

# 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 Weekend: Second Sunday 17th Jan 2016

BOORT 7.00 pm Saturday

WYCHEPROOF 8.30 am Sunday

DONALD 10.30 am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY No Mass

WEDNESDAY 10.00 am Birchip

THURSDAY 10.00 am

FRIDAY 9.00 am

## Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Tom Sheridan

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

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

## MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 17/1//2016

WELCOMERS: John & Maureen

HowleyCOUNTERS: Leo Tellefson & Michael Raynes

CLEANING: Brenda Brennan & Colleen Raynes

MASS PREPARATION: Margaret Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Colleen Harmer

READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Mary Hogan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 3

MUSIC Anne Walsh

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: C. Cumming

## STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery: \$328.55

Parish: \$241.00

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

Year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 \$9941.00 Promised: \$26,000.00

**THANK YOU**

## Memorial Book

The Parish is compiling a book for anniversaries.

The rough draft is at the back of the church.

Please fill in details as indicated.

Best wishes for the NEW YEAR, a day at a time.

Fr. Eugene.

Christmas Offerings so far \$1290.00 "THANKYOU."

**Life messages:** (1) The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit.

(2) Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission: a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; b) to live as the children of God in thought, word and action; c) to lead holy and transparent Christian lives and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body), by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred; d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; and e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass. (3) It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

