



Parish Newsletter January 3, 2016

CRESWICK OFFICE *Hours:* **Wednesday 10am - 11am. (**If Wednesday Mass)
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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. NO 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.
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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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.

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During the WEEK: NO WEEKDAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT JANUARY

Next WEEKEND:

MASSES

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: 6.30pm Sat Jan 9
St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun Jan 10
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun Jan 10

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
May your year ahead be filled with Goodness and Blessings!



Nancy Nugent, Paul Cassar, Jan Scopel (**died recently**)
Kyrle Young, Charlotte Rhodes, Jack Murphy, Aileen Williams (**anniversaries of death**)
Steven Treacy, Sandra Kenyon (**unwell**)

Please Note:
There will be **NO Weekday MASS** on **WEDNESDAYS @ St A's** throughout **JANUARY**

Gospel Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSS

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

