



Parish Newsletter November 13, 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, Nov 16

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Nov 18

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, Nov 20

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, Nov 20

IN NEED
OF YOUR
PRAYERS



Sr Rita Hayes (*aka Sr Mary Aloysius*),
John Gannon
(recent deaths)

Lorna Roberts, Christina Hynes,
William Kelly
(anniversaries of death Thurs - Wed)

Mary Bell, Kevin Preston,
Jeanette Morris, Sandra Kenyon,
Pat Prendergast
(unwell at this time)

*Nb. If you wish your name to be placed
ON or taken OFF the prayer request list,
get a message to Sue.*

St. Joseph's Church, Blampied

Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) @ 9am
Vigil Mass Saturday (4th Sunday of the Month) @ 6pm

ALL SOULS' MONTH: CRESWICK/CLUNES

A Communion Reflection of Remembrance
will take place during Mass at St A's
TODAY

A Candlelight Service of Remembrance

will take place during St Augustine's 8.45am Mass
on Sunday 27 Nov - the 1st Sun of Advent



During this month of **All Souls** (November),
you are **INVITED** to place NEW names
- ones NOT previously entered -
for sacred remembrance in our Parish's
'Book of the Names of the Dead'.
(this book is on the back reception table)

OFFERING ENVELOPES for Fr Gary to offer a Mass for your
loved ones during the next 12 months are on the back table



Please pray for our 2016 Confirmation Candidates

Abbey Allen Zac Allen
Lily Euvrard Lacie Smith
Riley Mahar Jesse Cooke
Samantha Crilly
Jesse Schneider
Mia Gervasoni

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT
NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 20

ROSTER for NEXT Sunday, Nov 20

Reader: Loretta K
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: Brian RW
Sp Minister/s: Roland - Alastair - Margie
Welc'/Offer'y: Carol & Tony V
Remote: Alastair (a swap)
Counters: Loretta & Kieran
Cleaning THIS week: McMahons

HELP is SOUGHT for our **Candlelight Reflection Service** on Sunday, 27th November - *Parishioners who would be happy to serve refreshments after Mass.* Families of those who have had funerals in the parish during the past 12 months have been invited.
- Plz see Margie Goates today if you can -
A plate of **CAKES/SANDWICHES/BISCUITS** etc is also requested from all parishioners who are able for this occasion. *Plz register your intention to prepare a plate on the list on back table (or see Margie)*

Nazareth House Auxiliary Fete

NEXT Saturday, November 19, 2016 @ 10am
Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat.
Stalls, photo booth, BBQ, spinning wheel,
Devonshire tea, face painting.
All welcome. (Colourful flyer on noticeboard)

NEXT SUNDAY

NOV 20, straight after Mass

St A's Parish Catchup over a cuppa
@ Smokeytown Café, Creswick

KINDLY HOSTED BY OUR PARISH FAMILY GROUP

MASS of THANKSGIVING for
the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**
will be celebrated **TODAY** at St Patrick's
Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSSR
on **Sunday, Nov 13, 2016 @ 10.30am.**

Ballarat Interfaith Network & The Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia Presents:

JCMA Friendship Walk Ballarat **NEXT SUNDAY,**
20th November 2016, starting at 2pm:
an afternoon walking together in friendship and
goodwill between a **mosque, synagogue & church.**
(flyer on back Noticeboard)

Starting at Ballarat Mosque we will walk to the Ballarat
Hebrew Synagogue and then onto to the St Pauls
Anglican Church. We will start with a prayer of peace
and reflections and then learn about some of the history
and traditions of each of the places we visit.

To Register & RSVP: Please register your interest for this
free event online: <https://jcmaballaratfriendshipwalk.eventbrite.com.au>. Or you can send an email: ballaratinterfaith@gmail.com

or phone Maureen: 0418 383 802 or Margaret: 0400 650 234.

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.

Collections from last week (with thanks)

1st (Priest Support) - \$353.50; 2nd (Planned Giving/Parish) - \$392.00.



Gospel Reflection – Greg Sunter –

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel

of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

DYING WELL IN HEPBURN SHIRE: At Home with Hospice Help

A forum called 'Dying Well in Hepburn Shire: At Home with Hospice Help' will be held at

Clunes: 2-4pm, **TODAY, November 13,** The Warehouse, 36 Fraser Street;

Creswick: 2-4pm, **NEXT SUNDAY, November 20,** Community Health Centre, 1 Napier Street

Everyone is welcome, from any locality.