



## Parish Newsletter January 31, 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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## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### 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.

#### During the WEEK:

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Wed Feb 3

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Thu/Fri Feb 4/5

#### Next WEEKEND:

##### MASSSES:

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun Feb 7

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun Feb 7

#### LAY LED ASSEMBLY:

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: 10.30am Sun Feb 7

### LAY LED ASSEMBLY @ CLUNES

NEXT SUNDAY, Feb 7

(1st Sunday in the month)



Maurice McMahon, Tom Koene, Molly Fox,  
Greg Mitchell, Kevin Gleeson, Fr Emmanuel Green  
(anniversary of death)

Steven Treacy, Sandra Kenyon (unwell)

## Gospel Refection

by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel completes the event in Nazareth that began last week with Jesus' declaration of mission. The initial response of the crowd is one of astonishment and approval. However, the people have largely missed the point of Jesus' teaching. When he declared that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free, Jesus probably didn't expect his audience to just say, 'Oh, that's nice!' The message he preached, and the message that flows throughout the Gospel of Luke, calls for a fundamental conversion of heart; a change to a life motivated by compassion for the lowly. When the people so obviously missed his point, Jesus virtually dismisses them by saying that 'no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'.

To make his point even further, Jesus then cites instances where two of the great prophets of Jewish tradition responded to the needs of pagans from Sidon and Syria rather than the needs of Israel. The two people helped are also very significant. Widows held a special place in Jewish tradition: God entrusted all widows to the care of the whole town. Whenever widows are named as being in need, it is a comment on the society as a whole neglecting its duty of care. Lepers were regarded as absolutely unclean and outcast by virtue of their condition (something that perhaps has never really changed). For Jesus to remind the people of these events is a great reprimand to them. He is, in effect, saying to them, 'if you can't accept my message I will take it to the pagans; the gentiles; and the socially unacceptable.' Is it any wonder that they tried to lynch him on the spot?

<b>FEB 7:</b>	<b>CLUNES</b>	<b>CRESWICK</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	McDonald	Neil D
<b>Leaders:</b>	Rinaldi-Higgins	n/a
<b>Comm'tor:</b>	n/a	Alastair H
<b>Sp Minister/s:</b>	Leneghan	Ron-Aileen-Roland
<b>Welc'/Offer'y:</b>	n/a	McMahons
<b>Remote:</b>	n/a	Neil D
<b>Counters:</b>	n/a	Pat & Bernie T
<b>Cleaning:</b>	DURING THIS COMING WEEK – before NEXT Sunday Spittle Pat & Bernie T	

**Collections:** Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.  
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$346.10; 2nd (PG/Parish) \$437.00



## Prayer - St Mary MacKillop

Most loving God,  
We thank you for the example of  
Mary MacKillop,  
who in her living of the Gospel  
witnessed to the human dignity  
of each person.  
She faced life's challenges  
with Faith and courage.  
We pray through her intercession  
for our needs...  
We make this prayer through  
Jesus the Lord.  
Amen



### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

*(Wednesday, Feb 10)*

St Augustine's, Creswick: **10am**

St Peter's, Daylesford: **12noon**

### COMBINED CHURCH LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Held at St Augustine's this year: a 5 week program of reflective study using a beautiful booklet (*full of rich modern artwork*). Such a lovely group of people have attended each time; you are sure to feel right at home!

Starting **THURSDAY**, February 18

**6 - 7.30pm** (*with shared light, finger-food style meal to start with*)

**Location: The back meeting room in the church.**

*See Sue or Angeline to register your interest or for further enquiries*

**The Funeral Ministry Team of our Parish** exists to support parishioners and friends who lose loved ones through death. We seek to provide comfort, consolation and support to family members during these difficult times. Upon being informed of the death of a parishioner or former parishioner, the Funeral Ministry coordinator contacts the deceased's nearest of kin or family representative. The grieving family are assisted in the planning of the funeral liturgy, The Mass of Christian Burial. Appropriate Scripture readings and liturgical songs are suggested. Our goal is to help make this significant liturgy as personal as possible for the mourners. We work within the guidelines and directives of the Diocese of Ballarat concerning Funeral Liturgies. ***Fr Gary Jones PP.***

***If you are interested in helping out please contact Fr Gary or Leah in the Parish office.***

**Funerals and Lay Peoples' Role:** The usual minister for funeral rites is the priest or deacon (obviously, if there is a requiem Mass, the priest must preside). However, if there is no priest or deacon, a lay person may lead the vigil and the rite of committal at the graveside or crematorium, and may also be deputed by the bishop to lead the funeral liturgy itself. Lay people may also be involved in preparing the rites with the bereaved and in the pastoral care surrounding the funeral.

Lay leadership of funeral rites, in whole or in part, is a necessity in the Diocese of Ballarat because funerals commonly arise at short notice. The parish priest may not be available and a substitute priest sometimes cannot be found. One can imagine this occurring regularly in country parishes when the priest is away from town, but even in city parishes it may sometimes be necessary for lay people to assist with the vigil and committal rites. When the entire funeral is led by a lay person, it may be possible for the priest to celebrate a requiem Mass for the deceased and the family on the morning of the funeral or on another day before or after the funeral rites. ***Fr Gary Jones PP***