

# 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 6th Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

NULLAWIL 7.00 pm Saturday

BIRCHIP 8.30 am Sunday

DONALD 10.30 am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY 9.00 am ANZAC DAY

WEDNESDAY 10.00 am Birchip

THURSDAY 10.00 am Goodwin

FRIDAY No Mass

## 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 CHARLTON parish.

## MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 6th Easter 1/5/2016

WELCOMERS: Roger & Brenda Brennan

COUNTERS: Alan Frank & Brian Downes

CLEANING: B. Brennan & Colleen Raynes

MASS PREPARATION: Margaret Quick

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Tom George

READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Tony Goode

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 1

MUSIC Margaret Hogan

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Joan Adams

## STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery: \$350.80

Parish: \$20.00

Year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 \$25,733.00 Promised: \$27,462.00

Year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 \$17,452.00 Promised: \$26,000.00

**THANK YOU**

## Prayer for Rain.

Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in you we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, send us the rain we need, and teach us to seek your lasting help on our journey through life. Amen.

**“Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at the cathedral on Monday May 16 at 12:05 pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.”**

## God bless you all. Bishop Paul

**Life messages:** 1) Let us learn to love ourselves so that we may learn to love each other. The old commandment (*Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18*) says: “*Love your neighbor as yourself.*” We cannot learn to cherish others and care for them if we have never learned to do the same for ourselves. We live in a world that denies our basic human worth. How do we reclaim our basic worth? We can become whole and holy only when we learn to love ourselves properly, acknowledging the fact that we are children of God, making our bodies the “*temple of the Holy Spirit.*”

2) Let us love others in our daily lives: We are asked to love as Jesus loved, in the ordinary course of our lives. We love others by responding to their everyday needs with love and compassion. We love others by comforting and protecting those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving others in every possible way no matter how small, seeing the face of Jesus in them. We love others by forgiving rather than condemning, by challenging rather than condoning. Finally, we love others by sacrificially sharing our time, talents and blessings with them.

3) Let us demonstrate our love for others in our gatherings and parish assemblies: People must see Christians as people who interact with a love and concern for one another that reveals their strong love and appreciation for each other.