



# Parish Newsletter 5th 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 7  
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Feb 10

### WEEKEND SERVICES -

#### MASSES

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun, Feb 12  
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun, Feb 12

#### LAY LED ASSEMBLY

St Joseph's, Blampied: 9.00am Sun, Feb 12

PLEASE  
PRAY  
FOR



Kevin Gleeson, James Murphy,  
Julia Conaughton, Alice Murphy,  
Fr Emmanuel Green  
(anniversaries of death Thurs - Wed)

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

Nb. If you wish your 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, 12th FEB

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

**McMahon Family**

WELCOMERS/OFFERTORY:

**Irene M & Barb H**

REMOTE: **Alastair H**

COMMENTATOR: **Neil D**

READER: **Betty K**

EXT. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Margie G-Aileen P-Angeline T**

COUNTERS: **Josie & Brian R**

# 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  
**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.

# St TA CLUNES CATCHUP



**TODAY, Feb 5**

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

## **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) - \$293.50; 2nd (Planned Giving/Parish) - \$178.00



## **Reflection** *Dianne Bergant CSS*

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**



**Michael & Kater**  
on the **Baptism**  
of your son  
**Isaac Michael**  
**Muscat**

*from all here in this Parish Community  
of St Augustine's, CRESWICK*

† **GIVING THANKS** for all the humbling examples each week of how this vibrant Parish Community is 'out there' lending a helping hand to those in need....and so naturally!

## **NEW ROSTERS**

**Available down the back**

## **REMEMBER**

You can read our Parish Newsletter each week on the Diocesan Website:  
**[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)**

*(Just go to the Parish of Creswick,  
click on today's edition or from the archive)*



## **SNIPPET from one of OUR PARISH LIBRARY BOOKS**

*- available for loan from the back room -*

**HEARTLINES:** *Prayer Resources for a*

*Contemporary Spirituality - edited by Maurice Ryan*

*"I believe that God is in me as the sun is in the colour and fragrance of a flower - the Light in my darkness, the Voice in my silence." - HELEN KELLER*



## **REQUEST**

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

to be burnt for the ash  
we will use on Ash Wednesday

**- THANKYOU! -**

## **CRESWICK PARISH SOCIAL**



**SUNDAY, Feb 19** (in 2 weeks)

**Smokeytown Café**

**- straight after Mass -**

**for the enjoyment of**

**ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS**

*Kindly hosted by our Parish Family Group*