

Parish Newsletter - April 2, 2017

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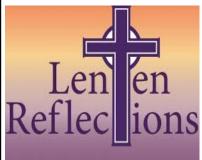
St Augustine's Parish Primary School - Principal: Mr Terry Brennan

Receptionist: Mrs Mandy Simpson Ph 5345 2106 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



SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSS

Ezekiel uses bodily resurrection as a metaphor of the re-establishment of the nation after its exile in a foreign land. The restoration envisioned is likened to creation. In the beginning, the creature that had been formed from the dust of the ground became a living being when God breathed the breath of life into it. Here, those in the grave live again when they are raised from the dust of death and are given God's own spirit. Both original creation and this resurrection from the dead are unconditional

gifts from a magnanimous God. The passage testifies to God's absolute and unconditional control over the powers of life and death, destruction and restoration.

The psalm response comes from one of the Penitential Psalms. It opens with a cry for relief, which is followed by an acknowledgment of the helplessness of sinful human beings, a confession of faith and an acknowledgment of God's covenant love. The psalmist contrasts two ways of understanding God's manner of dealing with sinners: retributive justice and compassion. Were God ever to mete out the exact punishments that human sin deserves, no one would be able to endure it. Instead, God shows mercy to sinners and grants them forgiveness. God's willingness to redeem Israel from all its sins is the basis of the psalmist's own trust in God's graciousness.

Paul contrasts two ways of living: life in the flesh and life in the spirit. When Paul refers to the flesh, he is speaking of human nature in all of its limitations which sometimes incline one away from God and the things of God. On the other hand, life in the spirit is attuned to God. Paul's denunciation of life in the flesh is unqualified. Such a life-direction cannot please God. Life in the spirit, on the other hand, is a form of union with God. He assures the Christians that they are in the spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells within them. The real point of this passage is the resurrection of those who are in union with God. The Spirit of God who raised Jesus will raise those who here and now live in the Spirit of Christ.

Fr Gary is on holidays and returns on Friday, April 7th.

Should you need anything during this time, for both Creswick and Daylesford parish matters, please contact **Mrs Leah Monaghan** via the Daylesford Parish Office on **5348 2026**.

Please note that your call will automatically divert to Leah's mobile, and she will help you as Parish Secretary of both Creswick & Daylesford.





Last Week's Collections (with thanks)

TWO collections are 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:

1st Collection: \$229.40 2nd Collection: \$205.00 Project Compassion: \$160.00

Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds): John Hynes, Cory Mookhoek, Fr Meredith Delahunty,

Nell Smith, Eileen Keen

Unwell at this time: James Stacey, Pat Prendergast, Mary Bell

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Privacy Laws, names of those unwell needing our prayers can only be placed on this list when requested by the person in question, or immediate family on behalf of their unwell family member.





Mass of the Oils - Monday April 10 @ 6.30pm Thank you to those volunteers who will be collecting the Oils for us.

<u>Holy Thursday</u> - Thursday April 13 @7.00pm *St Augustine's, Creswick*

Good Friday Prayer Service - Daylesford & Creswick 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - Saturday April 15th @7.30pm Creswick

Easter Sunday Mass - Creswick 8.45am, Daylesford 10.30am

With PASSION SUNDAY next weekend.

<u>PLEASE</u> volunteer <u>TODAY</u> if you can for the few roles still to be filled for our

HOLY WEEK \$ERVICE\$ (lists down the back)

GOOD FRIDAY IN CLUNES: Ecumenical WAY of the CROSS, 10am at the end of Fraser St. Clunes.

Final session TONIGHT:
CRESWICK'S COMBINED
CHURCH LENTEN STUDY
GROUP is at St ANDREW'S
Uniting Church Hall, starting
@ 6pm (see Sue for further info & study booklet). Can join in tonight!

Followed by a Cuppa & Hot Cross Bun in Uniting Church Hall, in the grounds of Wesley College



We warmly **WELCOME**



Bishop Emeritus Peter Connors

here to celebrate Mass with us this morning.

We heartily

CONGRATULATE

you on your

80th BIRTHDAY

in early March just gone... ...and more recently, celebrating your

30th ANNIVERSARY

as Bishop....or so we hear!

(Hope we got this right!!!)

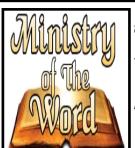
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2017

Nominations are NOW open for the people to nominate 3 parishioners for the Parish Pastoral Council.

If you would like to be considered for this role in our Parish, please forward your nomination (with name) to the Creswick Parish Office by posted letter (PO Box 107), email or hand-delivered via Sue, our organist.

THIS MORNING - April 2 @ 10.30am
CLUNES PARISH CATCHUP @ Widow Twanky Cafe





Roster - NEXT Sunday 9th April

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Welcomers/Offertory: Aileen & David Remote: Jesse & Steve

Commentator: Loretta Reader: Neil + VOLUNTEER\$ for 'THE PA\$\$ION' please

Special Ministers: Margie, Roland, Josie **Counters:** Josie & Brian **Cleaning:** Izabella & Pat McK

NO WEEKDAY MASS in CRESWICK; Friday, Apr 7 @ 10am, DAYLESFORD