

Parish Newsletter - August 7th 2016

Telephone: Parish Office: 5348 2026 / Presbytery: 5348 3911

Email: daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Priest – Fr Gary Jones gary.jones@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Administration: Leah Monaghan

St Michael's Parish Primary School- Principal: Chris Pollard

St. Joseph's Church Blampied

Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) 9.00am

Vigil Mass Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

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



RECENT DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Simon Bonnici, Maurice Monaghan, Mary Ellis, Alan Mead, Kate Carmody, Maria Vanzetta



Sick List:

A woman of Courage

May God give you patience and courage in your sufferings. MM 1904

Mary MacKillop had to face many difficult situations and choices in her life. As the eldest child in the family she carried the responsibility for taking care of her brothers and sisters. Her father was not able to keep a job so often the family had to rely on relatives for somewhere to live and find food. When Mary was sixteen she went to work as a clerk in Melbourne so that the family would have money to live on. She said her childhood when she had one was 'full of sorrows'. This taught Mary how to face life's challenges with hope. She remained steadfast as she embraced the Cross in her life.

Mary also had a lot of sorrow in her life. Her brother John died after falling from a horse, her grandfather drowned in a flood; her mother was drowned in a shipwreck when she was coming to see Mary in Sydney.

Mary also suffered from poor health. She often wrote that she was too sick to get out of bed. This did not stop her from doing God's work.

She suffered at the hands of some of the Bishops who did not like the way she lived as a Sister of St Joseph or in some cases the way she taught in her schools. She was excommunicated in 1871 and she was investigated in 1883



Gospel Reflection: Fr Michael Tate

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

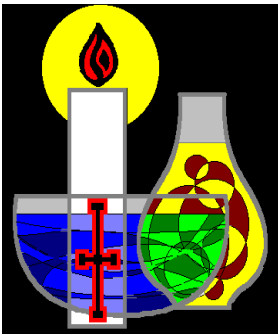
We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Common-wealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good. So, we respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day. We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why? In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the common-wealth of all peoples throughout the world.



Last Week's Collections: *Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.*

1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$478.50
2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$156



Liturgy Formation 2016 / Launch of Let the Children Come

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on **Funeral Ministry**, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the sacramental program, “Let the Children Come” - at August 7th at Ararat Parish and August 21st at Hamilton Parish. As this day includes the launch of “Let the Children Come”, all involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs are encouraged to attend.

St Michael's School Fete Sunday October 30th.

Trash and Treasure stall donations welcome—next time you are having a clean out. Please note we can not accept electrical items. Second hand books and clothes also welcome. Please deliver to St Michael's.

Anyone wishing to order a Columban Calender for 2017, please let Leah know.

They will be around \$10 each

St Thomas Aquinas' Clunes

For anyone who is interested, their will be Mass celebrated at St Thomas Aquinas' on Tuesday August 9th at 12pm



Feast of the Assumption -

Monday August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. Mass will be celebrated at St Augustine's Creswick at 10.00am and at St Peter's Daylesford at 12.00pm

Fr Shane Mackinlay's Silver Jubilee Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 6 September this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 September, at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome.

St Mary's Church Hamilton 150th Anniversary All are invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Mary's Church Hamilton on the weekend on August 13 & 14, 2016. A celebration dinner will be held on Saturday, August 13 and Mass will be held on Sunday, August 14 at 10.30am. A complimentary lunch will follow the blessing of a commemorative stone. History tours and displays will also be a feature on the weekend. Dinner bookings can be made via www.trybooking.com/KIZP (follow this link – Celebration Dinner 150 Yrs – St Marys) or phone the Parish Office, ph. 5571 1161. For enquiries contact Anne Slattery, ph. 5570 8210 or 0418 370 539.

Roster - Sunday 14th August

Reader: St Michael's **Comm:** St Michael's **Ministers:** D Mc Minn, M Bruce, M Coffey **Offertory:** St Michael's **Counters August 7th (Team 7)** W Chamberlain, S Whiffin **August 14th (Team 8)** :J Barker

Weekday Mass - Wednesday Creswick 10am, Friday Daylesford 10am

