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St Peter's
13 Duke St
Daylesford
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Our Lady Help of Christians
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Ministry District of Creswick, Daylesford & Wendouree

*Our Parishes, are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.
We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung & Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our Parish communities meet. We pay our respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.*

Creswick/ Daylesford Office—13 Duke St Daylesford
E: daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Office hours - Wednesday & Friday 11.30am - 4pm Thursday 9am - 2pm

Wendouree Office -480a Gillies St Wendouree
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Office Hours- Wednesday- Friday 9am- 1pm

December 22nd
2024
4th Sunday of
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Christmas Appeal 2024

Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have personal links with the diocese of Ballarat.

I thank the people of the diocese for their support of last year's appeal. The money was distributed as follows:

Caritas Lebanon Appeal	5,000
Catholic Mission Myanmar Appeal	5,000
St Columban's Mission, Peru	5,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)	2,000
St Vincent de Paul	5,000
CatholicCare Victoria	5,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	5,000
Total donations made in 2024	\$32,000

In anticipation I thank you for your co-operation in recommending the 2024 Christmas Appeal to the generosity of your parishioners and giving them the opportunity to make their contribution when convenient. I note that donations can now also be made directly via the "Parish Giving" link at the bottom of the Diocesan website home page. Click on "Parish Giving", select your Parish, then from the drop down box "My Giving is For", select "Bishop's Christmas Appeal".

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Paul Bird CSsR

Parishioners will have the opportunity to contribute to the annual Christmas Appeal after communion at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in Daylesford and Christmas Day Mass in Creswick. Thank you for your contributions.

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message 2024

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message is available to view on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-christmas-message-4>.

Christmas Mass Times in the diocese

A list of Christmas Mass times in the diocesan parishes is available from the website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/christmas-mass-times/>

Please note that for the Christmas Eve Vigil in Daylesford and the Christmas Day Mass in Creswick, there will be no Living Word or Newsletter Published.

Collections during Mass

The custom in Parishes is for two collections to be taken up during Mass.

1st Collection is for the support of the Bishop and the Priests of the Diocese.

2nd collection is for the running costs of the Parish including maintenance, insurance, wages, utilities, grounds etc.

Thanks to all who contribute.

We Pray For Recent Death

Jim Lycett (Hepburn House)
Anniversaries
Creswick
Catherine Brennan

Daylesford

Brian Clohesy, Nancie Conroy,
Silverina Gervasoni,
Mavis Gilmartin,
May Hetherington,
David Lafranchi, Ray Linton,
Fr Francis Whitely.

For those unwell

Cheryl Bartholomew
Julie Kennedy
Carol & Ken Marshall
(Daylesford)
Glad Pretty (Daylesford)

Praying with Pope Francis December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Lord, hear us.

Many thanks to Jellis Craig Real Estate Agency Daylesford (03) 9989 2525

for their sponsorship of the Christmas Mass Times Board outside St Peter's Daylesford.



Presbytery Address
13 Duke St Daylesford
Parish Priest
Fr Marcello Colasante

Admin & Safeguarding Officer
Leonie Keynes

Parish School Principals
St Augustine's Creswick
Michael Heenan 5345 2106

St Michael's Daylesford
Tim Hogan 5348 1261

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil

Wendouree 6.00pm

Sunday

Waubra 1st Sunday 8.30am
Creswick 9.00am
(First Sunday of each month Lay Led Assembly)
Daylesford 10.30am

Weekday Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December

Vigil 6.00pm Wendouree
Vigil 8.30pm Daylesford

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December
9.00am Creswick

No Mass Thursday 26th or Friday 27th December

New Year Mass Times

New Years Day

Wednesday 1st January 2025
10.00am Daylesford

Thursday 2nd January
10.00am Wendouree

Friday 3rd January
10.30am Creswick

Morning Tea after Mass

Next Sunday 29th December after the 10.30am Mass in Daylesford, in the Parish Centre. All welcome

Office hours over Christmas / New Year

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 20th December at 4pm and will reopen on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 11.30am.



We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and may the spirit of Christmas bring you and your families joy and peace. Let's hope 2025 inspires us to find beauty and joy in simple things and prayer for peace in the world.

Creswick Advent Tree

Last day today to bring in your gift cards and place them in the envelopes on the Advent Tree. These will be distributed before Christmas by the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre to the needy and disadvantaged in the town.

Thank you for your generosity

Daylesford Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Daylesford has a plastic tub near the entrance of the church for anyone who would like to donate everyday kitchen, laundry and bathroom items for those in need. If you are unable to drop off at the church you can call Trish and she will collect from your home.

P: 0428 992 132

Thanks to those who donate

Volunteers for St Michael's BBQ New Years Day

St. Michael's are looking for volunteers to assist with the BBQ at the Glenlyon Sports Day to be held on New Years Day. 9.00am—3.00pm. If you can spare just an hour or two, please contact Tim Hogan.

For more information, email thogan@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au