



Parish Newsletter April 17, 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

nb. MAY 14, 2016 last weekend service offered as a Mass Centre

Monthly Weekday Mass offered thereafter, starting June 2016

FINAL THREE Weekend Masses:

6pm on Saturdays April 23, May 7, and May 14

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mr. Terry Brennan, Principal.

SCHOOL OFFICE Ph: 5345 2106 (Mandy) Website: www.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au

DIOCESAN Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (inc [ONLINE PARISH BULLETIN](#))

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: 10am Wed April 20

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Thur/Fri April 21/22

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: 6pm Saturday, April 23

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, April 24

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, April 24



Mary Campbell,
Bishop Ronald Mulkearns
(died recently)
Gerald McDermott,
John Bennett,
(anniversaries of death)
Sandra Kenyon
(unwell at this time)

PLEASE NOTE

6pm MASS @ CLUNES
NEXT Saturday Eve, April 23

(Eve of Fourth Sunday in the Month)

Final Regular Weekend Mass offered at
St Thomas Aquinas' Church
is @ 6pm on Saturday, May 14 #



CONGRATULATIONS

Kevin and Nell Lafranchi



(Married 60 years ago on April 21, 1956,
here in St Augustine's Catholic Church, Creswick)

Our sincere congratulations and blessings upon you both
on this great occasion, and as you celebrate
with family and friends over this weekend.

God Bless and Best Wishes from us all!

GOD all holy, the faithful one,
you ask for and respond to fidelity to your covenant;
fill with your blessings your servants, Kevin & Nell,
who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

TODAY (Sunday, April 17)

Family Group Coffee Gathering @ Smokeytown Café,
STRAIGHT AFTER MASS



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)

APRIL 23/24:- CLUNES	CRESWICK
Reader: Rinaldi	Jeanette M
Leaders: n/a	n/a
Comm'tor: n/a	Angeline T
Sp Minister/s: Lenaghan	Alastair-Ron-Aileen
Welc'/Offer'y: n/a	Aileen & Dave
Remote: n/a	Lois
Counters: n/a	Mick & Pete
Cleaning: DURING THIS COMING WEEK – before NEXT Sat/Sun Richardson Elly & Sue	

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$316.70 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$384.00
 Project Compassion - 145.00

THIS WEEKEND, NEXT DOOR

April 16/17

A FESTIVAL of FINE MUSIC

celebrating the relocated and installed
FINCHAM and HOBDAV 1889 PIPE ORGAN
 and **RENEWED Performing Arts Space**
 in **St JOHN's ANGLICAN CHURCH,**
CRESWICK

Please see 'PROGRAMME OF EVENTS' on back table

EXTRA CHURCH CLEANING

@ St THOMAS AQUINAS
 for CLUNES BOOKTOWN's usage

FRIDAY, 22nd APRIL @ 9am

ADVANCE NOTICE

From June 2016,
 on the **2nd Tuesday in each month** (not December),
 a weekday Mass will be offered at
St Thomas Aquinas, Clunes (Time to be advised).
 This will be followed by "Nibble 'N Natter"
 at rear of church (*Please bring a small Plate*).
 Nb. Readers etc will be organised from the Congregation
 present on the day.

MAY-OCT 2016 ROSTERS **- AVAILABLE TODAY -**

*Please collect new rosters
 (with volunteer swap/contact lists)
 from back table*

SACRAMENT of EUCHARIST - Year 4 Children.

Dismissal Sundays : May 1, May 15, and May 22. *(If any child does not attend the Dismissal Sundays, then Celebration of First Eucharist will be deferred until 2017)*

Creswick Mass 8.45am / Daylesford Mass 10.30am

First Eucharist Sunday: May 29 - Creswick 8.45am / Daylesford 10.30am.

ST AUGUSTINE's FAMILY GROUP 20th Birthday REUNION

Lunch for the **20th Birthday Reunion** of the Family Group will be held on **Sunday 1st May** at **café of RACV Goldfields Resort** (formerly Forest Resort) at **12 noon**. All current and former members are welcome to come. For information call Irene **0423 390 314** or Aileen **5345 2705**.

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd.

With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights.

In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God's name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds.

Today's gospel passage follows the famous 'good shepherd' passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as 'claiming' his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus' rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.