



Parish Newsletter June 12, 2016

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YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8TH, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20TH, 2016

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.*



PARISH VISION STATEMENT:

Our Parish is a welcoming and inclusive community, based on the Christian ethic where our lives are enhanced by worship that enriches, leadership that is shared and service that cares.

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WEEKDAY MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Wed June 15
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri June 17

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, June 19
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, June 19



Anne McMahon, Vincent Downes, (died recently)

Patricia Dixon, Kevin van Leest, Cornelius van Leest (anniversaries of death)

Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast, Imelda McGrath, Jeanette Morris (unwell at this time)

A PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved. You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

(from the Jubilee Prayer of Pope Francis)

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wait
fire
Christian
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becomes
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God's
brains
encourages
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June 19

CRESWICK

Reader:	Lois K
Leaders:	n/a
Comm'tor:	Neil D
Sp Minister/s:	Alastair-Ron-Aileen
Welc'/Offer'y:	Pat McK & ?
Remote:	Alastair
Counters:	Kieran & ?
Cleaning this week:	Sr Louise & Sue

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$183.90; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$428.00

St Vinnies Winter Appeal TODAY Sunday, June 12



PRAYER

- St Mary MacKillop -

*Most loving God,
 We thank you for the example of
 Mary MacKillop, who in her living of
 the Gospel witnessed to the human
 dignity of each person. She faced
 life's challenges with
 Faith and courage.*

*We pray through her intercession
 for our needs... We make this
 prayer through Jesus the Lord.
 Amen*



Annual Holidays

Fr Gary is counting down to his annual holidays:
commencing June 27th and returning to the Parish on July 22nd.

During this time, we will have the company of **Fr Tom Brophy** for Sunday Masses at both Creswick and Daylesford.

In the event of a funeral, **Fr John Monaghan** from **Maryborough** will be presiding.



Family Group

Coffee straight after Mass (@ local café - advised next week)

NEXT SUNDAY

June 19

The Federal Election is on July 2nd

You are invited to attend a **Pre-election Forum**

to hear the viewpoints of the Candidates for Ballarat

on Issues for a Just Society.

...and to ask them your questions

Monday 20th June

6.00 – 7.45pm

Ballarat Central Uniting Church

cnr Dana St & Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat

Gospel Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSS

Although the journey toward salvation is initiated by God, and everything that we need on that journey is supplied by God, salvation itself is never forced upon us. If we are to be saved, we must first acknowledge our need. If we are to be forgiven, we must first admit our sin. Then no sin, once admitted, is beyond the forgiveness of God. The corollary to admitting our sin is acknowledging the source of the grace of salvation. We do not earn our salvation. It is granted to us through faith in Christ, which itself is a gift from God.

Here the apparent tension seen in the gospel narrative takes the form of a question: Do we love because we are forgiven or are we forgiven because we first love? We are not forgiven because we love. We are forgiven because we are loved. Repentance may precede forgiveness but even repentance is a grace offered by God.

There is no way that we can repay God for the magnanimous mercy shown to us. However, gratitude is often expressed through service of others. The repentant woman in the gospel narrative was possessed by a desire to serve. Do we realise that the reconciliation with God which we enjoy makes us ambassadors of reconciliation for others? Do we do what we can, give what we have to further the ministry of reconciliation?