

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 4th Sunday Lent 6th Mar 2016

NULAWIL 7.00 pm Saturday

BIRCHIP 8.30 am Sunday

DONALD 10.30 am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY No Mass

WEDNESDAY No Mass

THURSDAY No Mass

FRIDAY No Mass Priest's Retreat

Recent Deaths:

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 ARARAT parish.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 4th Lent 6/3//2016

WELCOMERS: Owen & Pat Duncan

COUNTERS: Mary Herben & Leo Walsh

CLEANING: Monica Slater & Mary Hogan

MASS PREPARATION: Colleen Raynes & Joan Adams

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Owen Duncan

READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Gail Frankling

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 1

MUSIC Margaret Hogan

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Frank & Fanny Cinaglia

STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery: \$404.50

Parish: \$22.00

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

Year to 30th June 2016 \$13,557.00 Promised: \$26,000.00

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Project Compassion.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13.16

Envelopes or boxes are available after Mass.

World Day of Prayer

St George's Church 2.00pm Friday March the 4th.

Speaker: Mrs. Janet Richardson. ALL WELCOME.

Year of Mercy Resources

- 24 Hours for the Lord, March 4 & 5, 2016.

On Friday the 4th at 5.00pm we will hold Stations of the Cross
And evening prayer, to share in the above world wide Prayers.

Life Messages: 1) We need to live lives of repentance, because (a) we never know when we will meet a tragedy of our own. Let us repent while we have the chance. Let us turn to Christ, acknowledge our faults and failings and receive from him mercy, forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Repentance begins with an admission of our sin and inadequacy. We cannot see Jesus in all his fullness unless we look at Him through the lens of repentance. Scripture says repentance results in forgiveness, renewal, and redirection.

2) We need to be fruitful trees in God's orchard. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits. The fruits God expects from us during Lent are repentance, renewal of life and the resulting virtues of love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, selflessness and humble service. Let us start producing fruits in the family by becoming more sensitive to the feelings of others and by accepting each member of the family with love and respect.

3) We need to make the best use of the "second chance" God gives us. Our merciful Father always gives us a second chance.