

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 19th June 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: Kevin Downes

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 DONALD parish.

**MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday 19/6/2016**

WELCOMERS: Colleen Harmer & Niza Salarda

COUNTERS: Owen & George

CLEANING: Bernadette Clark & Joan Adams

MASS PREPARATION: Colleen Harmer

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Brian Brasier

READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL John Barbetti

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 3

MUSIC MH Guitars

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: A & M Hogan

**STATE OF THE NATION:**

Presbytery: \$457.60

Parish: \$322.00

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

Year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 \$20,689.00 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. We are grateful for the rain that has come our way. Amen.

**St Vincent de Paul.**

Sunday June the 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special collection for this annual appeal, to help those in need this winter.

**Life messages:** # 1: We need to accept the mercy of God: We are challenged to accept or reject the mercy of God. We often share Simon's mentality, displaying an attitude of lovelessness and harshness. Let us remember that Simon's self-sufficiency prevented him from acknowledging his need for the grace of God. Do we invite Jesus into our lives in the hope of gaining prestige? Or do we love him because he is the one and only Savior who has died for our sins?

# 2: We need to be grateful to our forgiving God: As the repentant sinner showed her gratitude to Jesus by anointing his feet with tears and precious ointment, we, too, should show gratitude to God for unconditionally and repeatedly pardoning our sins. This is possible only if we try our best to keep the promises we make in our act of contrition in confession "*to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.*" Our sincere attempts to avoid the occasions of sin will be proof of our sincere repentance and the expression of our gratitude to the merciful God who has forgiven our sins.

# 3: We need to cultivate a forgiving attitude towards our neighbor: Although it is not easy, we must learn to forgive those who hurt us if we want to be able to receive the daily forgiveness we need from a merciful God. We start forgiving when we try our best to patch up quarrels, misunderstandings and disagreements and pray for the well-being of our offenders.