



## Parish Newsletter November 22, 2015

CRESWICK OFFICE *Hours:* \*\*Wednesday 10am - 11am. (\*\*If Wednesday Mass)

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DAYLESFORD OFFICE *Hours:* Friday 9.30am - 1.00pm. *Ph:* 5348 2026 (Leah)

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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.

SCHOOL OFFICE *Ph:* 5345 2106 (Mandy) *Website:* www3.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au

DIOCESAN *Website:* www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (inc ONLINE PARISH BULLETIN)

### 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.

#### Weekday Masses

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Wed Nov 25

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Thu/Fri Nov 26/27

#### Weekend Masses

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: NO SERVICE

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun Nov 29

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun Nov 29

#### Celebration of Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated at St Augustine's Parish during Sunday Mass at 8.45am

- on the 1st & 3rd Sundays.

Baptisms can also be celebrated at a later time at the 10:30am Sunday Mass at St Peter's Daylesford.

All Baptisms are to be arranged with

Fr Gary Jones - Parish Priest.

Contact through the Parish Office (details above)



Maisie Green (Fr Emmanuel Green's sister)  
(died recently)

Basil Maher, Christine Meyer, Wendy Arch,  
Elisabeth Smolenaers, Mollie Preston,  
Timothy Schreenan, Adam Smith  
(anniversaries of death)

Steven Treacy, Sandra Kenyon(unwell)



## Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

## ROSTERS for next Sunday, Nov 29

### CRESWICK

**Reader:** David P  
**Leaders:** n/a  
**Comm'tor:** Pat T  
**Sp Minister/s:** Roland - Barb - Margie  
**Welc'/Offer'y:** Barry & Donna F  
**Remote:** Neil D  
**Counters:** Pete G & Mick G  
**Cleaning:** DURING THIS COMING WEEK – before NEXT Sunday  
Angeline T & Celly Cs

**NO SERVICE @ CLUNES**  
next weekend, November 29/30.  
(5th Sunday in the month)

### St Vincent de Paul

**Christmas Cards 50c each**

**Calendars \$7**

*Available straight after St A's Mass*

### Parish Appointments 2016

Fr John Monaghan will conclude his time as Parish Priest of Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake and Wycheproof and will take up an appointment as Parish Priest of Maryborough.

In addition to his current responsibilities, Fr Eugene McKinnon will become Parish Priest of Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake and Wycheproof, Fr Peter Jose will move from his current role as assistant priest in Mildura to be assistant priest for Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake and Wycheproof.

Fr Damian Styles, currently serving as a chaplain with the Australian Army, will be on loan to the diocese of Ballarat for 2016 and will be assistant priest in Mildura.

In addition to his current responsibilities, Fr Gary Jones - parish of Gordon.

**Collections:** Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.  
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$276.50 2nd (PGiving/Parish) - \$388.50

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

*Today we welcome **Sr. Brigid Arthur**,  
our guest speaker from  
the **Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project**.  
(to speak at the end of Mass).*

*Gifts this year will be added to hampers  
distributed to families living in the community  
through the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.  
Please take a gift card and bring it back with  
an unwrapped gift. A **list of suggestions** is  
near the tree and on the back table (to take home).*

*###The gifts will need to be back by  
**Sunday 6th December** for  
distribution to Asylum Seekers in Melbourne.*

*Thank you for your support.*

## **Anglican Parish of Springmount (Creswick)**

Due to continuing building works at St John's Anglican Church, Anglican parishioners in the Creswick district will be using St Augustine's Church on the following dates:

**Saturday December 12th** – Prayer Service @ 7.30pm  
**Christmas Eve** -- 10.00pm

**Parish 'PORT & CHRISTMAS CAKE' Cheer**  
(kindly hosted by our Parish Pastoral Family Group)

**Sunday, December 20**

straight after St A's Mass, *outside (hopefully!!!)*

### PETITION for signing on back table:

As part of the 'Call for a Month of Climate Change' you are invited to sign the Catholic Climate Petition.

Signatures will be delivered at the  
**PARIS CLIMATE SUMMIT (COP21), Nov 30, 2015.**

## DIOCESAN NEWS / Coming EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

ROYAL COMMISSION resumes Tues, Nov24. PASTORAL LETTER from Bishop Paul on back table. Media Release on pinboard

Lament to Hope: A copy of Fr Justin Driscoll's homily at the Liturgy of Lament, November 1, 2015 @ St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat is on back Notice Board. If you would like a personal copy, please request one from Sue (organist) after Mass.

"The Blessing of Mercy" book by Sr Veronica Lawson is to help Catholics and other Christians celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. \$30 via Diocesan Resource Centre or via [www.morningstarpublishing.net.au](http://www.morningstarpublishing.net.au)

Please Pray: for our diocese' 113 young people going to Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Adelaide, Dec 3-5.

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP: commencing Weds, Nov 25, 5.15-6.15pm. Ph Cathedral Office 5331 2933.

Friday, November 27, 5.30pm. RALLY: Time to turn Laudato Si into ACTION! State Library, Swanston/LaTrobe.

Sat/Sunday, November 28-29, Parish Men's Weekend (menALIVE) @ Ocean Grove. [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

Sunday, November 29, 1.30pm. Mass @ Gordon Cemetery. Celebrant: Bishop Peter Connors. BYO chair please

Tuesday December 8 (Immaculate Conception), *The Jubilee Year of Mercy commences in Rome with the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, Rome. ### All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, December 13, 2015, 10.30am.*

*Refreshments will follow the Mass. Flyer on pinboard.*