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February 9th 2025

5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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.

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
Fr Marcello Colasante
Admin & Safeguarding Officer
Leonie Keynes

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Michael Heenan 5345 2106

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Tim Hogan 5348 1261
Saturday Vigil

MASS TIMES

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
10th-14th February

Wednesday 12th 10.30 am
Daylesford

Thursday 13th 10.00 am
Wendouree

Friday 14th 10.30 am
Creswick

Sunday Word of God
The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God today. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

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. if you wish to attend to Jude on 0425 700 328

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 today to discuss the matter. Please join us if you are able to assist.

An Invitation to Spiritual Direction
Would you like to explore your sense of God's presence and relationship in your everyday life? Spiritual direction is a gentle practice where a trained spiritual director listens with an open heart, accompanying you to reflect on your faith. Spiritual Direction will be available to support you in deepening your relationship with God through listening, prayer and reflection. If this feels like an experience, you desire to explore please consider it. Sessions are \$45 for parishioners. If you'd like more information or to book a session Anna Schlooz would be delighted to hear from you at ecomyriad@gmail.com

St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council
Reminder—a meeting for will be held next Wednesday 12th February at 11am in the Parish Centre. Current members Carmel Bolton, Jude Brown, Diane Corro and Millie Gouldthorpe as parish delegates, with Tim Hogan and Fr Marcello as ex officios.

Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel: February 8-9, 2025

The Church recognises that military personnel can contribute enormously to the stability of our world and to the establishment of peace. This Jubilee will celebrate the efforts all members of the armed forces and police, municipal police, security operators, veterans, military associations, military academies, chaplaincies and military ordinariates provide for peace

Prayer for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

Lord our God, we thank you for the service and sacrifice of all who have made possible the freedom we enjoy and the heritage we have been given. We commend to you all who serve our nation in the Armed Forces, Police and Security. Shelter them in danger, and in time of peace keep them from all evil. For ourselves, we pray that you will help us to persevere in loyalty and courage and grant us to be worthy of those who have gone before us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Brian Daghish from the Daylesford Parish. On the 8th of February Brian turned 90 years of age.



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 Pauline Stapleton, from the Creswick Parish.

"The Ballarat Catholic Diocesan Assembly was held in November last year. Roland and I were invited by Marcello to attend as representatives from St Augustine's Creswick. It would be rather accurate to say we were more than a little apprehensive about what we were letting ourselves in for.

Prior to the Assembly we were encouraged to meet with each other and just practice the art of listening to each one speak about their ideas, hopes and dreams for our church. One of the books suggested we read in preparation for The Assembly was "The Afternoon of Christianity" The Courage to Change by Tomas Halik. (It's also available as a ebook). Halik's opening paragraph is "We have empty hands and empty nets, we have worked all night and caught nothing, said the tired and frustrated Galilean fisherman to the wandering preacher standing on the shore of a new day". He goes on to comment that many people especially in the church in the Western World feel much the same. I could identify with that weariness and frustration. What could a Diocesan Assembly do?

We remember back to the Post Vatican 2 days when we were young, and our churches were full of People, Life and Hope. We are a pilgrim people, a people on the way but not there yet. In this we are not unlike the Israelites of old wandering in the desert those forty years and being tested. Here in our Diocese, we have been tested, and many have chosen not to continue walking with us. I am reminded of Moses when after those Forty years in the desert he finally reached Mount Nebo and looked out over the promised land. The Assembly turned out to be a Mount Nebo like experience for me, I could see a Land that if not promised at least was possible.

Like at the recent Synod in Rome we were all seated at round tables, eight people to a table, a good mix of Priests, Religious and People of the Pews with a Facilitator who had the unenviable job of making sure we listened to each other and were attentive to that still small voice. To interrupt was definitely a sin, boarding on Mortal!! There was much emphasis on The Rights and Responsibilities of all The Baptized People Of God, and discussion about the need for education, formation and lifelong learning. New words like Synodality, Governance and Transparency have crept into our Lexicon, what meaning do these words have starting with our local parish.

Towards the end of the Assembly, we were asked to think about what Three Things we would like to see happen in our local parish. A little earlier we were asked what would we do if we were appointed Bishop? that was a hard one especially for those sitting at the same table as Paul Bird.

The Assembly was not just a two-day event. There is now work to do. The Group I was sitting with have had one post Assembly Zoom meeting and more are planned, so we need to hear from you what are your hopes and dreams for our parish community. At St. Augustine's we now have use of the presbytery and meet for a cuppa after our liturgy of the Word Sunday. Following the building renovations what hopes and dreams do you have for its use.

Towards the end of the last session Justin spoke in his usual rather Justinesk way about an old Celtic symbol for the Holy Spirit, it is a Wild Goose. On the screen he showed a picture of a Wild Goose, in full flight, a truly magnificent and strong bird. He encouraged us to keep that imagine in mind as we do our best to incarnate and nurture the Kin-dom of God in Our Community and in the words of Pope Francis "Enlarge the Space in Our Tent". As we were leaving the venue Justin's words to me were "keep dreaming". I would like to share those words with you."

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

Peter Kerwan

Anniversaries Creswick

Leonard Dixon, Judith Edmends,
Alice Foley, Johannes Kors,
William Retson

Daylesford

Ivan Cizmadija, Bobby Doherty,
Alice Doyle, Allan Hall,
Martin Talty, Peter Wake

For those unwell

Martin Cummings (Daylesford)
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.

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.