



Newsletter



St Peter's Daylesford: Sunday Mass 10.30am
St Augustine's Creswick: Sunday Mass 8.45am
St Joseph's Blampied: Midland Hwy Blampied.
Parish Office: Daylesford (Thursday, Friday) 9.00– 3.00pm

Parish Staff: Parish Priest of Daylesford & Creswick: Fr Gary A Jones **Parish Admin:** Leonie Bird
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Anniversaries of Death: Eva Lynch, Denis White, Jo Harrison, Kathleen Bainbridge, Maria Phelan, Alma Dwyer, Mary Barden, William Sedgwick, Annie Goates, Paul Scholten



Prayers for the Sick: Luke Taylor, Tony Hill, Pauline and Fred Stapleton
Weekday Masses: Creswick Tuesday's 10am & Daylesford Friday's 10am



St Peter's Parish Picnic at St Michael's School has been cancelled today.

March 3rd: Liturgy meeting after mass at St Augustine's to prepare for Easter

Ash Wednesday Masses: March 6th St Augustine's Creswick 10am & St Peter's Daylesford 12 noon & 5.30pm (please note extra mass for those who work during the day)



Passionist Family Group Movement :March 29-31 2019 Interested family group members are invited to attend this weekend event "*From Strangers to Friends– Together we belong*" being held at Holy Cross Retreat Centre, Serpells Road Templestowe. An opportunity to share your family group stories of joy & challenges, review, re-energise and participate in planning for the future. Please contact Leonie in the office (Thursday's or Friday's)for more information.

Church Keys :if anyone has a church key or keys for St Peter's that they no longer require please return it to the Office as soon as possible.

Volunteers: St Peter's Parish is looking for more volunteers for various Ministries for Sunday at Mass. Please fill out the forms left at back of church and once all completed a new roster will be done. Current volunteers will need to fill out a form too. Thanks and we appreciate all your help. **(NEW ROSTERS to come.)**

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter



Gospel Reflection In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour’s eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person’s opinion is just as good as the next person’s. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an overarching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying ‘big picture’ story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person’s opinion is as valid as any other’s seems very democratic and so-cial. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as ‘that’s just your opinion’. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of ‘balanced’ discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today’s gospel: the blind leading the blind.



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.

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$291.60 (Sun 17th—\$244.00) 2nd Collection: \$275.80 (Sun 17th—\$114.00) **Daylesford Parish Collections:** 1st Collection: \$405.50 2nd Collection: \$160.00

Next Weekend Roster

Welcomer

Commentator

Reader

Offertory/Gifts

Ministers of the Eucharist

Projection Operator/ iPad Music

Sacristan

Counters/ Teams

Creswick Parish:

Brian Re, Maria, Marco

Alastair H

Roland K

Brian Re, Maria, Marco

Barb H, Brian RW, Judy S

Loretta K / Neil D

Josie & Brian R

Daylesford Parish:

B Daghish, J Egan

S Whiffin

B Capes, J McEwen

M Righetti, S Whiffin, M Phypers

Hillary

John Egan, Carol Collins