

# 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: Fifth Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016

NULLAWIL 7.00 pm Saturday

BIRCHIP 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 School Mass

**Recent Deaths:** Jean Milne, Barbara Staff, Ken Waring

**Anniversaries:**

**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 WYCHEPROOF parish.

## MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 5th Sunday 7/2//2016

WELCOMERS: Roger & Brenda Brennan

COUNTERS: Pat & Owen Duncan

CLEANING: Merilyn Frank & Judy Tudor

MASS PREPARATION: Brenda Brennan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Margaret Arnel

READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Enid Brasier

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 1

MUSIC BC Guitars

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: J & R Barbetti

## STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery: \$322.50

Parish: \$127.00

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

Year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 \$12,274.00 Promised: \$26,000.00

**THANK YOU**

## New Roster for Ministries available.

### 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.

### Parish Luncheon.

Donald Hotel Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 12.00 noon

Names to Colleen Raynes or the clip board asap.

All are welcome to share in this Parish function.

SCHOOL has begun for the year 2016. We ask God's blessings on St Mary's in 2016. All are welcome to the school mass at 9.00am Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### Sacraments for 2016

There will be a meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the school to talk about the Sacramental program for 2016. Even if children do not attend St Mary,s those interested are welcome.

**Life messages:** 1) Let us face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. The story of Jesus' rejection in his own hometown is a story that we can identify with, because it is a story that has happened to most of us. Perhaps we have experienced the pain of rejection, betrayal, abandonment, violated trust, neglect or abuse. What about rejection by those closest to us? Often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us, refuse our advice and reject the words of grace, love and encouragement that we offer to them because they are unable to see us as God's appointed instruments, the agents of God's healing and saving grace. Perhaps we ourselves are guilty of such rejection. How often have we discounted people through prejudice? We must realize that God's power is always available to transform even the most unlikely people and that His power may come to us through unlikely instruments.