

Baptisms are celebrated at St Augustine's Parish during Sunday Mass at 8.45am - on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. Baptisms can also be celebrated at a later time at the 10:30am Sunday Mass at St Peter's Daylesford. All Baptisms are to be arranged with **Fr Gary Jones** PP. Contact through the Parish Office (details above)

### REMEMBER

You can access our Parish Newsletter on the Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

(Just go to the Parish of Creswick, then click on the date of the newsletter required)

...useful if you are going to be away or to check up on rosters for the coming Sunday, when you can't find your copy at home.

thank the parish community for their generous support for our recent Winter Appeal. Our grateful thanks for the cash donations, food items and blankets for our clients.

**15 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND & JORDAN** INCLUDING PETRA WITH FR SANG FROM ST.ANTHONY'S, NOBLE PARK. SEPT 19 - OCT 3, 2016 \$5,250 ALL INCLUDED. CONTACT: SHEREEN 9547 7598 / 042114724 OR ALLAN 9792 4444 (Shereen is a friend of Sr Louise)

Further info on Noticeboard

#### **ROSTER for NEXT Sunday, August 21**

Reader: Leaders: Comm'tor: Sp Minister/s: Welc'/Offer'y: Remote: Counters: Cleaning THIS week:

Betty n/a Alastair Judy-Roland-Alastair Aileen & Dave Neil Kieran & Loretta Mick & Carmel

#### Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(a Holy Day of Obligation) TOMORROW, MONDAY, August 15th Mass (along with each of the schools) St Augustine's, Creswick @ 10 am St Peter's, Daylesford @ 12 noon



**NOTE from our PARISH SECRETARY** (*Mrs Leah Monaghan*) Thank you to those parishioners who are waiting on

quarterly or yearly thanksgiving envelopes. We are waiting on Australia Post to deliver them and will have them out to you as soon as possible.



**Collections:** Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. 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.

Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$211.00; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$ n.c.

## NEW 3 month ROSTERS

available down the back

For those who are interested in St A's (Extraordinary) Eucharistic Ministry, & Funeral Ministry

an initial-training & refresher-training opportunity (for both ministries together) is being provided by Fr Gary on **Sunday, September 25: 12noon ~ 1.30pm** at St Augustine's Church (please place your names on list down the back)

#### **Coffee gathering** straight after Mass <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> Aug 21 @ Smokeytown Café

Kindly hosted by the Parish Family Group

# **Gospel Reflection**

by Dianne Bergant CSS

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others.

All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.