

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 12th June 2016

BIRCHIP 7.00 pm Saturday

DONALD 8.30 am Sunday

WYCHEPROOF 10.30 am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY 9.30 am

WEDNESDAY 10.00 am Birchip

THURSDAY No Mass

FRIDAY 9.00 am

Recent Deaths: Sianne Paul, Fr. Peter Grasby, Shirley Hoare

Anniversaries: Margaret Reynolds, John Foott

Sick: Margaret Belleville, Molly Byrne, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Colleen Lyons, Frank Nolan

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

## MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12/6/2016

WELCOMERS: Valsa & George

COUNTERS: Owen & George

CLEANING: Margaret Hogan & Enid Brasier

MASS PREPARATION: Colleen Harmer

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Shane Wall

READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Jean Hogan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 2

MUSIC Anne Walsh

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Tony Goode

## STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery: \$384.30

Parish: \$1209.00

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

Year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 \$20,157.00 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.

**Life messages:** 1) We need to become channels of God's compassionate and healing love as Jesus was: The event also reminds us to have the same love and compassion for those who suffer that Jesus had. Our deeds of love will transform the broken-hearted and help them to experience God as the Father who has come among His people. We must ask God for the grace to be like Christ for the others in our daily lives. Those who saw St. Francis of Assisi, for instance, were also seeing Jesus in him. Saints are those who carry Jesus in their words and deeds, imitating his way of doing things and his goodness. Those who hurt also need comfort, and again, it is our responsibility to offer that comfort. As our Lord comforted this woman, let us comfort others

2) We need to be spiritually alive: This story should help us to look at our own situation and see, first of all, how alive we really are. When we live in mortal sin we are physically alive and spiritually dead. St. Augustine comments, "Our Mother, the Church, rejoices every day when people are raised again in spirit sacramentally."

3) We need to offer our broken hearts to Jesus: We need to bring our deepest hurts and broken relationships to Jesus and experience how he reaches out to us to grant us his loving reconciliation. Let us invite Jesus to transform the most difficult situations in our life. We trust that promise each time we bring our lives, to the table of the Lord and hear, in the voice of the priest, His sure and certain words: "This is my Body and this is my Blood given and shed for you!"