



Parish Newsletter - April 30, 2017

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St Thomas Aquinas, Clunes
(no longer a Sunday Mass Centre)

St. Joseph's Church, Blampied

Lay Led Assembly: 9.00am (2nd Sunday of the Month)

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (online parish newsletter)



Recent died: Elizabeth Lenaghan, Br Kevin Tuck,
Fr Frank Madden

Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds): John Scholten,
Joseph Vleugel, Alan McLennan

Unwell at this time: Brad Simpson (son of Mandy, St A's school
admin officer) James Stacey, Pat Prendergast, Mary Bell

**YES, 10am
TUESDAY MASS
in CRESWICK
this week**
(10am Thurs & Friday
in Daylesford)

TWO COLLECTIONS are taken up and presented after the PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*The 1st COLLECTION is cash toward the Presbytery
for the sustenance of our Priest; with a contribution of 13%
to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese.*

*The 2nd COLLECTION is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash
for the administration of the Parish & general running costs.*

Last Week's Collections (with thanks)

1st Collection: \$266.80

2nd Collection: \$389.80

Project Compassion: \$10



**CLUNES
MONTHLY
CATCHUP**

NEXT SUNDAY, May 5

**Widow Twanky Café,
Clunes @ 10.30 am**

COFFEE PARTY MORNING on Tuesday 16 May

The **Rev Rosemary Carter** and parishioners at **St Andrew's Uniting Church, Creswick**,
have invited us to attend a Coffee Party and **Danny Blume Fashions** morning
in their church hall on **Tuesday 16 May, at 10.00am. \$6.00** donation. No need to RSVP.

*St Andrew's recently hosted this year's Lenten Study classes and it would be good if we could
support them and have a very enjoyable morning tea at the same time.*

"Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria"

regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide
is available on the back table.

Acquiring Faith through Dance

A 13th Century church dance that depicts death and
resurrection, the gate of heaven and the entry into
light from darkness will feature when Medieval Magic
is staged at the **Art Gallery of Ballarat** at **2.15pm**
on **Sunday, April 23.**

Historic instruments and costumes will be used by the
Early Music Consort, Rippon Lea Dancers and Bal-
larat's Singers of the Black Book. Tickets \$25,
concession and Gallery members \$20, family \$50.

Bookings 5320 5858. Gallery: 40 Lydiard Street Nth.

"Lessons from the Long Paddock" econference

The Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes is offering an
econference online event called "Lessons from the
Long Paddock" on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This
econference draws participants to seek Christ at the
heart of human experience and nurtures a capacity to
trust that individuals have all they need to begin the
journey into constant conversion. The econference
has two keynote speakers, Bishop Columba Macbeth
Green OSPPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will
discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality. The
workshops will be facilitated by Kate Englebrecht,
Diocesan Director of Mission. For more information
please contact Kate on, ph. 0420 309 689 or
<http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/>



GOSPEL REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

Living the Gospel – Living the journey

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

Gospel Focus – Hearts on Fire

The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

First Eucharist – For Grade 4 Students

Parent Meeting: **Tues May 2nd** @ St A's, Creswick **4pm**
Weds May 3rd @ St M's, D'ford **4pm**

Dismissal Sundays: May 21st ; May 28th ; June 4th

(Dismissal Sundays: If any child does not attend the Dismissal Sundays, then Celebration of First Eucharist will be deferred until the next year 2018)

Sacrament of First Eucharist: Sunday June 18th
St A's, Creswick @ **8.45am** ; St P's, D'ford @ **10.30am**

Confirmation – For Grade 3 Students

Parent Meeting: **Tues Oct 24th** @ St A's Creswick **4pm**
Weds October 25th @ St M's, D'ford **4pm**

Dismissal Sundays: Nov 5th, Nov 12th, Nov 19th
(Each child must attend Dismissal Sundays)

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday Nov 26th
St A's, Creswick @ **8.45am** ; St P's, D'ford @ **10.30am**

NEW ROSTERS
- FOR NEXT 3 MONTHS -
AVAILABLE TODAY
on back table

Rosters for NEXT weekend **Sunday, 7th May**

Cleaners (before next Sunday): Csorba family;
Welcomers/Offertory: Irene M & Barb H;
Remote: Lois K;
Commentator: Brian RW; **Reader:** Betty K;
Special Eucharistic Ministers:
Angeline T; Alastair H; Margie G
Counters: Bernie & Pat T