

SAINT MARY'S PARISH, DONALD

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Donald Monthly Mass Schedule. 1st and 3rd. **10:30am**
2nd; 4th and 5th. **8:30am**

Masses next Week 16/7/2017 15th Sunday

BOORT	7:00 pm Saturday
WYCHEPROOF	8.30 am Sunday
DONALD	10.30 am Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	10.00 am Birchip
Thursday	2.00 pm Wirrin
Friday	9.00 am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Janet Dixon, Maureen Downes

Sick: Margaret Belleville, Molly Byrne, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Frank Nolan,

PRAYER FOR A PARISH: We belong to the Diocese of Ballarat. This week we hold in our prayers the EDENHOPE parish.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 16/07/2017 15th Sunday

WELCOMERS: M. Quick & B. Robinson
COUNTERS: Peter Barbettit & Len Scarce
CLEANING: M. Quick & J Hogan
MASS PREPARATION: Sue Donnellon
MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm: Niza Salarda
READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: John Foott
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 3
MUSIC: Anne Walsh
PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Leo Walsh

STATE OF THE NATION: Presbytery: \$260.20
Parish: \$262.00

Year to 30 th June 2017	\$26,134.00	Promised: \$26,000.00
Year to 30 th June 2017	\$2232.00	Promised: \$25,000.00

Many Thanks. PARISH ACCOUNT BSB013605 A/C1998 90097

August until the New Year. (updated)

Further news on the Parishes of the District.

An announcement will soon be made to indicate how the parishes will move forward.

PARISH GIVING.

If you would like to make an offering or would like to change to direct giving to the Parish Account, note our BSB 014605, A/C 1998 90097.

If you want envelopes or have enquiries, ring 54971112. Fr. Eugene.

What kind of soil are we? How do we respond to the Word of God and to the various Acts of God in our lives? Do we allow the trials and tribulations of this world to overwhelm the tender seed growing within us? Do we pull back when people harass us because we are believers? Do we decide, because things are not working out the way we think they ought, that God doesn't care for us, or that He is powerless, weak and not to be heeded? Do we allow the cares of this world, our ambitions or our desires for success and happiness, to choke out the messages that God sends us through the various events of our daily lives and through the various people we encounter? How we respond to the Word of God is the key to how fruitful the Gospel is going to be in our lives. Unlike the situation in nature, we can, as it were, change the kind of soil that we are. God allows the seed to land on the hard paths, on the rocky ground and in the thickets of our lives in the hope that in those places it will find a place to mature and bear fruit, that those things which impede growth will be removed and that the soil may be just a little deeper than it at first appears to be in those rocky places. Jesus challenges us in the parable of the sower to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation regardless of the "soil" on which it is scattered, and to imitate the seed's total giving of self that becomes the harvest of Gospel justice and mercy.

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