

# 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 **ASCENSION 8th May 2016**

BIRCHIP 7.00 pm Saturday

DONALD 8.30 am Sunday

WYCHEPRO 10.30 am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY No Mass

WEDNESDAY 10.00 am Birchip

THURSDAY 10.00 am

FRIDAY 9.00 am

**Recent Deaths:** Neville Hoye

**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 COLAC parish.

## MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND Ascension 8/5/2016

WELCOMERS: Margaret Quick & Beth Robinson

COUNTERS: Alan Frank & Brian Downes

CLEANING: Fatima & Simon Salarda

MASS PREPARATION: Margaret Quick

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Margaret Arnel

READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Enid Brasier

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 2

MUSIC BC Guitars

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: G. F. Hogan

## STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery: \$334.95

Parish: \$317.00

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

Year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 \$17,769.00 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.

## Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns

Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on Monday, May 16 at 12.05 pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

## Mass attendance Counts through May.

## New Ministry Roster available. Thanks Merilyn.

**Life messages:** 1) Let us be aware of the abiding presence of God within us: It is the abiding presence of God within us that enables us to face the future with undying hope and true Christian courage. However, it is necessary for us to spend a little time each day in personal prayer talking to God and listening to Him. We must deepen our relationship with Jesus, learn to get in touch with him, and sincerely love him. The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Scriptures and preaching during the Holy Mass. Jesus loves us and comes to us in Communion. When the Mass is ended, we go forth in the peace of Christ -- all this under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

2) We are not alone: One of the great social and ethical problems of our time is isolation. Today approximately 25% of all adults live alone. Spouses, parents and children often live as virtual strangers to one another. This is unfortunate because we never need to be alone. Jesus can always be present to us. He shares with us his joy and replaces the burden of our guilt with the freedom of forgiveness. He takes our grief and turns it into joy. We need only allow Jesus into our lives to be rid of this loneliness. Oneness with Jesus is the greatest gift we can give our children, our friends, or those who see no purpose in life.

**Baptisms:** Welcome to Andrew, Charlotte, and Parker Bicket, who are baptized into the Church today.