



Parish Newsletter August 7, 2016

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YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8TH, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20TH, 2016

*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.*



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 Wed, Aug 10

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Aug 10

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, Aug 14

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, Aug 14



Shirley Edmonds, Maureen Body,
Keith Campbell, Emmy Vleugel,
Betty Carden, Mick Wilmott,
Brian Hicks
(anniversaries of death, Thurs - Wed)

Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast,
Jeanette Morris, Jack Higgins
(unwell at this time)



Celebration of Baptism:

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)

THIS MORNING WE GRATEFULLY WELCOME OUR GUEST CELEBRANT

kindly filling in while Fr Gary is involved with a Liturgical Gathering in Ararat, and as arranged by St Patrick's Cathedral.

(we find out 'who' this morning!)

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.

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 14

Reader:	Neil D
Leaders:	n/a
Comm'tor:	Pat T
Sp Minister/s:	Margie-Aileen-Judy
Welc'/Offer'y:	Kavals
Remote:	Alastair H
Counters:	Reasons
Cleaning THIS week:	Elly & Sue

Collections: *Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st 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 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.*
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$190.80; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$643.00

NEW 3 month ROSTERS

available down the back

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(a Holy Day of Obligation)

MONDAY, August 15th

Mass (along with each of the schools)

St Augustine's, Creswick @ 10 am

St Peter's, Daylesford @ 12 noon

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*)

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 16

St A's SCHOOL AWARDS

Principal's Award:

Ashleigh Asha-Harrison

Kindness Award:

Mac Charleson & Mia Keating

MASS @ St THOMAS AQUINAS, CLUNES

is being offered by Fr Gary this coming

Tuesday, August 9th @ 12noon,

followed by a cuppa (*bring a small plate*)

FEAST DAY

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Monday, August 8

A woman of Courage

***May God give you patience and
courage in your sufferings.***
MM 1904

Mary MacKillop had to face many difficult situations and choices in her life. As the eldest child in the family she carried the responsibility for taking care of her brothers and sisters. Her father was not able to keep a job so often the family had to rely on relatives for somewhere to live and find food. When Mary was sixteen she went to work as a clerk in Melbourne so that the family would have money to live on. She said her childhood when she had one was 'full of sorrows'. This taught Mary how to face life's challenges with hope. She remained steadfast as she embraced the Cross in her life.

Mary also had a lot of sorrow in her life. Her brother John died after falling from a horse, her grandfather drowned in a flood; her mother was drowned in a shipwreck when she was coming to see Mary in Sydney.

Mary also suffered from poor health. She often wrote that she was too sick to get out of bed. This did not stop her from doing God's work.

She suffered at the hands of some of the Bishops who did not like the way she lived as a Sister of St Joseph or in some cases the way she taught in her schools. She was excommunicated in 1871 and she was investigated in 1883.

Gospel Reflection

by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Commonwealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good. So, we respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day. We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the commonwealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why? In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

***We might pause for a moment to pray for our
hearts to be expanded by our contribution
to the commonwealth of all peoples***