



Parish Newsletter November 8, 2015

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

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Weekday Masses

St Augustine's, Creswick: **NO SERVICE**
 St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Thu/Fri Nov 12/13

Weekend Masses

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: **NO SERVICE**
 St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun Nov 15
 St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun Nov 15

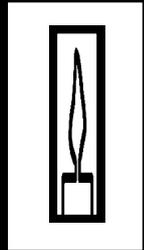
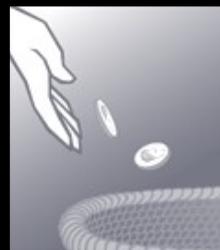
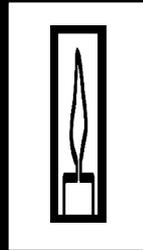


Celebration of Baptism:

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)*



Loretta Schneider **(died recently)**
 Thomas Jones, Carmel Quinlan **(anniversaries of death)**
 Steven Treacy, Sandra Kenyon **(unwell)**



Gospel Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSS

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

ROSTERS for next Sunday, Nov 15

CRESWICK
Reader: Doreen S
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: Angeline T
Sp Minister/s: Margie G-Judy S-Brian R
Welc'/Offer'y: Aileen & Dave P
Remote: Lois K
Counters: Kieran M- Loretta K
Cleaning: *DURING THIS COMING WEEK - before NEXT Sunday*
Izabella J-Pat Mck

NO SERVICE @ CRESWICK
on Wednesday, November 11.

NO SERVICE @ CLUNES
next weekend, November 14/15.

St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Cards 50c each

Calendars \$7

Available straight after St A's Mass

FAMILY GROUP hosted Coffee Gathering

Sunday, November 15

Straight after St A's Mass. All Welcome!

Bean and Barrow Cafe

St A's Primary School AWARDS

Principal's Award - Libby Gervasoni

Kindness - Ella Gervasoni & Mason Erdody

2015:- 175th ANNIVERSARY
Catholic World Mission Appeal
envelopes available on back table

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$243.00 2nd (PGiving/Parish) - \$302.70

A Prayer of Remembrance



*Almighty and eternal God
from whose love in Christ we
cannot be parted,
either by death or life:*



*hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them,
to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

ALL SOULS Remembrance Offering Envelopes

The practice of offering the holy Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased originates in the early church. Offering Envelopes are available on back reception table.

Fr Gary will offer individual Masses (anonymously) over the next 12 months using requests from this month of All Souls (November). **Please return these envelopes via one of the Sunday collections in the coming weeks.**

PRAYER FOR RAIN

God of compassion,
we wait and watch for your gift of rain
to water the soil and make the barren land come alive again.
We wait and watch for the gift of salvation
to free us from hatred, greed and fear
so that we may live again as people of faith, hope and love.
We make this prayer in the name of our Saviour who comes
to be with us. **Amen.**

DIOCESAN NEWS / Coming EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Royal Commission Update: Public hearing re Catholic Church Authorities in Ballarat: *expected start date December 7, 2015* The scope and purpose of the second part of this public hearing, held at the County Court of Victoria in Melbourne, is to inquire into: **1.** The response of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and of other Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious. **2.** The response of Victoria Police to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious which took place within the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. **3.** Any related matters. Cardinal Pell is expected to give evidence during the last week of the hearing.

Sunday, November 29, 1.30pm. Mass @ Gordon Cemetery.

Saturday, November 7, CWL present a lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey. St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Starting with Mass, 10 am.

Saturday, November 21, 10am. Nazareth House Auxiliary Fete. *Colourful flyer on back Notice Board*

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.*