



Parish Newsletter May 8, 2016

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

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 PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Gary A. Jones

ST THOMAS AQUINAS', Bailey Street, CLUNES

MAY 14, 2016 is the last weekend service offered as a Mass Centre

A Weekday Mass will be offered on a month by month basis thereafter, starting in June. 12 noon on 2nd Tuesday of each month has been loosely arranged. Will be confirmed each month.

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

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.

NEXT WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: NO SERVICE
 St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Thur/Fri May 12/13

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: 6pm Saturday, May 14
 St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, May 15
 St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, May 15



Bernard Flynn,
 Tony Barrett,
 William Stevens
 (anniversaries of death)
 Sandra Kenyon,
 Pat Prendergast,
 Imelda McGrath
 (unwell at this time)



St Thomas Aquinas' Church

Historic "LAST" MASS
 @ CLUNES

(as a Weekend Mass Centre)

NEXT Saturday,
 May 14 @ 6pm

→→→ PLEASE HOLD all our CLUNES' PARISHIONERS
 in your prayers as they face and celebrate this sad and
 definitive moment in their long history together.

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.

(from the
 Jubilee Prayer of Pope Francis)



ST A's FAMILY GROUP 20th Birthday REUNION



MORE HISTORIC PHOTOS ADDED TO
 DISPLAY IN BACK ROOM

MAY 14/15: CLUNES CRESWICK
Reader: LENAGHAN BETTY K
Leaders: n/a n/a
Comm'tor: n/a DAVID P
Sp Minister/s: RINALDI JUDY-BRIAN-ALASTAIR
Welc'/Offer'y: n/a PAT McK & ANGELINE
Remote: n/a ANGELINE
Counters: n/a KIERAN & LORETTA
Cleaning: DURING THIS COMING WEEK – before NEXT Sat/Sun
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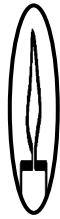
Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$302.80 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$232.00

MAY-JULY 2016 ROSTERS

Please collect from back table

NO 10am WEDNESDAY MASS

this week @ St A's, CRESWICK, May 11



PLEASE continue to PRAY

for our Parish **Grade 4** children

as they prepare to receive the

Sacrament of Eucharist on **Sunday May 29**

*As part of their preparations, they will join us again
at Mass on Sundays May 15th & 22nd.*



**Eliza Wray, Max Treweek
Charlotte Preston, Angus Barrett
Paddy Bennett, Mia Wallis
Claudia Martin, Poppy Charleson
James Martin
Jamie-Lee Donovan-Clancy**

FAMILY GROUP get-together over coffee
straight after MASS **NEXT SUNDAY,**
May 15 at **SMOKEYTOWN** café. *All welcome!*

Memorial Mass INVITATION

Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and
people from around the diocese to join him
at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat
on **Monday, May 16** at **12.05 pm**
to celebrate a Memorial Mass for
Bishop Ronald Mulkearns

A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart
with love,*

*That you have instilled in her very being the need
to protect her children if at all possible,*

*Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her
children, of teaching them, of comforting them,
for feeding them and making a safe place for them.*

*For guiding them to be all that God has
created them to be.*

*Fill every mother with love, wisdom
and endurance, with strength and patience and joy.*

Give them ability to forgive again and again.

*Enable her to rely on You and call upon You,
because You will give her all she needs.*

*In Your precious and all powerful name,
Amen*

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The author of the gospel of Luke is also recognised as the author of the Acts of the Apostles. The works are regarded as originally being intended as a two volume single work sometimes referred to as Luke-Acts.

Their separation occurred in the development of the canon of the Bible. In today's gospel and first reading we get the very end of the first volume and the very beginning of the second volume of the Luke-Acts work – the very point of intersection between the two books. The gospel of Luke is the only one of the four canonical gospels that describes the Ascension of Jesus and, to reiterate it, the writer begins with the same event at the beginning of Acts.

If we regard the two volumes of Luke-Acts as a single work, we see the events as all part of the one story.

The life and ministry of Jesus is only the first half of the story. The story continues through the Book of Acts as the disciples and believers enter into a new way of witnessing to the ministry of Jesus – attempting to take on that ministry themselves and spread the message even further than Jesus was able to do in his

life. Seen in this light, the gospel account of Jesus' ministry establishes a model and a pattern for the ministry that the followers of Jesus seek to emulate in their own lives after his Ascension. The Ascension is the pivotal event between the two volumes but it was also the pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus.

The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time.