



Parish Newsletter - August 13th 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:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Alan Mead, Kate Carmody, Maria Vanzetta, Margaret O'Sullivan, Vincent Gervasoni, Barry Sealey, Dorothy Murray, Kevin Thomas, Fredericus de Jong, Betty Marshall, Kathleen Dalton, Tony Whitely, Jim O'Brien

Prayers for Sick: Gary Eyles



Fr Tom has kindly agreed to say Mass for the feast of the Assumption at 9.30am on Tuesday.

St Michael's School will also be in attendance

Coffee Morning is Back....

TODAY, 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)



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.



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 \$249.70 2nd Collection \$210.00

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.**

Parish Centre After some consideration and discussion with the Pastoral Leadership and Finance Team, we have looked closely at the use that the Parish Centre gets.

The plan at this early stage is for the Parish Centre to be available for groups of our local community.



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Sunday August 20th

Reader: G Kirby **Commentator:** U Kroeger **Offertory:** Cummings Family

Ministers: M Coffey, M Bruce, D McMinn **Sacristan:** Denise

Counters: Aug 13 (Team 4) P & D Doherty

 Aug 20 (Team 5) M Phypers,

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