



Newsletter



St Peter's Daylesford: Sunday Mass 10.30am

St Augustine's Creswick: Sunday Mass 8.45am

St Joseph's Blampied: Midland Hwy Blampied.

"We are a Child Safe Parish"

Parish Staff: Parish Priest of Daylesford & Creswick: Fr Gary A Jones

Parish Admin: Leonie Bird

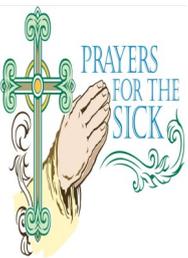
Parish Office: Phone 53018161 -Daylesford (Thursday, Friday) 9.00– 3.00pm

Safeguarding Officer: Leonie Bird

Parish Primary School: St Michael's Daylesford -Ethan Corfee & St Augustine's Creswick -Terry Brennan.

Parish Emails: creswick@ballarat.catholic.org.au ; daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Website: ballarat.catholic.org.au



Recent Death: Mark Spenceley

Anniversaries of Death: Harold Tognazzini, Mollie Dixon, Andrew Williams, Mark Caines, Ken Nutt, Mary Monaghan, Mary Pedretti. John Hynes, Cory Mookhoek, Fr.Meredith Delahenty, Ellen Smith, Eileen Keen

Prayers for the Sick: Luke Taylor, Pauline and Fred Stapleton

Weekday Masses: Creswick Tuesday's 10am & Daylesford Friday's 10am



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

The children of St Michael's are currently preparing for the Rite of Reconciliation in both parishes. We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist later in the year.

St Michael's: Jordan Thompson, Lachlan Lane, Matilda Witcher, Max Aylward, Thomas Niclas, Tylar Keating, Jackson Goddard, Riley Booth, Isobella Goodwin, Eve Righetti.

St Augustine's: During Lent there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 7-8 pm at St. Augustine's.

Tuesday 2nd April at 2pm -Lenten Anointing Mass at the John Curtin, Huntley Room, Afternoon tea provided.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 15, 2019: The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 15, 2019. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. All members of the diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include ushers, readers, oils bearers, presentation of the gifts, collection of oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Lent



Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is perhaps the most famous of the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Luke. Sadly, what is often overlooked is the accusation aimed at Jesus that leads into the telling of this and two other shorter parables (the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin – Lk 15:4-10). The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behaviour in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he actually shares meals with them. This would be absolutely scandalous behaviour. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean. The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or lost son. The Gospel of Luke – more so than any of the others – has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalised; in other words, the 'lost' of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honour. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about – being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any 'sinner' who returns to God.



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: \$302.10 2nd Collection: \$334.00

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$384.00 2nd Collection: \$323.70

Next Weekend Roster

Welcomer

Commentator

Reader

Offertory/Gifts

Ministers of the Eucharist

Projection Operator/ iPad Music

Sacristan

Counters/ Teams

Creswick Parish:

Tony, Carol V

Alastair H

Barb H

Tony, Carol V

Carmel R, Margie G, Josie R

Jess & Steve\ Neil D

Bernadette & Pat T

Daylesford Parish:

B Daghish/ J Egan

B Barlow

Leonard Family

C Bolton, S Whiffin, C Bartholomew

Carol

Frank & Kevin Stephens/Tony Torpy