

Parish Newsletter

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

"We are a Child Safe Parish"

Safeguarding Officer: Leonie Bird

Parish School Principal: St Michael's Ethan Corfee;
St Augustine's School: Terry Brennan.

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Parish Priest: Fr Gary A Jones- Also visiting Priest for: Wendouree & Ballarat North

Sunday Mass times: Creswick 8.45am & Daylesford 10.30am

Weekday Masses: Creswick or Daylesford -No Weekday Masses in January



Recent Death: Leonard Murphy (Creswick)

Anniversaries of Death: Creswick- Anne Koene; **Daylesford-** Stanley Huggard; Kathleen Edwards; Martin Schroeden; Mac Bruneizeris; Narelle Marshall; Patrick Ryan; Fr. Con Groot;

Prayers for the Sick: Maureen Eagan; Carmel Stevens.

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's.



Reflection continued

However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.





Sunday Mass 10.30am

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: \$360.70

2nd Collection: \$80.00

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$456.90

2nd Collection: \$ 138.00



Sunday Mass 8.45am

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our fire ravaged and drought-stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock. Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth. Amen



VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL

“For more than 165 years, Vinnies Victoria volunteers have assisted people in crisis, and we will continue to be here – for absolutely everyone and anyone who seeks assistance – for as long as we are needed.” Kevin McMahon, St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria, State President

Donations of good tools; money or Bunnings Vouchers, can be dropped into collection boxes at back of church. All goods and vouchers will be given to the bushfire victims, to help rebuild their lives.

Electronic donations can also be made via www.bushfireappeal.com.au

For more information please contact Trish or Ian Tinetti 5476 4277

Roster-weekend: Jan 26th	<u>Daylesford</u>	<u>Creswick</u>
Welcomer	Brian D; Denise Mc	Kath; Don; Darren
Commentator		Alastair H
Reader	Rose T	David P
Offertory/Gifts	Ursula	Kath; Don; Darren
Special Ministers/Eucharist	Maria B; Sandra W; Carmel B	Angeline T; Barb H; Margie G
Projector Operator/Ipad Music	Gabrielle K	Jess & Steve/ Neil D
Sacristan	Kath C	
Collection	Collectors – Brian; Tom; Syd; Lawrence	Counting —Mick G; Peter G