



# Parish Newsletter 22nd JANUARY, 2017

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## 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 **TUESDAY**, Jan 24  
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Jan 27

### WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun, Jan 29  
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun, Jan 29

PLEASE  
PRAY  
FOR



Marie Whitfield, Andrew Vlahek  
(anniversaries of death Thurs - Wed)

Ben Lockyer, Mary Bell,  
John Ryan, 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

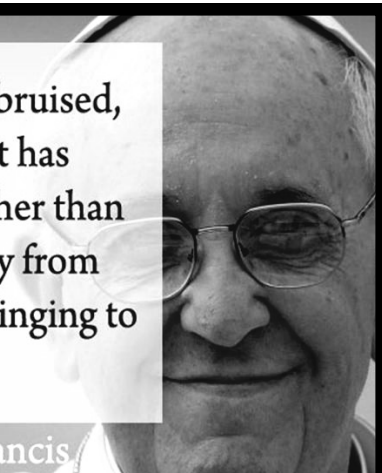
Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) @ 9am  
Vigil Mass Saturday (4th Sunday of the Month) @ 6pm

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

- March 1st -  
10am Creswick; 12pm Daylesford

"I prefer a church which is bruised,  
hurting and dirty because it has  
been out on the streets, rather than  
a church which is unhealthy from  
being confined and from clinging to  
its own security."

- Pope Francis



<http://slideplayer.com/slide/8770260/>

### BALLARAT RURAL AUSTRALIANS for REFUGEES

A fundraising music event  
@ **BUNINYONG BREWERY**  
Yuille St, overlooking the lake  
**Sunday, 29th January from 3pm**  
**\$15 inc avo tea (children free)**  
*Flyer on noticeboard*

## From Fr Gary

### St Augustine's Parish Creswick - Funeral Ministry Team.

The Funeral Ministry Team of our Parish exists to support parishioners and friends who lose loved ones through death. We seek to provide comfort, consolation and support to family members during these difficult times.

Upon being informed of the death of a parishioner or former parishioner, the Funeral Ministry coordinator contacts the deceased's nearest of kin or family representative. The grieving family are assisted in the planning of the funeral liturgy, **The Mass of Christian Burial**.

Appropriate Scripture readings and liturgical songs are suggested.

Our goal is to help make this significant liturgy as personal as possible for the mourners.

We work within the guidelines and directives of the Diocese of Ballarat concerning Funeral Liturgies.



### COLLECTIONS

TWO COLLECTIONS ARE TAKEN UP AFTER THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.*

**Collections from last week** (with thanks)

1st (Priest Support) - \$271.10; 2nd (Planned Giving/Parish) - \$130.00

## LAST DAY for any changes on our NEXT 3 MONTH CHURCH ROSTER

Feb→April : WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY

### MUST DO - TODAY:

**Advise on list down the back** (no need, if no change)

- if you wish to go **ON** or **OFF** a roster
- of any phone or email **UPDATES**
- of dates you **WON'T** be available  
(a calendar to refer to will be next to the list)

## ROSTER

for NEXT Sunday, 29th JAN

CLEANER/S (THIS week, BEFORE Sun 22nd):

**Bernie & Pat T**

WELCOMERS/OFFERTORY:

**Phoebe, Jesse, Steve SCHN**

REMOTE: **Lois K**

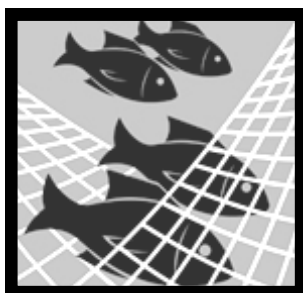
COMMENTATOR: **Neil D**

READER: **Alastair H**

EXT. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Barb H - Aileen P - Angeline T**

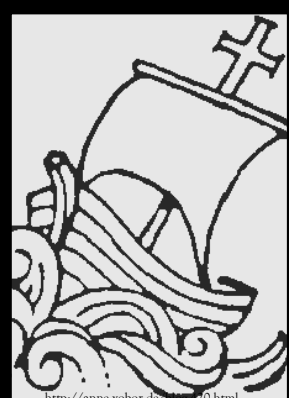
COUNTERS: **Pete G & Mick G**



## Gospel Reflection *Greg Sunter*

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people .

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around .



### **Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse**

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse.

The retreat will be held March 26 – 31, 2017 in Tasmania. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtogracesaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtogracesaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539.

For more information visit [www.griegtogracesaus.org](http://www.griegtogracesaus.org)

### **Dedication of Loreto Window at All Saints' Parish Church, Portland**

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul to give thanks for the presence and ministry of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Portland and the dedication of the Loreto Window in All Saints' Parish Church on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10.30am. Light lunch will follow at the Parish House. RSVP by January 13, 2017 to PO Box 210, Portland, 3305

or email [portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au). **Flyer on noticeboard**