



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Parish Newsletter February 21, 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

MASS: Saturday 6.30pm (on the eve of each 2nd & 4th Sunday in the month)
LAY LED ASSEMBLY: Sunday 10.30am (1st Sunday ONLY in the month)
Nb. NO service on weekends when a 3rd Sunday or when a 5th Sunday in the month

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

WEEKDAY Masses:

St Augustine's, **Creswick:** 10am Weds Feb 24
 St Peter's, **Daylesford:** 10am Thu/Fri Feb 25/26

Next WEEKEND:

St Thomas Aquinas', **Clunes:** 6.30pm Sat Feb 27
 St Augustine's, **Creswick:** 8.45am Sun Feb 28
 St Peter's, **Daylesford:** 10.30am Sun Feb 28

6.30pm Saturday **MASS @ CLUNES** NEXT WEEKEND, Feb 27

(eve of 4th Sunday in the month)



Angelo Uljanic, Neil Taylor, Kevin Haintz,
 Elizabeth McKay, Edna Kierce, Ellen Pearce
(anniversary of death)
 Sandra Kenyon (**unwell**)

Gospel Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're half asleep and we're told Peter doesn't know what he's saying

when he starts talking about building tents. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is. What a great reading for the season of Lent!

Scriptural context – Gospel Parallels

The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The word, synoptic, means 'seen together' and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. It is now accepted that the gospel of Mark was the first written as so much of it appears in the other two, while the gospels of Matthew and Luke both seem to have also drawn on another source of Jesus material (known as the 'Q' source). Despite the parallels, each writer uses the same story to convey the particular message of that gospel.

Living the Gospel – 'Listen to him!'

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

FEB 27/28: CLUNES**CRESWICK**

Reader: Spittle Lois K
 Leaders: n/a n/a
 Comm'tor: n/a David P
 Sp Minister/s: Richardson Aileen-Roland-Barb
 Welc'/Offer'y: n/a Flynnns
 Remote: n/a Alastair H
 Counters: n/a Pete G-Mick G
 Cleaning: DURING THIS COMING WEEK – before NEXT Sunday
 Milne Sr Louise-Sue C

TODAY! All Welcome!**(Sunday, February 21)****St. Augustine's Family (& friends) Group**

LUNCH at Blue Bell Hotel
 Howitt St, Ballarat
 @ 12 noon

See Irene Martin after Mass or phone: 5345 6284
 Alternatively, PHONE or TEXT mobile: 0432 390 314

COMBINED CHURCH LENTEN STUDY

~ local Uniting, Anglican & Catholic parishioners
 coming together to reflect on their Lenten journeys ~

CONTINUES this coming**Thursday, February 25**

6 - 7.30pm @ St AUGUSTINE's Church
 (Host for Lent 2016)

A 5 week program - can join in at any time!

See Angeline or Sue to register your attendance

NEXT SUNDAY!**Gordon Parish Community Picnic and Festival**

Springbank Football & Netball Oval

Sunday, February 28, 2016: 11.00am-4.00pm

Info: Margie Quinlan 0417 587 237.

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
 Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$232.30 2nd (PG/Parish) \$313.60

St A's Primary School AWARDS:

Principal's Award - Harry Donovan-Clancy
 Kindness - Charlie Martin & Patrick Bennett

In less than 2 WEEKS!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

CRESWICK

The 2016 focus and theme for this much loved,
 annual ecumenical service in Creswick is:

CUBA : "Receive children. Receive me."

2016 Venue: **John Curtin Aged Care Complex**
 (Bill Huntley Function Room)

Address: 6 Cushing Avenue, Creswick, Vic. 3363

Service Time: **6pm, Friday March 4**

(A Collection will be taken up for a "Building Healthy Relationships"
 program in Cuba)

FULLY catered supper this year

More VOLUNTEER Readers sought to represent St A's

See Angeline or Sue for further info

Next Month!**Mass of the Oils**

Monday, March 21, 2016 @ 6.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese
 of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the
 ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of
 God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance
 for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016 – the sick,
 those to be baptised and confirmed.

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)

Sacrament of FORGIVENESS

Anointing Masses

St Augustine's, Creswick:-
 11am, Wednesday, March 9
 (Followed by lunch—All welcome!)

St Peter's, Daylesford:-
 11am, Thursday, March 10
 (Followed by lunch—All welcome!)

Communal Rite of Reconciliation

St Augustine's, Creswick:-
 7pm, Tuesday, March 15

St Peter's, Daylesford:-
 7pm, Wednesday, March 16