

Parish Newsletter



Parish Priest of Daylesford & Creswick

Fr Gary A Jones

Supervising Priest for Parish of Gordon

Parish Admin: Leonie Bird

"We are a Child Safe Parish"



Sunday Mass 10.30am

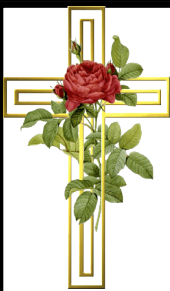
Sunday Mass 8.45am

Parish Office: Phone 53018161 -Daylesford (Wednesday- Friday) 9.30– 3.00pm **Safeguarding Officer:** Leonie Bird

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

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Recent Death: Jennifer Scoble, Ben Lockyer,

Anniversaries of Death: Dianne Morrish, Thomas Pardon, Ethel Skews, Mary McInerney, Debbie Morris, Daniel Blanks

Prayers for the Sick: Luke Taylor

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



Father Gary will be away Sunday 2nd June doing confirmation & first communion for the Gordon Parish.

St Augustine's Crying Room: will not be available for Parishioners Sunday 2nd June as the children of St Augustine's prepare for their sacrament of confirmation.

World Communication Day: In Australia, World Communications Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26. Pope Francis has released his message for World Communications Day. As is the custom, the message was released on January 24, the feast day of St Francis de Sales, the patron saint of journalists. You can access the full message on the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser: Refugee Week Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will be held at Nazareth House Hall, 218 Mill Street, Ballarat on Wednesday, June 19. Entry is \$20.00 speakers, entertainment, stall and competition. Enquiries, ph. 0401175045, email annekav1234@gmail.com or Facebook - House of Welcome-Ballarat.

Resource for planning a service in the event of a suicide: The Diocesan Liturgical Commission provides a resource to assist clergy and funeral planning teams plan a funeral service or requiem mass in the event of a suicide. This document, along with many other useful funeral planning resources, are available from the members section of the diocesan website under Resources, Funeral Ministry Resources. You can register to access this area of the website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Carol Collins from St Peter's Parish would like to thank all those who supported her "Biggest Morning Tea" event. The total amount raised was \$1700.00





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: \$332.70 2nd Collection: \$114.00

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$345.10 2nd Collection: \$126.50



Reflection by Greg Sunter.

Just like last week's gospel, this passage also comes from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John. Again, although its original context was pre-crucifixion, the language works in the post-resurrection Easter season as we anticipate the celebration of the Ascension next week. This double purpose language is, of course, no accident. The gospel was written 60 or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus and so the writer was consciously conveying the double meaning of 'going away': Jesus going to his death; and Jesus going back to the Father. But Jesus also promises his return in this speech. Continuing the double meaning, the gospel writer knew that Jesus had come good on his promise to return after his death and so conveys to the gospel audience, and to us, a sense of confidence and hope that the second promised return will also be fulfilled at the right time.

In the meantime, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. The Holy Spirit is to be the Advocate (the Paraclete) of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose: firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did. The action of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today – inspiring and teaching those who are open to hearing and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion. We talk about being full of school spirit and team spirit but these feelings of loyalty and commitment are only a distant echo of what it is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Historical Context – The time of absence

At the time of writing of the Gospel of John (during the last decade of the 1st Century), the community of believers were beginning to come to terms with the continued absence of Jesus. In the earlier gospels, particularly Mark, there is a feeling of expectation evident in the writing – an expectation that Jesus' promised return was imminent. By the time of John's community, there was an acceptance that the glorious return of Jesus still lay some time in the future. They wrestled with keeping alive the memory and message of Jesus when there was no end in sight.

| Roster-weekend: 2 June | Daylesford | Creswick |
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| Welcomer | Brian D & Denise Mc | Irene M, Barb H |
| Commentator | | Brian RW |
| Reader | Bronwyn B | Barb H |
| Offertory/Gifts | Qerim Family | Irene M, Barb H |
| Special Ministers/Eucharist | Carmel B, Maree P, Trish T | Margie G, Alastair, Josie R |
| Projector Operator/Ipad Music | Gabrielle K | Neil D, Phoebe |
| Sacristan | Carol C | |
| Counting Team | Hilary C , Sandra W | Bernadette, Pat T |