

# SAINT MARY'S PARISH, DONALD

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**Donald Monthly Mass Schedule.** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. **10:30am**  
2<sup>nd</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. **8:30am**

## Masses next Week 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Sunday 10th April 2016

BIRCHIP 7.00 pm Saturday

DONALD 8.30 am Sunday

WYCHEEPROOF 10.30 am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY No Mass

WEDNESDAY No Mass

THURSDAY 10.00 am

FRIDAY 9.00 am

### Recent Deaths:

### Anniversaries:

**Sick:** Margaret Belleville, Molly Byrne, Shirley Hoare, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Wendy Duncan, Colleen Lyons, Alexander Anderson, Frank Nolan

**PRAYER FOR A PARISH:** We belong to the Diocese of Ballarat. This week we hold in our prayers BUNGAREE parish.

### MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 2nd Easter 10/4/2016

WELCOMERS: John & Maureen Howley  
COUNTERS: Mary Herben & Leo Walsh  
CLEANING: Angela Brennan & Ange Donnellon  
MASS PREPARATION: Gail Frankling & Annette Gilmour  
MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Niza Salarda  
READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL John Foott  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 2  
MUSIC BC Guitars  
PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Beth Robinson

### STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery:	\$387.65	
Parish:	\$862.00	
Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	\$25,733.00	Promised: \$27,462.00
Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	\$16,095.00	Promised: \$26,000.00

**THANK YOU**

### Bank Troubles

The ANZ are being pedantic and want all cheques made out to "St Mary's Parish." Any appeal needs to be made out to the Parish and placed in an envelope to indicate where the money goes. IE: Caritas is not acceptable by the Donald Branch.

### Birthday Luncheon at Owen and Pat Duncan's

To be a part of the celebration of Fr. Eugene's birthday, SIGN up on the sheet at the back of the Church by Wed 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Life messages:** 1) Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice Divine Mercy. The Gospel command, "*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,*" demands that we show mercy to our fellow human beings always and everywhere. 2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the Risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service ("Faith without good works is dead" James 2:17). Blessed Mother Teresa presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

3) We need to meet the challenge for a transparent Christian life -- "I will not believe unless I see." This "seeing" is what others demand of us. They ask that we reflect Jesus, the Risen Lord, in our lives by our selfless love, unconditional forgiveness and humble service. 4) Like St. Thomas, let us use our skepticism to help us grow in Faith. It is our genuine doubts about the doctrines of our religion that encourage us to study these doctrines more closely and thus to grow in our Faith. Hence, we need to augment our Faith every day by prayer so that we may join St. Thomas in his proclamation: "My Lord and my God." 5) Let us have the courage of our Christian convictions to share our faith as St. Thomas did. We are not to keep the gift of faith locked in our hearts, but to share it with our children, our families and our neighbors, always remembering the words of Pope St. John XXIII: "Every believer in this world must become a spark of Christ's light."