

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 10th SUNDAY 5th June 2016

NULLAWIL 7.00 pm Saturday

BIRCHIP 8.30 am Sunday

DONALD 10.30 am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY No Mass

WEDNESDAY 10.00 am Birchip

THURSDAY 10.00 am

FRIDAY 9.00 am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Margaret Reynolds

Sick: Margaret Belleville, Molly Byrne, Shirley Hoare, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Colleen Lyons, Alexander Anderson, Frank Nolan

PRAYER FOR A PARISH: We belong to the Diocese of Ballarat. This week we hold in our prayers DAYLESFORD parish.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 10th Sunday 5/6/2016

WELCOMERS: Greg & Jean Hogan
COUNTERS: Owen & George
CLEANING: Helen Walsh & Beth Robinson
MASS PREPARATION: Colleen Harmer
MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm School Mass
READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL School Mass
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 1
MUSIC BC Guitars
PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Children

STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery:	\$384.30	
Parish:	\$744.00	
Year to 30 th June 2015	\$25,733.00	Promised: \$27,462.00
Year to 30 th June 2016	\$18,948.00	Promised: \$26,000.00

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.

Meals on Wheels.

Our next turn comes up in June – from Monday 13th to Friday 24th, followed by another in mid- August.

The rosters for the first one will be in the church on Sunday 12th June. Thanks . Enid.

School Mass

Next Sunday St Mary's School will share the ministries.

Life Messages:

1) We need to receive this message of unity and sacrificial love: The Eucharist, (the Body and Blood of Christ), teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from this sacrifice. John Chrysostom says: "What is the Bread actually? The Body of Christ. What do communicants become? The Body of Christ. Just as the bread comes from many grains, which remain themselves and are not distinguished from one another because they are united, so we are united with Christ."

This is symbolized by our sharing in the same Bread and the same Cup. Hence, Holy Communion should strengthen our sense of unity and love. 2) We need to prepare properly to receive Holy Communion:

We should remember the warning given by St. Paul: "*Whoever, therefore, eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the Body and Blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the Body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.*" [1 Cor. 11:27-9]. Hence, let us receive Holy Communion with fervent love and respect -- not merely as a matter of routine. 3) We need to become

Christ-bearers and -conveyers: By receiving Holy Communion we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, as love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service.