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February 2nd 2025
The Presentation of
the Lord

Year C

*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.*

Pope Francis declared 2025 a Jubilee Year

The Jubilee Prayer

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.
Pope Francis*

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.

LET US PRAY

Recent Death

Sr Lesley Dickinson
Christine King
Merelyn Ross

Anniversaries Creswick

Judith Bates, Eunice Cleary,
Julia Conaughton, Kevin Gleeson, Fr.
Emmanuel Green,
James Murphy

Daylesford

Keith Andrews, Norman Collins,
Patricia Dwyer, Marie Hourigan,
Josephine Toner

For those unwell

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

Praying with Pope Francis February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Make a difference – serve with purpose New Year, New You.

Are you looking for a way to share your talents and help build the parish community stronger? No matter your skills or experience, there is a place for you to make an impact. All training provided. The Daylesford Parish is needing more volunteers for either
reading
offertory

Please contact Leonie in the office.

PARISH TEAM

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 8.30 am

Creswick 9.00am

*(First Sunday of each month
Lay Led Assembly)*

Daylesford 10.30am

Weekday Mass Times

3rd—7th February

Wednesday 5th 10.00 am
Creswick Funeral Prayers

Thursday 6th 10.00 am
Wendouree

Friday 7th 10.30 am
Daylesford

Advance Notice of dates

Rite of Election – Saturday,
March 1, 2025 at 12.30pm,
St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Mass of the Oils – Monday,
April 14, 2025 at 1.00pm,
St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Creswick Parish Picnic

Creswick Parishioners are all invited to the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday February 9th at 12.30 pm. It will be held in the North Gardens at Lake Wendouree near the rotunda just past the fernery. Same place as previous years.

Off street parking available.

BYO a picnic lunch & chairs.

For more information
contact Angeline or Irene

Creswick Morning Tea

Thursday February 6th from 10.30am at Meg's Café in Creswick. All invited to gather for this monthly cuppa and a chat.

Daylesford Parish Get Together

The Daylesford Parishioners will gather for dinner at Koukla Café in Vincent Street Daylesford on Monday February 10th at 6.00pm.

Please RSVP, before Thursday 6th February if you wish to attend to Jude on 0425 700 328
All welcome

Daylesford Volunteer Assistance

A proposal has been approved by Fr Marcello that a group of volunteers from the Daylesford Parish be formed to provide assistance to members of the Parish in times of difficulty.

Assistance will initially be limited to providing transport to Parishioners to attend medical appointments or essential shopping when they are unable to manage themselves.

A meeting will be held in the Parish Centre after Mass on Sunday 9th February to discuss the matter.

Please join us if you are able to assist.

St Augustine's Sunday Mass regarding the

Proclamation of the Word of God

The texts of Scripture cited on this Living Word bulletin are taken from the Jerusalem Bible. The Readings as proclaimed by the Lector are the texts of Scripture taken from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, expressing a language that is far more inclusive and sensitive of all the people of God. Though the words between the translations are not precisely the same, they are the prescribed readings for the particular Sunday, with the same themes, images and motifs woven through them.

Training for the new Defibrillator

St. Augustine's has purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D). Bernie Jordan, a Paramedic, will give a talk on how to use the AED. Saturday 8th February in St Augustine's church from 3.15pm till about 4.30pm.

The parishes of St John's and St Andrews in Creswick have also been invited. Please come along, as you never know whose life you might save.

Sending Emails to Gmail Account Holders Update

We are trialling a new way to send the weekly group email, each Friday with the Living Word and this News-letter.

Please contact the office if you didn't receive it.

Ballarat Diocesan Assembly Reflection

During the month of February we will be publishing the reflections from the Creswick and Daylesford delegates who attended the Diocesan Assembly late last year.

This week is the reflection from Millie Gouldthorpe, from the Daylesford Parish.

"Recently, after an invitation from Marcello, Jude and myself represented our parish of St Peters at the Diocesan Assembly at Fed Uni in Ballarat. The theme was Governance and Leadership, following on from Pope Francis' Synod in Rome last year.

We both felt privileged to attend yet daunted by the theme of Governance and Leadership. There were 200 delegates from the 29 parishes in the Ballarat diocese, extending from the Murray to the sea. We gathered in groups of eight with a facilitator. Each group was comprised of two priests, a religious and various members of educational, pastoral, theological, finance and clerical members of parishes in the diocese.

On the surface it seemed an impossible task with differences of opinion and background, not to mention bias. How could such a dynamic operate without argument and disruption? Here was where Pope Francis' vision of a synodal church, i.e. "walking together in the Holy Spirit" was realized. So- initially no discussion- instead each delegate's offering was received in silence with dignity and respect! This process required an opening of our ears and our hearts, creating a hearth of warmth, hospitality and communion.

Pope Francis' vision of the church as a field hospital as opposed to a clerically well-oiled institution became clear.

The Celtic image Justin brought back from Ireland was the Holy Spirit depicted not as a dove but as a "Wild Goose". Such an image evokes not peace, tranquility and the status quo but dis-ease, dis-location and dis-turbance! Yet the method of communication at the Assembly as "spiritual conversation" proved to be a vehicle enabling a "wild goose chase" for the changes and reforms so critical for our parish, diocese and our church.

We feel indebted to Bishop Paul, Fr Justin and the assembly team for their vision and determination toward realising Pope Francis' vision for a "synodal church" i.e. walking not up front or from behind, but together in the Holy Spirit."