



Parish Newsletter September 4, 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, Sept 7
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Sept 9

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, Sept 11
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, Sept 11



Lourdes Stanislaus (*mother of Fr Neville Stanislaus*), Val Keating (recently died)
Ermelinda Beard,
Terrence Brennan, Annetta Quin (anniversaries of death, Thurs - Wed)
Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast,
Jeanette Morris (unwell at this time)

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



- TODAY -

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US - THE CHURCH COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY -

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

St Thomas Aquinas' Community

Coffee & Cake

@ MADAM TWANKY CAFÉ, CLUNES

TODAY: SUNDAY

September 4 @ 10.30am

"My people are poor, and I am one of them" Pope Francis

FAMILY GROUP OUTING NEXT SUNDAY

Sept 11, 2016

Anatares Iron Art Garden, Newstead;

Café lunch in Castlemaine;

Guided tour of house ('Buda') in Castlemaine.

Leaving about 10am after Mass

Please indicate your intention to come via Kevin & Rosemary Tolhurst by Weds, Sept 7.

Kevin: 0417 591 485 kgtolly@bigpond.com

Rosemary: 0427 452 860 rdt256@bigpond.com

ROSTER for NEXT Sunday, Sept 11

Reader: Lois
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: Pat T
Sp Minister/s: Barb-Judy-Roland
Welc'/Offer'y: David & Aileen
Remote: Alastair
Counters: Josie & Brian
Cleaning THIS week: Doreen

For those who are interested in St A's
(Extraordinary) ***Eucharistic Ministry
& Funeral Ministry***

an initial-training & refresher-training
opportunity (for both ministries together)
is being provided by Fr Gary on **Sunday,
September 25: 12noon ~ 1.30pm**
at St Augustine's Church (***please place your
names on list down the back***)

Gospel Reflection

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The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel

reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

Collections:

Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$260.60; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$ 269.00

ADVANCE NOTICE: NO WEDNESDAY morning Masses
in Creswick on September **14th & 21st**
(No Friday Masses in Daylesford on Sept 2nd, 16th & 23rd)



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
you govern and protect your people
and shepherd them with a father's love.
You place a father in a family
as a sign of your love, care,
and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful
to the example shown in the Scriptures:
steadfast in love, forgiving
transgressions, sustaining the family,
caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers
that they may encourage and
guide their children.
Keep them healthy
so they may support a family.

Guide every father
with the Spirit of your love
that they may grow in holiness
and draw their family ever closer to you.

Amen

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