



Parish Newsletter

St Augustine's Creswick & St Peter's Daylesford



Mass Time

Creswick Sunday 9am

Parish Office Mobile

0448 220 685

Mass Time

Daylesford Sunday 10.30am

Sunday 26th December 2021 - The Holy Family

Mass Schedule

New Years Day Mass Times



Creswick - Saturday 1st Jan 9am

Sunday 2nd Jan 9am

Daylesford - Saturday 1st Jan 10.30am

Sunday 2nd Jan 10.30am



Office Hours

The office will be closed for just 3 days.

Wednesday 29th Dec- Friday 31st Dec and open again on Wednesday 5th January 2021.

Please note that there will be no Parish Newsletter for Sunday January 2nd



Thank you to all our parishioners and volunteers who help make our parishes the best that they can be. We look forward to a happy, healthy and wonderful 2022 for all.

"May the timeless message of Christmas fill your heart and home with joy now and throughout the coming year."

Pastor's Joke

A 4-year-old boy was asked to give the blessing before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mummy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes— even the pudding. Then he paused, and everyone waited—and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't He know that I'm lying?"



"We are child safe Parish's"
We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung People as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live. We pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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St Michael's: Ethan Corfee.

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Anniversaries: Dec

26th—Jan 8th



Creswick— Daniel Moore, Dominic Camenzuli, Kevin Loyer, William Fox, Monica Morgan, Ken Young, Charlotte Rhodes, Jack Murphy, Brian Schreenan, Aileen Williams, Ruby Evans.

Daylesford— Irene Banhidi, Joan Murphy, Keith Conroy, Dorothy Booth, Gloria Huggard, William Robson, Raymond Cooke, Steve Haintz, Maise Lewis, Joe Comelli, Margaret Milesi, Bernie Jurcan, Alan Lynch, Maureen Jones, Des Collins.



Daylesford—

Dianne Howard

Creswick—



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BIRD

In these days leading up to Christmas, I am very pleased to have the chance to say hello. Over the past year, we have been restricted in our travel because of the pandemic. I have had to postpone a number of visits to parishes and schools around the diocese. So I am particularly glad to have the opportunity to send this greeting to all our communities by video.

The weeks before Christmas can be challenging in any year. Winding up the school term, going to end-of-year functions, doing Christmas shopping – the days can be quite busy. This year we have had the added complication of the pandemic, with Covid testing and isolating and lockdowns and school closures and learning and working from home and general disruption to plans. We still have to check in wherever we go and we need to follow the latest regulations if we want to travel interstate.

People generally have done very well in observing the pandemic precautions to help keep us all safe. However, the extra demands of the pandemic have been tiring. People might well feel weary and, if we are feeling weary, this busy time before Christmas will be even more challenging.

In the midst of all these challenges, I would like to encourage you to take some time out for quiet. If only for a few minutes, take a break from all the activity. Sit down. Take some deep breaths. Take some time to be still. This can help to calm our minds. Then we can see things more clearly. We can distinguish what is more important and what is less important. This helps us to focus on the more important things in life.

In the original Christmas story in the gospel of Luke, we read of shepherds in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks during the night. They were not moving the sheep to new pastures. They were not shearing the sheep. They were simply watching and it was in that time of simply watching that the messenger of God came to them, an angel of the Lord appeared and the glory of the Lord shone round them and they heard the good news that a Saviour had been born.

During these weeks before Christmas, I hope we can all take some time to be like those shepherds, spending a while simply watching, taking a break from our many activities and simply sitting quietly. And as we sit quietly, may we hear again in our hearts the good news that a Saviour has been born for us, Christ, the Lord.

I wish you all a merry Christmas. May the peace of Christ be with you. May the joy of the Saviour be your strength. May God bless you all.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Roster 02/01/22	Creswick	Daylesford
Welcomer	Irene M, Brian r	Brian
Reader	Roland	Ian
Commentator	Neil D	N/A
Special Minister	Margie	Volunteer
Data Projector/ Ipad	Loretta/ Lois K	Sandra
Sacristan	Ann	Carol
Offertory	Not during Covid	Not during Covid

Roster 09/01/22 Creswick

Welcomer & COVID Warden - Kath, Don, Darren

Reader – Doreen S

Commentator – Bernie T

Minister of Communion – Aileen P

Data Projector Ipad– Neil Doolan/Loretta

Roster 09/01/22 Daylesford

Welcomer—Brian

Reader – Jude

Special Minister- Volunteers needed

Sacristan— Hilary

Data Projector—Sandra