

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 Palm Sunday 20th Mar 2016

BOORT	7.00 pm Saturday
WYCHEPROOF	8.30 am Sunday
DONALD	10.30 am Sunday
WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY	No Mass
WEDNESDAY	No Mass
THURSDAY	11.00 am Wirrin 2.15 pm Goodwin
FRIDAY	9.00 am

Recent Deaths: Tom Simpson, David English, Tom Bowles

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 NORTH parish.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND Palm Sunday 20/3//2016

WELCOMERS:	Valsa & George
COUNTERS:	Mary Herben & Leo Walsh
CLEANING:	Margaret Arnel & Colleen Harmer
MASS PREPARATION:	Gail Frankling & Annette Gilmour
MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm	Jean Hogan
READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Brian Brasier
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	Week 3
MUSIC	Anne Walsh
PROCESSION OF GIFTS:	John Arnel

STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery:	\$382.40	
Parish:	\$1347.00	
Year to 30 th June 2015	\$25,733.00	Promised: \$27,462.00
Year to 30 th June 2016	\$15,156.00	Promised: \$26,000.00

THANK YOU

Project Compassion.

"Everyone should be able to make a personal contribution to putting an end to so many injustices." Pope Francis. Envelopes or boxes are available after Mass.

Easter Times

Holy Thursday 8.00 pm

Good Friday 3.00pm

Easter Vigil Saturday 8.30 pm

Life messages: # 1: We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation: Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict and the shop-lifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We too should learn to hate the sin and love the sinners.

2) We have no right to judge others: We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgment and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our just and merciful God who reads people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The apostle Paul reminds us: "But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment." (1 Cor 11:31).