

Parish Newsletter October 25, 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. <u>NO</u> 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

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.

ATEMENT:

Weekday Masses

St Augustine's, **Creswick**: 10am Wed Oct **28** St Peter's, **Daylesford**: 10am Thu/Fri Oct **29/30**

Lay Led Assembly

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: 10.30am Sun Nov 1

Weekend Masses

St Augustine's, **Creswick**: 8.45am Sun Nov **1** St Peter's, **Daylesford**: 10.30am Sun Nov **1**



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)



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William *(Bill)* Behan, Neil Lafranchi, Neil McShane, Brenda Fox **(anniversaries of death)**

Steven Treacy, Sandra Kenyon, Loretta Schneider (unwell)







Gospel Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSS

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our

lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

ROSTERS for next Sun, Nov 1

CLUNES CRESWICK
Stevens Roland K

Reader: Stevens Roland K Leaders: Rinaldi/Higgins n/a Comm'tor: n/a Betty K Sp Minister/s: Lenaghan Judy-Brian-Ron Welc'/Offer'y: McMahons n/a Remote: n/a Angeline T Counters: n/a Tacevs

Cleaning: DURING THIS COMING WEEK - before NEXT Sunday
Spittle Sr Louise & Sue C

NEW St A ROSTERS

available to collect on back table

CLUNES' MASS TIMES

@ St Thomas Aquinas 10.30am <u>Lay Led Assembly NEXT</u> Sunday, Nov 1 (1st Sunday in the month)

GOOD NEWS!

Our Parish Bulletin is now available to access through the new Diocesan website.

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Michael's Primary School, Daylesford Trivia/Auction night

St Michael's are holding their major fundraiser for the year on Friday 6th November. We welcome you to come along and enjoy the evening. It is a great night and comprises of trivia, auction and some fun games along the way. You may want to get your family group together or a group of friends as it would be great to see you there.

Tickets \$15 per person. BYO: drinks and nibbles for your table

Please contact Kim Liversidge 0401 411 210 (livo@mmnet.com.au), Leonie Leonard 0400 359 711 or Leah Monaghan if you would like to book a table or have any questions.

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions. Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$249.30 2nd (PGiving/Parish) - \$581.50

EGANSTOWN CEMETERY MASS

Monday, November 2, ALL SOULS DAY.

11am Mass @ St Francis Xavier Chapel, Eganstown
Cemetery. BYO chairs helpful (limited available)

LITURGY OF LAMENT

Sunday, November 1st @ 2pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Many of us throughout the Diocese have been disturbed at the information disclosed during the Royal Commission Hearing in Ballarat. We feel disappointed, disillusionment and anger. This is a natural response to the great wrongs committed in our Church by people whom we trusted. Therefore it has been decided that there will be a Liturgy of Lament to Hope on November 1st @ 2pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The Liturgy will be similar to those held in the United States and Ireland. It will conclude within the hour. Planning is almost complete. Bishop Bird will preside. This will be an opportunity for our Diocese to gather to acknowledge a very dark time in our history, to express our sorrow, ask forgiveness, and move towards hope and healing. We look forward to being together for this special time of prayer and reflection.

We ask that you pray for all concerned.

Planning Group

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 time 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.

Wednesday, October 28, 7.30pm. St Patrick's College Chapel. 2017 Yr 7 Enrolment Info Evening. To register your attendance at this free event, please go online to www.trybooking.com/JBEX by Monday, October 26, 2015. Ph Mrs Lorrie Liston on 5322 4449 or by emailing lliston@stpats.vic.edu.au. Enrolments close on February 12, 2016 Sunday, November 1, A Liturgy of Lament and Hope @ St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2pm. Poster on Notice Board.

Monday November 2, ALL SOULS DAY. 11am. Mass @ St Francis Xavier, Eganstown. Sunday, November 8, 9.30am. Mass @ Pootilla (Bungaree) Cemetery. BYO chairs. Info: ph. 5334 0450 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. 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.