

Parish Newsletter - April 9, 2017

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St Thomas Aquinas, Clunes (no longer a Sunday Mass Centre)

St. Joseph's Church, Blampied
Lay Led Assembly: 9.00am (2nd Sunday of the Month)
Vigil Mass: Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

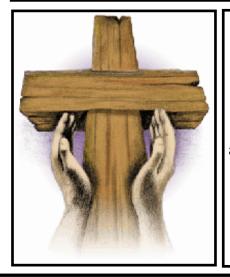
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GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must to be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.





Good Friday Collection

The Annual Collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection.

The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.



TWO COLLECTIONS are taken up and presented after the PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The 1st COLLECTION is cash toward the Presbytery for the sustenance of our Priest; with a contribution of 13% to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese. **The 2nd COLLECTION** is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash

for the administration of the Parish & general running costs.

Last Week's Collections (with thanks)

1st Collection: \$264.30 2nd Collection: \$908.00 Project Compassion: \$20.00

Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds): Mary Campbell, John Nelson, Norman Ross, and Harold Lewis

Unwell at this time: Brad Simpson (son of Mandy, St A's school admin officer) James Stacey,

Pat Prendergast, Mary Bell

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Privacy Laws, names of those unwell needing our prayers can only be placed on this list when requested by the person in question, or immediate family on behalf of their unwell family member.





Mass of the Oils - Monday April 10 @ 6.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Thank you to those volunteers who will be collecting the Oils for us.

Holy Thursday - Thursday April 13 @ 7.00pm

St Augustine's, Creswick

Good Friday Prayer Service - Daylesford & Creswick 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - Saturday April 15th @ 7.30pm Creswick

Easter Sunday Mass - Creswick 8.45am, Daylesford 10.30am

St Augustine's Parish Prayer Chain

is being established to ensure that the gift of prayer for parish members (and their family and friends) happens immediately....whenever an urgent need arises...as an undercurrent of profound community support.

An 'urgent prayer need' will be passed along the chain...as in, whoever is called will then phone the next person on the list...and so on.

Thank you to Angeline for this initiating this wonderful project!

Please add your name and contact details to the list down the back, and/or speak with Angeline, Sue or Sr Louise.

GOOD FRIDAY IN CLUNES

Ecumenical WAY of the CROSS
Starting at 10am
at the end of Fraser St, Clunes.
Followed by a Cuppa & Hot Cross Bun in the Uniting Church Hall, in the grounds of Wesley College

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2017

Nominations are NOW open for the people to nominate 3 parishioners for the Parish Pastoral Council.

If you would like to be considered for this role in our Parish, please forward your nomination (with name) to the Creswick Parish Office by posted letter (PO Box 107), email or hand-delivered via Sue, our organist.

HOLY WEEK ROSTERS - plz HELP!!!

A hugely special HAPPY

104th Birthday
is wished for our ellow parishioner

fellow parishioner,
Marie Lewis
on this day! Xx

Please write a personal note of congrats on the 'card' down the back, to be hand delivered



<u>HOLY THURSDAY</u>

Welcomers/Offertory: Jesse & Phoebe

Remote: Steve Commentator: (? 1) Reader: Doreen

Sp Ministers: Brian RW, Margie, (? 1)

Wash'g of Feet: Brian RW, Loretta, Aileen

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HOLY SATURDAY

Welcomers/Offertory: Jesse & Phoebe

Remote: Steve Commentator: ?

Readers: 1st -Trish/2nd-Loretta/3rd-?

NT Reader: Roland

Sp Ministers: Brian RW, Angeline, Josie

GOOD FRIDAY

Leaders: (? 2) Remote: Sue

Commentator: (? 1)

Reader: Trish L (1st Ŕ + Ps) (? 1-2nd R)
Gospel: Betty (Other) (?2- Jesus/Narrator)

Sp Minister (Host only): Margie GF COLLECTION: (? 2)

EASTER SUNDAY

Welcomers/Offertory: ?

Remote: ? Commentator: ? Reader: ? Sp Ministers: ?

Counters: Kieran & Loretta

Cleaners: Pat & Izabella (during Holy Week)