



## Parish Newsletter - October 11th 2015

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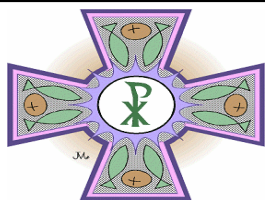
**St. Joseph's, Blampied (Midland Hwy)**

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

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**Anniversaries of Death:** Annie O'Connor, Margaret Nicholes, Eileen Gruer,  
Please remember our Sick- not well : Dawn Godfrey,



*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 18th 2015*

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

Sunday October 18th	8.45am
Saturday October 17th	6.30pm
Sunday October 18th	10.30am

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

*World mental health Day*

**October 10th 2015**

*Blessed are those  
Who don't have it all together*

*Blessed are those  
Who have run out of strength,  
Ideas, will power, resolve or energy*

*Blessed are those  
Who ache because of  
How severely out of whack the world is*

*Blessed are those  
Who on a regular basis  
Have a dark day in which  
Despair seems to be a step  
Behind them wherever they go*

*Blessed are you,  
For God is with you  
God is on your side,  
God meets you in that place*

**Johnathon Blundell**

*Anyone wishing to purchase a Columban Calendar,  
please let Leah know.*

*St Michael's students will be joining us for morning  
Mass on Friday Oct 16th. Mass will be in the Church.*

**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 salva-  
tion**

**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**

*St Luke Evangelist of Mercy*

You are invited to a gathering with Fr Kevin Lenehan for reflections on St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy.

**Wednesday 14th October** in the small hall at St Patrick's Cathedral, 7.30—9.00pm.

*Gold Coin donation to Caritas Refugees*

*If you would like a Mass offered for a family  
member during the month of All Souls  
(November), please take an offering collection  
and return via the collection.*

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) \$233.75

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$233.00

**Rosters—** Oct 18 **Reader:** M Righetti **Commentator:** R Thannhauser **Offertory:** Walker Family **Ministers:** T Tinetti, M Bruce, L Dwyer **Counters:** *Team 4 (Oct 11th)* D & P Doherty *Team 5 (Oct 18th)* M Phypers,

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

## *Upcoming dates—*

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

**Mass at Pootilla Cemetery** Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 8th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

**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)

**CWL present a lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey** On Saturday, November 7 the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga (CWL) Ballarat Diocesan Committee, in conjunction with Ballarat General Members, will be hosting a lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ, Servant of God, in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat, commencing with Mass in the Cathedral at 10.00am. Ballarat Cathedral CWL have donated an image of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ and a plaque to commemorate remarkable 97 years of dedicated service to the League by the CWL Ballarat Cathedral Branch (closed 2014). The image will be unveiled and blessed in the newly renovated (yet to be renamed) O'Collins Hall. We will have further information as soon as arrangements are finalised