

Parish Newsletter



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 10.30am

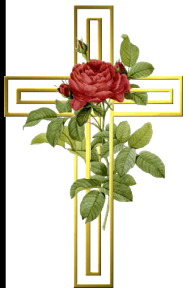
Sunday Mass 8.45am

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: Peter Keppel (Brother of Pat Rixon) Frank Kierce (Creswick)

Anniversaries of Death: William Robson; Raymond Cooke; Steve Haintz; Maise Lewis; Joe Comelli; Margaret Milesi; Bernie Jurcan; Alan Lynch; Maureen Jones; Des Collins; Jack Murphy; Brian Schreenan; Ruby Evans; Aileen Williams; Ned Mellington; Frank McGrath.

Prayers for the Sick: Maureen Eagan; Carmel Stevens.

Weekday Masses: Creswick – No Weekday Masses in January

Daylesford – No Weekday Masses in January

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2020

Happy New Year and New Decade, we hope that the coming year will fill your life with happiness, good health and prosperity.

Rosters for St Peters: January—April 2020:The new roster is available and it is from January to April 2020. The printed 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.

St Augustine's Parish Help: We have had a request from a Creswick local who needs a lift to Sunday Mass's. She cannot drive, is new to the parish, and recently has had surgery. Please contact Leonie in the office if you are able to assist. Many thanks in advance.



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: \$299.40 2nd Collection: \$79.50

Christmas Eve & Day: \$798.70 **Bishops Appeal:** \$215.00

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$467.70 2nd Collection: \$186.10

Christmas Eve & Day: \$1103.80 **Bishops Appeal:** \$474.70



Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel of Mark, the first of the four canonical gospels to be written, does not bother at all with the question of the birth of Jesus. Written some ten or more years later, the gospels of Luke and Matthew both present a version of the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus. The gospel of John, written later still, also avoids details of Jesus' birth. The two accounts of the infancy that we do have from the gospels tell very different stories because they have each been used to place the rest of the gospel in a particular context. Unfortunately, the two stories have been mashed together so much that we now have one notion of the Christmas story that is a poor amalgam of the two unique narratives.

In the gospel of Luke, Joseph and Mary are living in Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem and are forced to give birth out in a field because there is no room at the only inn in Bethlehem. The ones who bear witness to the birth in this account are shepherds – some of the lowest of the low – as the gospel of Luke identifies Jesus as having a preferential option for the lowly ones. In the gospel of Matthew, Joseph and Mary are living in Bethlehem and give birth in their own house. They later flee to Egypt and then settle in Nazareth. The two towns need to be included in both accounts because they are named in some of the ancient prophecies about the Messiah. In the gospel of Matthew, the witnesses to the birth are wise men, dignitaries from another land. The Matthew writer wants to emphasise the 'kingship' of Jesus and it is fitting that foreign dignitaries present gifts on the birth of a king.

The two stories deserve to be dealt with uniquely and should be unravelled from the muddled, entwined version that dominates our Christmas imagery.

<u>Roster-weekend: Jan 12th</u>	<u>Daylesford</u>	<u>Creswick</u>
Welcomer	Brian D; Denise Mc	Aileen P; David P
Commentator		Brian RW
Reader	Sandra W	Kevin S
Offertory/Gifts	Wendy & Neil C	Aileen P; David P
Special Ministers/Eucharist	Carol C; Denise L; Maria R	Barb H; Margie G; Judy S
Projector Operator/Ipad Music	Gabrielle K	Alastair H/ Phoebe
Sacristan	Hillary C	
Collection	Collectors – Brian; Tom; Syd; Lawrence.	Counting —Josie R; Brian R