

# Parish Newsletter



**Parish Office:** Leonie Bird Phone 53018161  
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**"We are a Child Safe Parish"**

**Safeguarding Officer:** Leonie Bird

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

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

**Sunday Mass times:** Creswick 8.45am & Daylesford 10.30am

**Country Church:** St Joseph's Blampied ; St Francis Xavier Chapel Eganstown Cemetery

## Recent Death:



### Anniversaries of Death:

**Creswick-** Bernard Flynn; William Stevens;  
Tony Barrett; Lesley Ivey.

**Daylesford-** Johanna Toohey; Rosina de Jong;  
Mary Rolleri; Gladys Tratkiewicz; Peter Dwan.



**PUBLIC LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS  
ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE.**

### MASS ON LINE

You can participate in a Mass online

<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

[www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)



## A Prayer for all Mothers,

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,  
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her  
children if at all possible, Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching  
them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them.*

*For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.*

*Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy.*

*Give them ability to forgive again and again.*

*Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.*

*In Your precious and all powerful name, Amen*



## **REFLECTION** by Greg Sunter

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as

much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.



## **DIOCESE NEWS**

### ***Position Available — Ballarat East Parish Coordinator***

Applications are currently being sought for the position of Parish Coordinator. This is a part-time position that ensures the effective operation of the parish office by providing office coordination, reception and administrative assistance. A copy of the position description and application form are available on the St Alipius' Parish website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) . Applications close Friday, June 26, 2020.

**COVID 19 Fee Relief for School Families:** The Catholic Education Office Ballarat have provided information for families experiencing difficulty paying school fees during the COVID-19 crisis. See the video on their website <https://ceob.edu.au/>

**Heart to Heart e-Seminars :** Archbishop Chris Prowse, Canberra-Goulburn Diocese, is presenting these 30 minute e-seminars over four weeks, leading you into a deeper relationship with Christ during this time of isolation <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/hearttoheart/>

