



Parish Newsletter - October 30th 2016

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Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) 9.00am

Vigil Mass Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

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Prayers for the Church.

Let your light shine.
On the newly baptised,
let your light shine.
On those preparing for Confirmation,
let your light shine.
On those testing their vocation,
let your light shine.
On those seeking Ordination,
let your light shine.
On all Christians in their daily ministry,
let your light shine.

Parish Dates:

All Saints & All Souls Mass Times

All Saints: 10am St Peter's Daylesford

All Souls: Mass will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Chapel Eganstown at 11.00 am

Morning Tea after Mass Sunday November 6th, Farewell and Acknowledgement of Carmel Rieniets. **Please bring a plate.**

Tuesday November 8th 12.00 noon Mass at Clunes – luncheon after.

Sacrament of Confirmation 10.30am Sunday November 20th.



'Dying Well in Hepburn Shire: At Home with Hospice Help'

In November, a forum called 'Dying Well in Hepburn Shire: At Home with Hospice Help' will be held in Daylesford, Creswick and Clunes. This program aims to encourage people in the Shire to think about how and where they would like to die, at whatever age that might be. To help get the conversation started, local performers - **Musician Danny Spooner, Storyteller Anne E Stewart and Poetry Reader Richard Perry** - will weave their performances at all three events helping to raise questions, give courage and bring laughter to a difficult subject. The program, an afternoon of gentle entertainment and facilitated discussion about the services that Ballarat Hospice offers, will be held in:

Daylesford – 2-4pm **November 6** Victoria Park Pavilion, Corner Ballan Road and Burrall Street, **Clunes** – 2-4pm **November 13** The Warehouse 36 Fraser Street, **Creswick** – 2-4pm **November 20** Community Health Centre 1 Napier Street **Everyone is welcome, from any locality.**



Last Week's Collections: Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash toward the Presbytery for the sustenance of our Priest – with a contribution of 13% to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the administration of the Parish

1st Collection \$453.50 2nd Collection \$137.00

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Bob Cole, Mavis Anderson, Noreen Vanzetta, Jack Scheggia, Eileen O'Halloran, Ethel Bonnici, Jim Dixon

Prayers for the Sick: Des Dwyer



Diocesan News

An End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank

St Michael's School Springbank will close at the end of the 2016 school year and on December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with an afternoon tea at 4.00pm, Mass at 6.30pm, then join us for a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. A recovery brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 (this will be a BYO drinks event). Please register your interest to attend to one or all of the events by email to quinlanwater@gmail.com or by message to Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417587235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10.30am.



Press release from the Vatican– Regarding Cremation:

Australian Bishops have welcomed a new document from the Vatican which reiterates the Church's teaching that cremation, while strongly discouraged, can be permissible under certain restrictions – and that scattering the ashes is forbidden. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released an instruction yesterday, titled *Ad resurgendum cum Christo (To rise with Christ)*, which states that while cremation "is not prohibited," the Church "continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased." The document explains that after "legitimate motives" for cremation have been ascertained, the "ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place," such as in a cemetery or church. It goes on to state that is not permitted to keep the ashes in a home or to scatter them "in the air, on land, at sea, or in some other way. Nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewellery, or other objects." Archbishop Denis Hart, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, said: "The new instruction, *To Rise with Christ*, affirms what the Church has always held with regard to cremation, reverence for the human remains in the body or in the ashes and the following burial." Key points in the newly published document include:

- States the Church's preference for burial of the remains of the faithful.
- Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning. The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven".
- Following Christian tradition, the Church recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places.

Roster - Sunday 6th November

Reader: S Whiffin **Comm:** I Tinetti **Ministers:** D Leonard, N Chamberlain, **Offertory:** M & M Yanner **Counters:** Oct 30 (team 3) D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes, C & P Jenkins Nov 6 (Team 4) D & P Doherty **Weekday Mass - All Saints 10.00am, Daylesford**

All Souls Day 11.00am Eganstown & Daylesford Friday 10am

No Mass at Creswick this week at 10.00am.

