



Parish Newsletter - October 18th 2015

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St. Joseph's, Blampied (Midland Hwy)

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

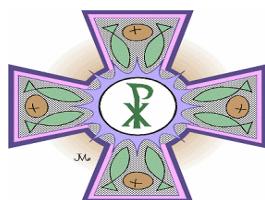
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Recent Deaths: Johanna Kiraan (Pat Rixon's Sister)

Anniversaries of Death: Mary Lane, Dorothy Carbone, Monica Bolton, Joan Shanahan, Shirley O'Connor, Sadie Scoble, Mary Gervasoni, Neil Lafranchi

Please remember our Sick– not well : Dawn Godfrey,



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 25th 2015

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

Sunday October 25th 8.45am
Sunday October 25th 9.00am
Sunday October 25th 10.30am

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

St Michael's School News

Major Fundraiser for 2015 Trivia/Auction Night FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Don't forget to get your tables together. Tables are 8-10 people and the cost is \$15 per head. BYO nibbles and drinks. We will be taking table bookings shortly.

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.

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

Swiss Italian Festa

Saturday October 24th—Grand Parade St Michael's will be participating in the Grand Parade, 10.30—11am , Main Road Hepburn Springs. The parade will conclude at the Mineral Springs Reserve at the Family Festa. All Welcome.

Sunday October 25th—Swiss Italian Mass

Join the descendants of the Swiss & Italian communities in celebrating mass on this significant occasion.

Last Week's Collections: Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st 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 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures. 1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$458.45
2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$199

Rosters— Oct 25 Reader: G Kirby Commentator: I Tinetti Offertory: H Cummings, S Whiffen Ministers: I Tinetti, P Jenkins, R Thannhauser Counters: Team 5 (Oct 18th) M Phypers, Team 6 (Oct 25th)

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

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 or Liz Hanrahan on 0417 347 262 or 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