



June 19

CRESWICK

Reader: Lois K
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: Neil D
Sp Minister/s: Alastair-Ron-Aileen
Welc'/Offer'y: Pat McK & ?
Remote: Alastair
Counters: Kieran & ?
Cleaning this week: Sr Louise & Sue

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$183.90; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$428.00

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

TODAY

Sunday, June 12



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*

The Federal Election is on July 2nd

You are invited to attend a
Pre-election Forum
to hear the viewpoints of the
Candidates for Ballarat
on Issues for a Just Society.
...and to ask them your questions
Monday 20th June
6.00 – 7.45pm
Ballarat Central Uniting Church
cnr Dana St & Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat

Gospel Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSS

Although the journey toward salvation is initiated by God, and everything that we need on that journey is supplied by God, salvation itself is never forced upon us. If we are to be saved, we must first acknowledge our need. If we are to be forgiven, we must first admit our sin. Then no sin, once admitted, is beyond the forgiveness of God. The corollary to admitting our sin is acknowledging the source of the grace of salvation. We do not earn our salvation. It is granted to us through faith in Christ, which itself is a gift from God.

Here the apparent tension seen in the gospel narrative takes the form of a question: Do we love because we are forgiven or are we forgiven because we first love? We are not forgiven because we love. We are forgiven because we are loved. Repentance may precede forgiveness but even repentance is a grace offered by God.

There is no way that we can repay God for the magnanimous mercy shown to us. However, gratitude is often expressed through service of others. The repentant woman in the gospel narrative was possessed by a desire to serve. Do we realise that the reconciliation with God which we enjoy makes us ambassadors of reconciliation for others? Do we do what we can, give what we have to further the ministry of reconciliation?



Annual Holidays

Fr Gary is counting down to
his annual holidays:
commencing June 27th and
returning to the Parish
on **July 22nd**.

During this time, we will
have the company of **Fr Tom Brophy**
for Sunday Masses
at both Creswick and Daylesford.

In the event of a funeral, **Fr John Monaghan**
from **Maryborough** will be presiding.



Family Group

Coffee straight after Mass
(@ local café - advised next week)

NEXT SUNDAY

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