

Parish Newsletter



Sunday Mass 10.30am

Parish Priest of Daylesford & Creswick

Fr Gary A Jones

Parish Admin: Leonie Bird

"We are a Child Safe Parish"

Safeguarding Officer: Leonie Bird



Sunday Mass 8.45am

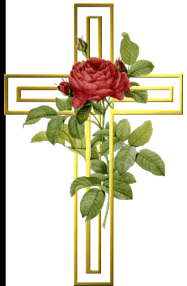
Parish Office: Phone 53018161 -Daylesford (Wednesday- Friday) 9.30– 3.00pm Safeguarding Officer: Leonie Bird

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

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

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Recent Death:



Anniversaries of Death: Irene Banhidi; Dorothy Booth; Gloria Huggard; Daniel Moore; Dominic Camenzuli; Kevin Loyer; William Fox; Monica Morgan; Kyrle Young; Charlotte Rhodes.

Prayers for the Sick: Maureen Egan; Carmel Stevens; Jony Joordens.

Weekday Masses: Creswick – New Years Day Mass Wednesday 0845

Daylesford – No mass next Thurs, or Fri Morning



New Years Day Mass will be celebrated at St Augustine's Parish at 0845.

Parish Office Hours: Just a reminder that the Parish Office is closed from 25th December– 2nd January 2020.

We will be back Friday 3rd January 2020.

Rosters for St Peters: January—April 2020. It was decided to do the new roster from January to April 2020. The new rosters are at back of the Church, so please take one. If you are not able to do the allocated shift please find someone to replace you. Once again to all our volunteers at both parishes we say THANKS.





Last Week's Collections: Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash towards 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: \$353.70 2nd Collection: \$432.00

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$351.00 2nd Collection: \$133.30



Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's liturgy celebrates the feast of the Holy Family; recognising the important role Joseph and Mary played in the life of Jesus and also celebrating the role of family in all of our lives. However, the gospel reading is the conclusion of the infancy narrative – the 'what happened next' part of the story of the birth of Jesus. Apart from the involvement of the holy family, the passage doesn't appear to have a lot of connection with the celebration of the feast of the Holy Family. This isn't really surprising as the gospels are accounts of the life of Jesus – predominantly his active ministry – and don't give many details at all of his childhood and family life. However, what we can see in the passage is that Joseph quickly adopted a role of protector of his wife and child and did all he could to keep them from harm. His family was vitally important to Joseph and he took the extreme measure of fleeing his homeland to protect them.

The passage in the lectionary skips over three verses from the gospel (16-18) that describe Herod's massacre of all boys under the age of two born in Bethlehem and its surrounds. Joseph's fears for the safety of his family were very real! Even after the death of Herod, when Joseph is advised to return to his own country, he finds that Archelaus, one of Herod's sons, is in control of Judaea. Bethlehem was in Judaea and so Joseph and his family may still have been in danger. Instead of returning home, they made a new life in Nazareth in the Galilee region.

Roster-weekend: Jan 5th	<u>Daylesford</u>	<u>Creswick</u>
Welcomer	Brian D; Kath c	Tony; Carol V
Commentator		Loretta K
Reader	Gabrielle K	Roland K
Offertory/Gifts	Bernadette C	Tony; Carol V
Special Ministers/Eucharist	Cheryl B; Denise Mc; Carmel B	Judy S; Margie G; Judy S
Projector Operator/Ipad Music	Sandra W	Jess & Steve/Neil D
Sacristan	Carol C	
Collection	Collectors – Brian; Tom; Syd; Kath	Counting -Bernadette & Pat T