

SAINT MARY'S PARISH, DONALD

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

Masses next Week 5th Sunday Lent 13th Mar 2016

BIRCHIP 7.00 pm Saturday

DONALD 8.30 am Sunday

WYCHEPROOF 10.30 am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY No Mass

WEDNESDAY 10.00 am Birchip

THURSDAY 10.00 am

FRIDAY 9.00 am

Recent Deaths: Beryl Dillon,

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 BALLARAT EAST parish.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 5th Lent 13/3//2016

WELCOMERS: Greg & Jean Hogan

COUNTERS: Mary Herben & Leo Walsh

CLEANING: Pat Hogan & Brenda Trollop

MASS PREPARATION: Gail Frankling & Annette Gilmour

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Jesmar Salarda

READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Shane Wall

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 2

MUSIC BC Guitars

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: John Howley

STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery: \$285.60

Parish: \$252.00

Year to 30th June 2015 \$25,733.00 Promised: \$27,462.00

Year to 30th June 2016 \$13,809.00 Promised: \$26,000.00

THANK YOU

Project Compassion.

"We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he meant us to live it." Ephesians 2.10

Envelopes or boxes are available after Mass.

Life messages: 1) We need to accept the fact that we are all prodigal children who have squandered our Father's inheritance. Sometimes this "spiritual famine" exists in our own families. That is why we condemn some of our family members to "survival-level" existence, and even contribute to the death of some of them, by refusing to associate with them. Let us accept the fact that we have been squandering God's abundant blessings not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives.

2) Lent is a time to "pass over," from a world of sin to a world of reconciliation. The story of the prodigal son asks each of us an important question: Will you accept the Father's forgiveness and partake of the banquet, or will you remain outside? Lent is a time to transform *hatred into love, conflict into peace, death into eternal life.* The message of Lent, therefore, as St. Paul tells us, is: "We implore you, in Christ's name: be reconciled to God."

3) We need to accept the loving offer of our Heavenly Father: "All I have is yours".

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

(Robert Frost in "Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening")

Faraway hills and forest look green; there are many attractions in life; there are many voices saying to us, "Follow me," or "Follow your desires and you will find happiness." But the best and the only real offer of lasting happiness is from God our Father, "All I have is yours."