augustine's representative on the WDP Committee.



- 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 -

The FOUR SEASONS
(inaugural) Fine Music Festival
(Creswick/Clunes)

PATRON: The Hon Tim Fischer AC

First weekend of 25-26 February presents
The Little Brass Band of Ballarat and *Trillo*, Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

Weekends in May, July and October will feature an extensive range of western, European and Indian musical instruments, including the beautiful historic pipe organs at St John's Church, Creswick and St Paul's Church, Clunes.

Performers include nationally renowned professionals, local and Melbourne ensembles and emerging musicians, with exciting performances by multicultural artists and people at the margins...including *The Choir of Hard Knocks*
BOOKLET & BOOKING INFO are on the back table



PROJECT
COMPASSION

**TODAY IS
PROJECT COMPASSION
SUNDAY**

2017 Theme: "Love your neighbour"

Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter.

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters throughout Australia to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

BOXES & ENVELOPES on the back table

St TA CLUNES CATCHUP

NEXT SUNDAY: March 5



Widow Twanky Café
CLUNES
@ 10.30am

COLLECTIONS

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

Collections from last week (with thanks)

1st (Priest Support) - \$322.80; 2nd (Planned Giving/Parish) - \$177.60



Reflection *Dianne Bergant CSS*

What can be nobler than building up the reign of God? What could deserve our commitment more than the proclamation of the gospel? What greater privilege could be ours than acting as agents of the blessings of God? Disciples are called to just such privileged roles. And where are these disciples to be found? They spend their lives in classrooms, factories, offices and hospitals. They serve in families, businesses, restaurants, shopping malls, banks and grocery stores. They answer telephones, protect us from harm, build our roads, and repair our plumbing. Disciples upbuild the reign of God in whichever form of life or occupation they have chosen.

Although we embark on a life of service with great enthusiasm and genuine commitment, it does not take long before the enormity of the task becomes apparent. We might then begin to doubt ourselves or doubt the call itself. At such times, Jesus exhorts us to trust in God. All is in the hands of God; for our part, we have only to trust. What Jesus is saying to those who are oppressed is to offer no resistance but at the same time stand up for yourself and make your oppressor recognise you and treat you as an equal, not an inferior. It is extremely dangerous advice! Its aim is to shame the oppressor.

Our own limitations and sinfulness often get in the way. There are forces in society that seem bent on undermining our every effort. The people to whom we commit ourselves can be ungrateful or want no part of us or our service. Sometimes the obstacles seem to come from the church, its structures and its personnel. In the midst of such darkness, we hear Jesus gently but firmly saying: Do not worry! Trust! God cares for the birds and the grass, surely God will care for you.

LENT / EASTER LITURGIES
MEETING TODAY
STRAIGHT AFTER MASS
in back room



FOUND
(child's shiny black beaded and silver sparkly cross bracelet)
in the church, under a back pew
ANYONE KNOW WHO THIS BELONGS TOO?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
& FINANCE TEAM
NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 21
@ 7.30pm



SNIPPET from one of
OUR PARISH LIBRARY BOOKS

- available for loan from the back room -

Images of God: FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
- by Marie-Helene Delval / Illustrated by Barbara Nascimbeni
Dare to loan this book for yourself as an adult, and perhaps to read with visiting grandchildren. ...it's beautiful!

"...we must always say 'no' to violence in the home" - *Pope Francis*
New info & resources on back noticeboard

"God is the root. In God, we hold the earth and touch the heavens. Through God, we draw in the sap of life so that our souls bloom with unseen light."

MASS of the OILS - Cathedral
Monday, April 10 @ 6.30pm
Please see Sue if you are going and can collect Creswick's Oils



THANK YOU
to all who were able to bring their PALM CROSSES to be burnt for ASH WEDNESDAY MASS