



Parish Newsletter - February 26th 2017

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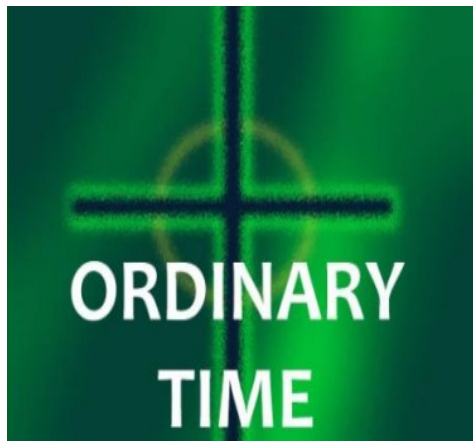
St Michael's Parish Primary School- Principal: Mr Ethan Corfee

St. Joseph's Church Blampied

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

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

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

What can be nobler than building up the reign of God? What could deserve our commitment more than the proclamation of the gospel? What greater privilege could be ours than acting as agents of the blessings of God? Disciples are called to just such privileged roles. And where are these disciples to be found? They spend their lives in classrooms, factories, offices and hospitals. They serve in families, businesses, restaurants, shopping malls, banks and grocery stores. They answer telephones, protect us from harm, build our roads, and repair our plumbing. Disciples upbuild the reign of God in whichever form of life or occupation they have chosen.

Although we embark on a life of service with great enthusiasm and genuine commitment, it does not take long before the enormity of the task becomes apparent. We might then begin to doubt ourselves or doubt the call itself. At such times, Jesus exhorts us to trust in God. All is in the hands of God; for our part, we have only to trust.

Our own limitations and sinfulness often get in the way. There are forces in society that seem bent on undermining our every effort. The people to whom we commit ourselves can be ungrateful or want no part of us or our service. Sometimes the obstacles seem to come from the church, its structures and its personnel. In the midst of such darkness, we hear Jesus gently but firmly saying: Do not worry! Trust! God cares for the birds and the grass, surely God will care for you.



World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March @ 7.00pm

St Peter's Daylesford

"Am I being unfair to you?"

Guest Speaker: Eva Paperllo

Mass Times for Ash Wednesday:

Creswick 10am

Daylesford 12pm



St Vincent de Paul Meeting.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the meeting on Thursday evening, there will be another meeting on Thursday March 2nd at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. *All Welcome*



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) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs:*

1st Collection \$334.00 2nd Collection \$207.60

RECENT DEATHS: Barica Bardek

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Pauline Carmody, John Hare, Frank Wright, Eva Lynch, Denis White, Jo Harrison,



LENTEN REGULATIONS - 2017



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer:** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary.
- (b) **Self-denial:** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.
- (c) **Helping others** - for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

FUNERALS: During the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS: Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate **that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted**.



Roster - Sunday 5th March

Reader: N Chamberlain **Commentator:** M Yanner **Ministers:** D McMinn, T Tinetti, C Bartholomew **Offertory:** Walker Family **Sacristan:** Carol

Counters: Feb 26th (Team 4) D & P Doherty Mar 5 (Team 5) M Phypers, B Ryan

Weekday Mass

Ash Wednesday Masses as above

Thursday 2nd March & Friday 3rd March 10am Daylesford