

St Augustine's Creswick & St Peter's Daylesford

We are child safe Parishes, committed to safeguarding children & vulnerable adults.

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.

Sunday December 25th 2022 The Nativity of the Lord (Year A)

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Welcome to all who are joining us for our Christmas Masses in Creswick and Daylesford. Thank you to all who have prepared our Churches and our Christmas liturgies. May we all encounter with joy, the God revealed to us in Jesus.

Reaching out, especially to those on the margins, is a feature of our Christmas and I thank all who have contributed to the outreach that has occurred throughout Advent to the assist Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees, the St Vincent de Paul Society as well as the Advent appeal in support of the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action) a Charitable Foundation in Ukraine that has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Thank you also in anticipation of your support of the Annual Christmas appeal.

Reaching out, being in solidarity with those who suffer and working for justice and peace are central to our mission every day of the year, inspired by the Christmas event. **Fr Justin**

“When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers and sisters, to make music in the heart.”



On behalf of both parishes, we would like to give thanks to **Jellis Craig Real Estate** in Daylesford & **PRD Real Estate** in Creswick for the beautiful Christmas Signs at each Church advertising our Mass Times. We appreciate their kindness and generosity.

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass Next Weekend
St Augustine's Creswick
6.30pm Saturday Dec 31st
St Peter's Daylesford
10.30am Sunday Jan 1st

Weekday Mass this week
St Peter's Daylesford
(Note change of day)
Thursday 29 Dec 10.30am

St Augustine's Creswick
Friday 30 Dec 10.30am

Recent Deaths: Basil Torpy

Anniversaries:

Creswick– Catherine Brennan, Dominic Camenzuli, William Fox, Kevin Loyer, Daniel Moore, Monica Morgan.

Daylesford– Keith Conroy, Irene Banhidi, Mavis Gilmartin, Joan Murphy.



St Michael's School— Adopt a Parishioner

St. Michael's Primary School is inviting parishioners who would be willing to share their experiences with our students—including stories to share from when you received the Sacraments or perhaps share some thoughts about why going to

Church is so important to you. At this stage, we are looking for parishioners to commit to one visit to our school, per term (4 visits for the year). Please add your details on the table at the back of St. Peter's Church or contact thogan@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au for more information.

St Peter's Parish Award— Eliza Sims was the 2022 recipient of the St. Peter's Parish award. Eliza was recognised as someone who is faith inspired to think of and care for others, as well as our environment. She is humble, inclusive and Eliza promotes Gospel values in the relationships she forms. She also seeks to promote justice and peace. Eliza supports both the school and parish community through her participation and service.

Congratulations to Eliza from everyone at St Peter's Parish.



St Augustine's School -Towards the end of term 4 Terry Brennan, St Augustine's School Principal, experienced a heart attack and has received surgery to repair his heart. Terry's condition is stable and he is making good progress at home. St Augustine's Parish sends Terry our very best wishes for his recovery. He will be on leave for the remainder of the year. Over the summer break, Jess Reynolds, Assistant Principal will be the point of contact for the school. To contact Jess via email jreynolds@sacreswick.catholic.edu.au

Parish Picnic for St Augustine's Parish Creswick **When:** Sunday 15 January 2023, for lunch (after Mass)

Where: The rotunda and bbq area in the north gardens, Ballarat, beside Lake Wendouree **Who:** Everyone is welcome. **What to bring:** Smiles, loud laughs and Christmas stories to share. Food and drinks for yourself, hat and sunscreen. Gas BBQ available. Some seating and tables available in rotunda, but suggest you bring your own table and chairs if you have them. The rotunda cannot be booked, so it will be first in best dressed. Someone will arrive early to stake a claim for the rest of us. The picnic has been registered with Ballarat City Council. The Ballarat City's Summer Sundays music program will be running in the Botanical Gardens on the same day 4-8pm with fireworks at 9.30pm if you are interested in staying on.



Advent Appeal for Ukraine—Thank you to everyone who donated to the collection last week for this appeal.

Creswick Parish \$429.20 & Daylesford Parish \$599.40

*Special Congratulations & Blessings to **Kath & Don McMahon** from the Creswick Parish who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 26th . They were married at St Thomas Aquinas Clunes, 1962.*



| Next week 31st Dec & 1st Jan | Creswick Saturday 31st Dec 6.30pm | Daylesford Sunday 1st Jan 10.30am |
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| Welcomer | Kath, Don, Darren | Brian |
| Reader | Roland | Carmel B/Ian T |
| Commentator | Bernie T | N/A |
| Special Minister | Brian Rowe | Trish T |
| Sacristan | Margie/Ann/Sr Lou | Carol |
| Data Projector | Loretta | Sandra |
| Offertory | Kath, Don, Darren | Hilary & Martin |
| Collectors | Volunteers | Brian/Sid/ Volunteers |



Office hours over Christmas.

The office will be closed from Friday 23rd December 2022 4pm until Thursday 5th January 2023(inclusive).

We will reopen on Friday 6th January 2023 at 11.30am.