



Parish Newsletter July 10, 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: NO SERVICE

St Peter's, Daylesford: NO SERVICE

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, July 17

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, July 17



Angus McKinnon, Ted Prendergast
(anniversaries of death)

Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast,
Imelda McGrath, Jeanette Morris
(unwell at this time)

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)

**Welcome back
Fr TOM BROPHY**
(so kindly filling in for Fr Gary while he is on holidays)

**St Augustine's, Creswick
PARISH COFFEE GATHERING**

@ Smokeytown Café, Creswick

NEXT SUNDAY, July 17th



Straight after Mass

(Hosted by St A's Family Group)

**NO WEDNESDAY
MORNING MASS**

**until the
1st WEEK of AUGUST
(Wednesday, 3rd of August
@ 10am)**

July 17

CRESWICK

Reader: Pat T
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: David P
Sp Minister/s: Alastair-Ron Aileen
Welc'/Offer'y: Josie & Brian R
Remote: Lois K
Counters: Kieran & Loretta
Cleaning this week: Celly C & family

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) - \$257.60; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$860.00
Pope's Special Collection (Peter-Paul) - \$215.50

Thanksgiving Envelopes:

Envelopes are available for collection down the back. Receipts for last financial year will be issued very soon by **Leah Monaghan**, our Parish Secretary.

Liturgy Formation 2016 **Launch of 'Let the Children Come'**

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on **FUNERAL MINISTRY, Formation for Lectors** and the launch of the sacramental program, **'Let the Children Come'** - July 24 at Birchip Parish, **August 7 at Ararat Parish (closest)** and August 21 at Hamilton Parish. **As this day includes the launch of "Let the Children Come", all involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs are encouraged to attend.**
(Take home info on back table)

Belated 'Final Term 2' **St A's SCHOOL AWARDS**

Principal's Award:

Isla Keating

Kindness Award:

Dylan Achterbosch & Sienna Burns



Reflection *by Dianne Bergant CSS*

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbor?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

WORLDWIDE **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** **WEEKEND**

***Invest in your most precious asset.....
Your Marriage!***

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**2016 Melbourne weekend dates :
19-21 Aug, 11-13 Nov**

***Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.
Accommodation and all meals provided.***

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