

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 23/7/2017 16th Sunday

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

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	10.00 am Birchip
Thursday	2.15 pm Goodwin
Friday	9.00 am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Margaret 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 GORDON parish.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 23/07/2017 16th Sunday

WELCOMERS: Shane Wall
COUNTERS: Peter Barbettit & Len Scarce
CLEANING: H Walsh, % B Robinson
MASS PREPARATION: Sue Donnellon
MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm: Colleen Harmer
READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: Mary Hogan
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 4
MUSIC: MH Guitars
PROCESSION OF GIFTS: P Barbetti

STATE OF THE NATION: Presbytery: \$271.75
Parish: \$445.00

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

Year to 30th June 2017 \$2768.00 **Promised: \$25,000.00**

Many Thanks. PARISH ACCOUNT BSB013605 A/C1998 90097

August until the New Year. (updated)At this stage there seems to be a pause on the realignment of Parishes in the immediate area. Ouyen is destined to combine with Mildura and sea lake with Swan Hill.

Life messages: We need to assess our use of the word of God. We have to read the word of God every day starting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for the gifts of attentive reading and the ability and willingness to apply the message we receive to our daily lives. When we listen to the word of God as read and preached in the Church during the Holy Mass, we need to pay full attention to the message given by God using the priest as His instrument. We also have to ask God's special grace to remove all types of blocks, like laziness, anxiety, worries and the burden of unrepented sins, which prevent the word of God from influencing and transforming our lives. When we receive Jesus, the Word of God and the Source of the word of God, in Holy Communion we need ask him to transform our lives so that we may see Jesus in everyone (for all of them are our brothers and sisters in Him), and share with each of them Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

2) We need to keep our spiritual soil fertile and prepared for the word of God: We need to keep our hearts open to the word of God instead of closing it with pride, prejudice, fear or laziness. We have to remove from our hearts the weeds like evil habits, addictions and evil tendencies, hatred, jealousy, fear, and greed. We should not allow the trials and tribulations of this world, the cares of this world, our ambitions, or our desires for worldly success and happiness to choke out the messages that God gives through His word.