



## Parish Newsletter - January 3rd 2016

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

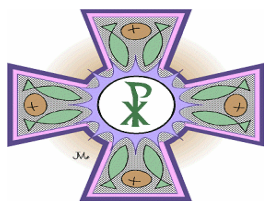
Mass Celebrated first & third (Sat vigil 6.30pm)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)



**Recent Deaths:** Paul Cassar, Nancy Nugent

**Anniversaries of Death:** Dorothy Booth, Gloria Huggard, William Robson, Raymond Cook, Steve Haintz, Maise Lewis, Joe Comelli, Margaret Milesi,



**Epiphany of the Lord—Sunday January 10th**

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

Sunday January 10th	8.45am
Sunday January 10th	9.00am LLA
Sunday January 10th	10.30am

*No Midweek Masses this week.*



## Jubilee Year Of Mercy Parish Prayer

Lord Jesus You are loving and  
Your mercy endures forever.  
You are compassionate and  
gracious,  
slow to anger, overflowing  
with love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and have  
mercy on me,  
forgive my sins and grant me  
the Grace to live the life  
worthy of Your praise,  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ, Our Lord  
Amen.

### Rosters—

*There will be no rosters over January,  
please assist where you can. Thank you.*

*2016 Planned Giving envelopes are available in the Parish Centre. Please take yours, and those you feel you can pass on. Thank you.*

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) \$350.00

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$133.00

Bishop's Christmas Appeal \$471.45

Christmas Collection \$1085

## ***Parish—School Sacramental Program 2016***

**First Reconciliation** (Forgiveness) Year 4 Children:

Parent Meeting- gathering in preparation of program.

Tuesday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm St Augustine's School Creswick. Wednesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm St Michael's School Daylesford.

**Celebration of the Sacrament** will held on – March 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: Creswick -10.00am St Augustine's Church. Daylesford- 4.00pm St Peter's Church.

**Sacrament of Eucharist: Year 4 children.**

**First Eucharist Program:** Parent information sessions: Creswick April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm at School.

Daylesford April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm School.

**Dismissal Sundays: If any child does not attend the Dismissal Sundays - then Celebration of First Eucharist will be deferred until the next year 2017.**

**Dismissal Sunday's are as follows:** 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 22<sup>nd</sup> of May –

Creswick Mass 8.45am Daylesford Mass 10.30am

**First Eucharist Sunday:** May 29<sup>th</sup>- Creswick 8.45am, Daylesford 10.30am.

**Sacrament of Confirmation: Year 3 children:**

Parent information sessions: Tuesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm – St Augustine's School.

Wednesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm – St Michael's School.

**Dismissal Sunday's:** Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>- Dismissal Sundays. Creswick Mass 8.45am, Daylesford

Mass 10.30am. **Each child must attend Dismissal Sundays.**

**Celebration of Confirmation will be on Sunday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at Creswick 8.45am & Daylesford 10.30am**

**Reconciliation Year 6:**

Children in Year 6 will experience the Communal Rite of the Sacrament of Penance in Term 4.

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

### **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.