

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 2st Sunday Lent 21st Feb 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 No Mass

FRIDAY 9.00 am

Recent Deaths:

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 CATHEDRAL PARISH and staff .

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 2nd Lent 21/2//2016

WELCOMERS: Alan & Marilyn Frank
COUNTERS: Pat & Owen Duncan
CLEANING: Margaret Hogan & Enid Brasier
MASS PREPARATION: Brenda Brennan
MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Peter Barbetti
READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Mary Herben
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 3
MUSIC M H Guitars
PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Valsa George

STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery:	\$380.45	
Parish:	\$1034.00	
Year to 30 th June 2015	\$25,733.00	Promised: \$27,462.00
Year to 30 th June 2016	\$13,513.00	Promised: \$26,000.00

THANK YOU

Project Compassion.

This year the theme is "Learning more, creating change."

Envelopes or boxes are available after Mass.

Goodwin Mass.

The February mass at Goodwin will be Friday 26th at 2.15pm. **Note: FRIDAY**

Life Messages: 1) We need to pray that our encounters with the holiness of God may lead us to recognize our sinfulness. The Good News of today's Gospel is that our **sinfulness** -- our pride and self-centeredness – does not repel God. Our God is a God Who gives sinners a new start. It is important that we acknowledge our sinfulness. Our response must be modeled on that of the tax collector in the parable: "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Lk 18:13). The recognition of our inadequacy and sin is necessary for us, if we are to be willing and able to receive transformation through God's grace. Isaiah, Paul, and Peter teach us that even the greatest among us stand in need of conversion.

2) We need to teach and practice expressions of reverence for the Lord. Today's world desperately needs a "revival of reverence." We need both to recognize God as God and to express that reverence for God through appropriate *bodily* gestures. The new regulation of bowing one's head before receiving Communion is another beautiful act of reverence. This same sense of reverence can be expressed by keeping the Bible, God's living word to us, in a prominent place in our homes . Blessed Mother Teresa loved people because she saw *Jesus* in them. That was the same Jesus Whom she revered and experienced in the Holy Eucharist. We, too, will have many opportunities for daily experiences of Christ. So the heart of our mission as Christians is really to find him hidden in our neighbors, and to accept his challenge to us – to love him, to have compassion on him, to practice justice toward him, to be kind to him there.

