



Parish Newsletter - August 6th 2017

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St. Joseph's Church Blampied

No Masses at St Joseph's – at the moment

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

RECENT DEATHS: Martin Hourigan (Terry's brother - Funeral 10.30am Monday in Drysdale)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Simon Bonnici, Maurice Monaghan, Mary Ellis

Prayers for Sick: Gary Eyles



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

Fr Gary's holidays.....

Fr Gary is heading away on holidays today and will return to St Peter's on Sunday August 27th. We wish him well on his break and hope that he returns refreshed. We have arranged for Fr Tom Brophy and Bishop Peter to cover masses at both Daylesford and Creswick during this time. ***If there is anything else during this time, please contact the Parish Office 5348 2026 and that will transfer through to Leah.***





Last Week's Collections: Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash toward the Presbytery for the sustenance of our Priest – with a contribution of 13% to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs

1st Collection \$250.70 2nd Collection \$ 608.20

News from St Michael's - Major Capital Works

Car park

At the end of last term I put in a submission for a supplementary capital grant to the Catholic Education Office in the hope of gaining the funds required to complete the construction of a new car parking area in front of the Presentation Centre, and undercover pedestrian access from it to the school building. We believe these works are mandatory in order for the commencement of our major capital works (building construction and refurbishment), due to safety in and around traffic management and pedestrian access. As well as the important safety aspect, these works are also aligned with our long term vision and master plan of beautifying the school, increasing the useable space for children and providing an important link between our Presentation Centre and the main school building. Included in these works are drainage and water tanks which will supply water to our garden beds and grass at the very front of the school as you drive in off Smith St, as well as car park lighting. There is a proposed plan that is uploaded on our website under 'future development' tab. We are currently awaiting the outcome of the grant submission, though the successful outcome of this remains very much uncertain.

Building

The new building works at school are edging closer and closer to reality! K20 Architects have notified me that our building plans have been approved by council and they are in the process of compiling the necessary documents for it to go to tender. Once the successful builder has been contracted, works will begin. Originally, the timing was that building was scheduled to begin in January, however, the process has been moving quicker than expected and we are hoping that the build will begin towards the end of this year, sometime in term 4. There are a number of factors to play out, but this is a good result for us. There have been drawings on our website for some time now, as well as the display in the foyer here at school.

There are really exciting times ahead for our school!

Ethan Corfee, Principal, St Michael's



NEW OFFICE hours as of this coming WEEK: Office hours: Tuesday Creswick from 9.30am– 11.00am, Wednesday Daylesford from 9.30am until 3.00pm, Thursday 9.00am – 11.30am. **Daylesford Parish office is closed on Fridays.**

Coffee Morning is Back....

Next Sunday, August 13th, will see the return of morning tea after Mass. We hope that everyone will stick around for a cuppa and a chat. Thanks to Carol Collins for offering to host this one.

Our next one will be some time in September, and then the 15th October to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Fr Gary's Ordination (more information on this to come)



Sunday August 13th

Reader: N Chamberlain **Commentator:** L Righetti **Offertory:** M Yanner, D Leonard, C Bartholomew **Ministers:** K Callahan, D McMinn **Sacristan:** Rose

Counters: Aug 6 (Team 3) D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes,
 Aug 13 (Team 4) P & D Doherty

Weekday Masses: *No week day Masses till Fr Gary returns from Holidays*