



Parish Newsletter June 5, 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: 10am Thur/Fri June 9/10

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, June 12

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, June 12



Anne McMahon, Vincent Downes,
Mary McInerney (**died recently**)

Mavis Ford, Martha van Leest,
Arthur Goates, Franc Jager,
Peter Tacey, Maurice Martin (2009),
Heaton Douglas, Roberto Pogliani,
Constance Middendorp,
Johanna Krijanowski,
Harold Dunster-Jones, Fritz Bach
(**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)



**We warmly welcome
Fr Brian Boyle
(from Melbourne)
here to celebrate Mass
with us this morning**

June 12

CRESWICK

Reader: Sr Louise
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: Alastair
Sp Minister/s: Margie-Judy-Brian
Welc'/Offer'y: Tony & Carol V
Remote: Angeline
Counters: Kieran & ?
Cleaning this week: Sr Louise & Sue

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$326.60 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$428.00

St A's SCHOOL AWARDS

Principal's Award:

Mac Charleson

Kindness Award:

Jasper Szalontai & Kaylah Wright



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*

Federal Election 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 Street & Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

NEXT Sunday, June 12

NO WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS
IN CRESWICK THIS WEEK (June 8)

Gospel Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

Because of the way the Liturgical Calendar works, we very rarely get to celebrate the 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year C, and so, very rarely get to hear this particular gospel passage about the widow of Nain. On first reading, the passage recounts an extraordinary resuscitation miracle by Jesus – raising a young man to life; literally from his funeral bier. A closer and more sensitive reading of the text suggests that it is not only the young man but also his mother who is returned to life.

The text is explicit that the dead man was his mother's only son and that she was a widow. She has lost her husband and now has lost her only male family member. In 1st Century culture this meant that she had lost her only means of support, her livelihood and her home. Without a man in the family she will become outcast within the society. Her son's death meant poverty, rejection and effectively the end of her life. When Jesus encounters the funeral procession it is noted that 'a considerable number of the townspeople were with her'. Our automatic assumption is that these people were part of the funeral and were mourning the widow's loss. Another interpretation is that the crowd is actually there to banish the widow from the town as she no longer has any means of support.

After raising the young man, Jesus 'gave him to his mother'. By restoring the young man to his mother, Jesus is effectively also restoring the life of the widow. It is an act of deep compassion by Jesus, not only in response to the woman's grief but also in response to her sudden perilous situation. In one act Jesus restores two lives.