

Ministry District Newsletter, 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.

Parish Team

Parish Priest
Fr Marcello Colasante
Administration & Safeguarding Officer
Leonie Keynes
Parish School Principals
St Augustine's Creswick
Michael Heenan P: 5345 2106
St Michael's Daylesford
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Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil
Wendouree 5.30pm

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

Weekday Mass

There will be no
weekday Masses
next week as
Fr Marcello is on
leave.

Praying with Pope Leo

**Prayer for September –
For the care of water.**

Let us pray for a just and
sustainable management of
water, a vital resource, so that
everyone may have equal
access to it. Lord hear us.

St Augustine's Primary School & Living Water Exhibition



Anna Schlooz, Spiritual Director, sent this photo of year 5/6 students at St Augustine's imagining their interconnectedness through the images of Susan Daily's art and praying for "living water" to be for all life.

Prayer for Season of Creation Living Water

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city.

We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment.

We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee.

Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow. Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters – to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations. May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration.

And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

Welcome Fr Eugene

We welcome Fr Eugene who is celebrating the 9.00am St Augustine's Mass and 10.30am St Peter's Daylesford Mass today, while Fr Marcello is on leave.



Next Friday September 25th the office will be closed due to the Victorian AFL Grand Final Public Holiday.

Admission to Candidacy for Ordination as Deacons and Priests

Diocesan Seminarians Simon Zakari and Channa Tilikarathna, will be admitted as candidates for ordination to the diaconate and later to the priesthood. Bishop Mark Freeman will celebrate Mass next Sunday, September 27, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm and during this Mass, Channa and Simon will publicly express their intention to receive ordination as a deacon and priest. All welcome to attend.

Do you have a calling for Canon Law?

The Australian Women's Canon Law Scholarship is a collaborative initiative being developed by a group of women religious congregations & religious institutions in Australia. It responds to a shared concern about the future availability of canon lawyers who understand women religious, religious life, governance, Public Juridic Persons, stewardship, safeguarding, and the civil-canon interface. This scholarship is intended to support the formation of a woman or women to undertake formal study in Canon Law, with the Licentiate in Canon Law qualification through Saint Paul University, Ottawa. The initiative is not simply a study scholarship. It is a formation pathway that includes academic study, mentoring, conference participation, engagement with congregations, governance exposure, regular reflection and post-study service. More information available at the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

September 20th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Prayer Intentions

Anniversaries for this week

Creswick- Edith Barry, Maria Danaher, Amelia Gleeson, Alan Jackson

Daylesford- Catherine Brown, Betty Cantillon, Margaret Callahan, Peg Greenham, Joseph Rieniets, Matthew Treacy, Stephen Walsh, William Wilson

For those unwell

Veronica (sister of Angeline Malycha Creswick)
Klara Sallai (Daylesford)

Office details and hours

Creswick / Daylesford Office & Presbytery

13 Duke St Daylesford
P: 0448 220 685 E: daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Office hours – Wednesday & Thursday 8.30am-2.30pm
Friday 11.30am – 4.30pm

Spiritual Direction- Anna Schlooz E: ecomyriad@gmail.com

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Concert

ClunesMusic chamber music camp 2026
Student group performances

St Peter's Church
13 Duke St, Daylesford

Sunday 27th September, at 2 pm
Admission by donation

Come along next Sunday 27th September at 2pm to St Peter's Daylesford for an afternoon of Chamber Music. The group of amateur and professional chamber music groups meet and rehearse in Blampied over the weekend and finish with a public concert in Daylesford. Concert finishes around 4pm.

Student Wellbeing Officer

A school in Ballarat is seeking a dedicated Student Wellbeing Officer to join their team. This is a paid position (2 days per week), perfect for someone passionate about supporting the wellbeing and growth of students. Requirements include a minimum Certificate IV in Chaplaincy, Youth Work, or Community Services (or equivalent studies covering CHCCS016 Respond to client needs & CHCMHS001 Work with people with mental health issues) and a Working with Children Check. Apply via the New Applicant Form - Your Dream School Programs www.forms.cloud/microsoft/r/QaFSZ5EUFB and attach your CV and any supporting documents. More information on Your Dream School Programs is available at <https://yourdream.au/>

CRESWICK CRAFT GROUP

Starting next Wenesday 23rd September.



LIVING WATER

EXHIBITION for Creation Month - By Sr Susan Daily CJ OAM

St Augustine's
Parish Centre
117 Napier
Street
Creswick

BEGINNING
30th August -
27th
September
10:15 am

[https://
susanailyart.com.au](https://susanailyart.com.au)

CDF Community Fund

When you open a savings or term investment account with CDF Community Fund, you not only get a great return on your savings, but you will also help build new parishes for growing communities, classrooms for students, hospitals for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly, and social service facilities for the poor and vulnerable. With competitive interest rates across a range of accounts, it's a way to save while doing good. Open an account today – it's in everyone's best interest. Visit

www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund speak to us on 1800 134 135. *Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.

Collections Information

Collections during Mass & Tap to Give Terminal

In our parishes, it is customary to have two collections 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.

In the Daylesford Church there is a Tap to Give Terminal, for those who don't carry cash. You will find it inside the Church, on the left as you enter.