



## Parish Newsletter - Sept 27th 2015

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**St. Joseph's, Blampied** (Midland Hwy)

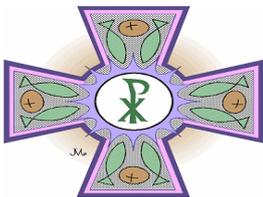
Mass Celebrated first & third, fifth Sundays (Sat vigil 6.00pm)

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**Anniversaries of Death:** Madeline Mahoney, Phyllis Graham, Moya Dwyer, Una Laidlaw, William Dwyer,

Please remember our Sick- not well : Dawn Godfrey,



*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 3rd 2015*

St Augustine's Creswick  
St Joseph's Blampied  
St Peter's Daylesford

Sunday October 4th 8.45am  
Saturday October 3rd 6.30pm  
Sunday October 4th 10.30am

*Midweek Masses— Creswick Wed 10am, Daylesford Thurs/Friday 10am*

To Give Others a Few Blows:

Gentleness is a somewhat forgotten virtue: being gentle, making room for others. There are so many enemies of gentleness, aren't there? Starting with gossip. When people prefer to tell tales, to gossip about others, to give others a few blows.

These are daily events that happen to everyone, and to me too.. They are temptations of the evil one, who does not want the Spirit to create this gentleness in Christian communities.

Once we gossip, our words are out there, never to be collected again. Take some time to examine your conscience and recall the times you have spoken poorly of others.

By Pope Francis. 2013



*Daylight savings begins next weekend - Masses at Blampied will now begin at 6.30pm (Oct 3rd)*

***Corpus Christi College Building Appeal*** On the weekend of September 26 & 27, 2015 across all parishes in Victoria, a special appeal will be conducted to raise funds for the addition of new rooms for Seminarians at Corpus Christ College, Carlton. ***Envelopes are available. With gratitude to God and to you all, we ask for your continued prayers and support in the time of great need.***

Last Week's Collections: *Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1<sup>st</sup> Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.* 1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$421.05

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$338.00

**Rosters—** Oct 4 **Reader:** S Whiffen **Commentator:** U Kroeger **Offertory:** C Collins, B Capes **Ministers:** M Coffey, M Bruce, L Dwyer **Counters:** *Team 2 (Sept 27)* J Egan, C Collins *Team 3 (Oct 4th)* D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes, C & P Jenkins

## **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS**

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we

### ***Upcoming dates—***

**All Souls Day Mass** will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier, Eganstown on Monday November 2nd at 11am. All welcome.

**Gordon Cemetery Mass** A Mass will be celebrated at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 1.30pm.

**Liturgy of Lament and Hope** A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2.00pm on Sunday, November 1. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the Cathedral Hall. To help with planning, the organising group asks that a representative from each parish contact one of the following: Karen Davies on 0407 820 622 or [kdavies54@hotmail.com](mailto:kdavies54@hotmail.com) or Liz Hanrahan on 0417 347 262 or [lizh@aanet.com.au](mailto:lizh@aanet.com.au) .