



Parish Newsletter - July 23, 2017

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St Thomas Aquinas, Clunes
(no longer a Sunday Mass Centre)

► **St. Joseph's Church, Blampied**

Note: No Mass until further notice ◀

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (online parish newsletter)

Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds): Lois Yodgee,
Judith Gleeson.



Unwell at this time: Walter Streckfuss,
David Preston, Luke Taylor, Mary Bell,
Brad Simpson, Pat Prendergast.

Please Note:-

**NO weekday *MASSES*
in *CRESWICK*
UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

10am Friday in Daylesford this week

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is Chametz, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.



Scriptural context – *Matthew's explanation*

In the gospel passage, following the presentation of the three parables, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and darnel to his disciples. It is explained in terms of a final judgment. (Compare it with Matthew 25: 31-46.) The parable of the weeds, or darnel, and its explanation only appear in the gospel of Matthew – although the parable does occur in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. The Interpretation belongs to Matthew more than it belongs to Jesus. It is an unapologetic direction to his community that living a righteous life in the midst of wickedness will be rewarded.



NEXT St TA's Clunes PARISH CATCHUP

is on Sunday, 6th August
@ Widow Twanky Café
10.30am

TWO COLLECTIONS are taken up and presented after the PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*The 1st COLLECTION is cash toward the Presbytery
for the sustenance of our Priest; with a contribution of 13%
to provide support for our retired priests of the Diocese.
The 2nd COLLECTION is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash
for the administration of the Parish & general running costs.*

Last Week's Collections (with thanks)

1st Collection: \$248.80; 2nd Collection: \$122.00

APOLOGIES for last week's
newsletter mixup re date/time for
St A's monthly CATCHUP

*It WAS last Sunday, and 21 attended still!
Even if you go today, you're most likely to find
fellow parishioners down there after Mass
(at Smokeytown Café)*

*It's become a bit of a delightful habit
for some on a Sunday morning !!!*

NEXT 3 month ROSTERS

(AUG-SEPT-OCT)

available on back table

Pastoral Council COMMISSIONING

NEXT Sunday, July 30, our Pastoral Council
will be commissioned for 2017-2018. *The Parish
Finance Team will also be recommissioned.*
Minutes from last meeting on noticeboard

St VINCENT de PAUL Annual WINTER APPEAL

- Envelopes on the seats -
*Clothing, blankets etc can be left
at rear of the Church.*

NEW PARISH OFFICE opening hours

as of this coming WEEK:

TUESDAY Creswick: 9.30am – 11am,
WEDNESDAY Daylesford: 9.30am – 3pm,
THURSDAY Daylesford: 9am – 11.30am.
Nb. Daylesford office NO LONGER open on Fridays

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Proposals

In April this year, the
bishops of Victoria pub-
lished a pastoral letter
in response to proposals
to introduce legislation
allowing euthanasia
and assisted suicide.

As a follow-up to that
letter, a group of lay
people has prepared a
flyer encouraging people
to write to
parliamentarians and
express their opposition
to such legislation.

Bishop Paul
recommends that all
parishioners be provided
with these flyers.

**FLYERS AVAILABLE
on the back table**

APOLOGIES ALSO

for last week's
newsletter oversight in
updating our rosters
for this morning.
Hope this didn't cause
anyone confusion!

ROSTERS for Sunday, 30th July

Cleaners (for this week): Pete, Tim, Celly Cs
Welcomers/Offertory: Kath, Don, Darren M

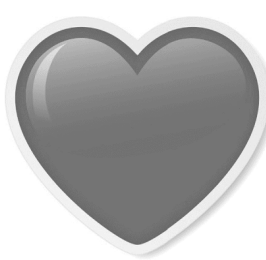
Remote: Neil D

Commentator: Pat T; **Reader:** Betty K

Special Eucharistic Ministers:

Josie R, Barb H, Alastair H

Counters: Mick G & Pete G



Love. Grow. Serve.

GALAH (a play) *being a big wig and going places isn't all its cracked up to be ...*
with all proceeds to assist asylum seekers and refugees in Ballarat

What is that space between being and not being? What are the forces that
determine the outcome of a life well lived or not? And what has a galah got to do
with it anyway? GALAH, a somewhat existential and yet funny play about the
nature of being...from the Adelaide Fringe Festival 2017

Presented by GRAPA, NSW THEATRE COMPANY, and local artists

WHERE? Minerva Space, Mechanics Institute, 117 Sturt St, BALLARAT

WHEN? August 5, 8pm - 9.30pm **COST?** Full \$20, Conc \$15, Students \$5

**FLYER
on back
table**