



Parish Newsletter July 31, 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, Aug 3

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Aug 5

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, Aug 7

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, Aug 7



John Quinlan
(anniversaries of death, Thurs - Wed)

Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast,
Imelda McGrath, Jeanette Morris,
Jack Higgins
(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)

Welcome back from your annual holidays
Fr Gary!

WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS RESUMES

at St Augustine's THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 3rd of August @ 10am

TODAY, IT IS 'WORLD YOUTH DAY' in KRAKOW, POLAND

Please pray for our Ballarat Diocesan Youth there!

Aug 7

CRESWICK

Reader: Roland K
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: David P
Sp Minister/s: Alastair-Barb-Margie
Welc'/Offer'y: Reasons
Remote: Lois K
Counters: Bernie & Pat
Cleaning this week: Elly & Sue

Collections: *Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.*
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$177.00; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$282.00

NEW 3 month ROSTERS

available TODAY (down the back)

For those who expressed interest in our **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministry**, know you will be provided with an opportunity to train/re-train before the next set of rosters in 3 months time ...*regretfully, due to unforeseen circumstances, this is much later than originally planned.*

Liturgy Formation 2016
Launch of 'Let the Children Come'

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on **FUNERAL MINISTRY, Formation for Lectors** and the launch of the sacramental program, **'Let the Children Come'** - July 24@ Birchip Parish, **August 7@ Ararat Parish (closest)**, and August 21@ Hamilton Parish.
As this day includes the launch of **'Let the Children Come'**, all involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs are encouraged to attend.
(Take home info on back table)

DIOCESAN NEWS:

New Catholic Primary School Named: The new Catholic school to be built in Lucas now has a name – Siena Catholic Primary School. The name Siena met all the criteria and the name was chosen in consultation with the parish and school community.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party: Friday, August 5, 2016 at 1.30pm at Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat. Entrance prize, spinning wheel, devonshire tea, fancy goods, produce stall. **All welcome.**

St A's SCHOOL AWARDS

Principal's Award:
Xanthia Chatham
Kindness Award:
Claudia Martin & Paige Robinson

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

Scriptural context – Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.